



LegalEase

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Newsletter of the Peoria County Bar Association, an Accredited Provider of Continuing Legal Education.

President's Page

Is it Labor Day already?

Over the past month, I've tried to attend as many committee meetings as possible. I want to make sure that people know me, and that I know them and the work of the committees. I'm impressed, and pleasantly surprised at how active some of the committees are, and how seamlessly the transition from one PCBA year to another seems.

The Diversity Committee is well on the way to hosting an outstanding Diversity Luncheon. This year's speaker, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, promises to bring an interesting perspective to the diversity conversation, as well as providing name recognition that will help drive attendance. If you have not already reserved your seat, do so today!

The CLE Committee is also hard at work, planning the Winter Series, but also presenting an additional seminar this year on October 14th on various forms of personal protective orders. "Ethics in the early morning and keeping pests away through the afternoon!" There is no better way to get your CLE credit.

The Holiday Party Committee has set its basic plans, and this should be one fun evening! If you enjoyed the roast of Joe Napoli last year, do not miss this year's party, which promises to be bigger and better! We're going back to The Warehouse on State, so mark December 12th on your calendar now.

Last but not least, Judge Tom Perkins and his committee are working to secure an exciting speaker for this year's Lincoln Banquet. The event will be heading back downtown this year. Dates are still flexible depending on the speaker. Be sure to watch the *LegalEase* for more information.

You may have noticed the new slogan on some of the pages. "Not your father's PCBA" was originally a joke tag line promoting Judge Maher's annual meeting a few years ago. We have resurrected it because it fits – we are taking the PCBA forward with new programs and ideas to drive continuing interest and participation. Join a committee and help us do so!

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan*

1. The swearing in ceremony for new Judge Daniel Cordis will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. Judge Cordis will finish out 2019 in civil CR 202 in Tazewell County. Judge Derek Asbury will be sworn in on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Judge Asbury will finish out 2019 in traffic CR 207 in Tazewell County. Oath ceremonies will occur in CR 210 of the Peoria County courthouse.
2. Peoria County Resident Circuit Judge Jodi Hoos has resigned, effective September 1, 2019. Judge Hoos has served honorably in the past approximate 5 years, presiding mainly in L court and serving in various other capacities, including judicial technology coordinator. Our loss is the gain of the PCSA office. Good luck State's Attorney Hoos. The Notice of Vacancy is posted on both the Supreme Court and Tenth Circuit websites.
3. The Tenth Circuit has openings for 2 full time contractual GALs to serve in JA court. See posted Notice of Vacancy(ies) for details.
4. 2020 judicial assignments will be posted in early September to allow plenty of time for transition of judges changing assignments.
5. See 10thcircuitcourtil.org for more information on these and other court related matters.

Distinguished Community Service Award (DCSA)

Nominations are open for the 2020 Distinguished Community Service Award. The recipient will be announced at the Lincoln Memorial Banquet held in February. If you know an attorney who deserves this award, please visit the website at www.peoriabar.org and click on DCSA under the members tab. Here, you can submit your nomination online or download the form and submit it to the PCBA office. Nomination deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day, Courts and Courthouse closed
- 18 Diversity Luncheon, Spalding Pastoral Center, 11:30 am. – 1:00 p.m., Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx keynote speaker
- 28 Strides for Justice, Check-in at Tower Park, Peoria Heights 7:00, race at 8:00 a.m. along Grandview Drive, after party at Oliver's

OCTOBER

- 14 Professional Responsibility + Protective Remedies, First United Methodist Church, Part 1: 8:00 check-in and continental breakfast; 8:30 – 10:30 seminar; Part 2: 11:30 check-in and pizza lunch; 12:00 – 3:15 seminar.
- 14 Columbus Day – Courts Closed/Courthouse Open
- 16 YLC Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 403 of the Peoria County Courthouse



Committee Meetings

Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted

SEPTEMBER

4	Fitness, Health & Wellness	16	Civil Practice Section	24	Lawyer Referral Service
5	Pro Bono	17	Board of Directors	25	Diversity
5	Gov't. & Public Int. (Linda's ofc)	19	Workers' Comp Section	26	CLE
9	Criminal Section	20	Lincoln Memorial Banquet	30	Family Law Section
10	Holiday Party	23	Commercial Law & Litigation		
11	Public Relations	24	YLC - Meet the Judges – CR 210, Peoria County Courthouse		
12	Young Lawyers				

Committee Reports

If you would like to join a committee, see the last page of this newsletter for the list of committees and respective chairpersons. Contact the chair so he/she will be aware of your interest and add your name to the list of participants. If you currently receive calendar notices of committee meetings and no longer wish to be on the committee, please contact Linda at pcba@mtco.com.

Diversity

New chair Christopher McCall invites you to the 16th Annual Diversity Luncheon scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2019**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx will be the keynote speaker. Registration is now open and can be done by visiting our website at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on our event calendar. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of ten. **Registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11.** The winners of the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship will be announced and area high school and college students will be our invited guests.

Entertainment – Part I: Annual Golf Outing



The PCBA held its Annual Golf Outing on August 9 at WeaverRidge Golf Club. At left are event chair Shaun Cusack with President Michael Gifford. At immediate left are Colin Cusack and brother Shaun along with friends **names?**, who were the overall winners this year, proudly touting their hard-won trophy! Last year's winners from Pearl Insurance graciously relinquished the title

and everyone involved have vowed to begin practicing now for the 2020 outing at Mt. Hawley Country Club.

Entertainment – Part II: Holiday Party

Save the Date! The PCBA Annual Holiday Party will be on **Thursday, December 12**, at The Warehouse on State! Mark your calendars now! New Holiday Party Chair Kateah McMasters is already rallying the troops for another great event in December.

Fitness Health & Wellness



Don't forget to register for the 2019
Strides for Justice Race!

www.StridesForJustice.com

Local Continuing Legal Education

Columbus Day Seminar, Monday, October 14 - Ethics in the morning and keeping pests away through the afternoon! – First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Madison, downtown Peoria (Ann Pieper, Chair).

Part I - 8:00 Check-in and continental breakfast opens at 8:00 a.m.

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Professional Responsibility/Ethics Seminar – Topics include:

- Hot Topics at the ARDC – Melissa Smart, ARDC
- Trust Accounting Pitfalls – Kathryne Hayes
- 14 Day Letter Responses (*tentative*) – Jeff Corso

Part II - 11:30 Check-in and pizza lunch open at 11:30 a.m.

12:00 to 3:15 p.m. Topics include:

- Illinois Domestic Violence Act Orders of Protection – Judge Kim Kelley
- No Stalking/No Contact Orders and Services Provided by their Offices – Barry Pinter, The Office of Sexual Assault and Advocacy Services, and Julie Boland, Center for Prevention of Abuse.
- Civil No Contact Orders (and the Corporation as Petitioner) – Kelly Giraudo & Tamara Meister
- Workplace Violence Restraining Orders – Michael Gifford
- Limited Scope Agreements – Judge Lisa Wilson

Register online by clicking [here](#), or submitting the back page of this newsletter to the PCBA office with your check. Please include your ARDC number.

Work Comp Annual CLE - November 7, Check-in and lunch 12:30; seminar 1:00 – 4:30 at Heyl Royster Learning Center with social to follow at Obed & Isaac's (Jessica Bell, Chair)

2020 Winter Series CLE: Saturday, January 11 – Family law and professional responsibility; Friday, January 17 Civil Practice; Saturday, January 25 *to be determined*; Friday, January 31 Cannabis Seminar, "Up in Smoke: Tearing Up Old Law Criminalizing Demon Weed"; and Saturday, February 8 Estate Planning & Probate.

Membership

We received applications for renewal of membership from Maggi Wettstein and Ian White. *Welcome back!* Also received was the application for membership (new) from Jacqueline Korn. Maggi is an Assistant State's Attorney in Peoria County, Ian is an Associate at Cassidy & Mueller, and Jacqueline is an Associate at Heyl Royster. Welcome aboard, all!

Substantive Law

The next issue of the Substantive Law Newsletter will be available in October. If you have any reports or updates for your section, please send them to J. Kevin Wolfe at jkwolfe@hslaw.us.

Young Lawyers

The YLC Fall Blood Drive will be on **Wednesday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in room 403 of the Peoria County Courthouse. To make an appointment contact Blood Drive Co-Chairs, Kaleigh Stevens at kstevens@peorialawyers.com or Melissa Schoenbein at Melissa.Schoenbein@ilcd.uscourts.gov.

Job Openings | Office Space Available | Misc.

Job openings and office space available can be found on the homepage of our website or by clicking the following links:

[Job Openings](#) and [Office Space](#) (office space section includes property for sale)

For sale: Vintage Stow & Davis solid mahogany executive desk with credenza. \$2500 for both. Desk 72w x 29h x 36d. Credenza 72w x 29h x 24d. Very good condition. Pulls are polished aluminum. Glass tops available. Desk has three very deep file drawers and three smaller drawers. Credenza has two very large file drawers and a two-door cabinet. Contact Theresa Hardesty at 309-253-1087 or trhadopt@comcast.net.

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UPCOMING CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS

Columbus Day Seminar - Monday, October 14

First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Perry Ave., Peoria

Ethics in the early morning and keeping pests away through the afternoon!

Get two hours of general ethics as the ARDC and others present on Trust Accounting Pitfalls and effective responses to 14 day letters; followed by a seminar on all types of Protective Orders from domestic violence, to stalkers such as neighbors, former friends and former and present employees and how you can use limited scope agreements effectively in these types of situations.

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- Employment Law Orders of Protection – Michael Gifford
- Limited Scope Agreements – Judge Lisa Wilson

Cost: PCBA Member \$65 per seminar, or \$120 for both | Non-Member \$95 per seminar, or \$180 for both

Morning seminar includes a continental breakfast and afternoon seminar includes a pizza lunch. Registration can be done online at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on the event calendar.

***The PCBA will seek approval from the Illinois Supreme Court’s Commission on Professionalism for two hours of MCLE Professional Responsibility credit.**

Attorney Name: _____

Morning Only

Email Address: _____

Afternoon Only

ARDC Number: _____

Both Seminars