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

Message from the President



Thanks again to the Young Lawyers Committee for putting together a successful Law Day luncheon. Our speaker, Ray LaHood, touched on very relevant current issues and our essay contest winners were inspiring. We also paid tribute to 9 attorneys who have practiced for half a century.

Please keep May 24, 2018 on your calendar for our Memorial Service. We will honor the memories of Ross Canterbury, Kenneth Vander Leest, Sandy Hendricks and Tom Hoehne. We appreciate Heyl Royster for allowing the PCBA to hold a reception in the Heyl Royster Learning Center afterwards.

Our new members have been invited to lunch on May 8, and I will be honored to speak with them and welcome them to the PCBA. Attracting new members and retaining current members are a large part of our efforts to sustain this association. I encourage PCBA members to reach out to the new members.

It appears that spring may be here to stay and I want to recognize the efforts of the Fitness, Health and Wellness committee. They are organizing summer softball and other opportunities for our members to get out of the office and engage in activities that promote health and wellness. Regrettably, our Trivia After Hours event was postponed due to an issue with the venue. Look for a new date and time to come soon and gather your team. Which committee or office will come out on top?

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*

1. A newly approved form suite for Citations to Discover Assets (to Debtor, to Debtor's bank, to Debtor's employer and Emergency Motion to Claim Exemption) is now available on Illinois Courts website, under "Small Claims" section.
2. Please join us for the annual PCBA Memorial Service on May 24th at 3 p.m. in Courtroom 210, to be followed immediately thereafter by a reception at the Heyl Royster learning center.

PCBA Members Assisting Service Members

We would like to thank **Amira Vicari Hills** of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller, LLC who is assisting a veteran with a collections case and **Dorian LaSaine** of Dorian B. LaSaine & Associates for assisting a veteran in a bankruptcy case. We appreciate all of our members who have assisted service members and Michael Lied of Howard & Howard who heads up this effort. Contact the PCBA office if you would like to be included on our list of volunteers.



Did you know?

- Missing a CLE certificate from a PCBA seminar? We are more than happy to send you a new one, but first, we have to make sure you signed in and out at the seminar. If you didn't, we are unable to provide you with a new one. **We can not stress enough how important it is to sign in and out at every seminar.**

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

MAY

- 8 New Members' Luncheon, 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. at Jim's Steak House (basement of Janssen Building) Invitation only.
- 23 Workers' Compensation Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Two25 Restaurant.
- 24 Memorial Service, 3:00 p.m. in courtroom 210 of the Peoria County Courthouse, Reception to follow at Heyl Royster Learning Center, 300 Hamilton Blvd.
- 28 Memorial Day - Courts & Courthouse closed, PCBA office closed

JUNE

- 6 Professional Responsibility Seminar, 12 – 2:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center, buffet lunch starts at 11:30
- 7 New Members' Reception, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Kenny's Westside Pub

Committee Meetings *Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted.*

May

1 Real Property	10 YLC	21 CLE
2 Budget	14 Fitness, Health & Wellness	22 Diversity
4 Tried & True: Part IV Team	15 Board of Directors	31 Family Section
7 Government & Public Interest	16 Appellate Section	

Communications & Technology

- Did you know that you can save your username and password on the PCBA website? When you log in, just check the “remember me” box and every time you go to the website you will be logged in! This will make it easier to register for events and access forums.
- In order to better protect our CLE materials, materials will no longer be uploaded to the CLE materials page on the website. If you register for a seminar, all materials will be sent to you via email from our website with the links to click to download and print. You **must** click the links in this email to get the materials – you will not be able to find them on our website.
- Attorney Pictorial Directories will be ready in June. We will send an email to all members when they are available to pick up.

Diversity

Save the Date! The 15th Annual Diversity Luncheon has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Chief Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, Timothy C. Evans, will be the keynote speaker. Please mark your calendars.

The judicial interns for the Tenth Judicial Circuit have been selected. Beverly Garland, attending SIU Carbondale; Alexander Shane, attending SIU Carbondale as well and Greg Nordstrom, attending Northern Illinois University, are this year's interns. They will be interning at least six weeks this summer at the Peoria County Courthouse. Please join us in welcoming them to PCBA events and committee meetings during their stay.

Entertainment *From Shaun Cusack, incoming Golf Chair*

Mark your calendars for the PCBA's **2018 Golf Outing!** This year's event will take place on **August 10, 2018**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. Shaun has broken from tradition this year by setting the event for a **FRIDAY!** Registration begins in June.

Fitness Health & Wellness

Golf anyone? The Fitness, Health & Wellness Committee is putting together a summer golf group. We will be playing 9 holes twice a month on a weekday evening (to be determined) at Peoria Park District golf courses. We are currently exploring options for group or other discounted rates for our members. If you are interested in playing or have any questions, please contact Logan Block (lblock@quinnjohnston.com)

Local Continuing Legal Education

May 23 Workers' Compensation Seminar – The April 12 WC lunch seminar was such a success and had so much participant interaction, that a follow-up seminar is needed! Join fellow workers' compensation attorneys on May 23 at Two25 Restaurant from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. where Brad Elward will be speaking on “The appellate court's recent ruling on judgment interest in workers' compensation practice, *Dobbs Tire & Auto*, and recent issues arising when e-filing judicial reviews.”

June 6 Professional Responsibility – This seminar will be from noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. The lunch buffet will open at 11:30 a.m. This seminar has been approved by the ILSCCP for 1 hour of mental health/substance abuse by Dr. Finkenbine plus 1 hour of Diversity/Inclusion by Justi Miller and will fulfill the new Illinois Supreme Court Requirements. **This is a LIVE ONLY seminar; it will not be recorded.**

Appellate Practice - A new seminar has been scheduled for **September 12**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Topics include an overview of appellate practice and the appeal process, preserving error for appeal during trial, final orders and interlocutory appeal options, post-trial motions and notices of appeal and cross appeal, e-filing, a moderated panel of specialties (work comp, domestic and family, administrative review and criminal), and concludes with a moderated panel discussion with appellate justices. Mark your calendar for this seminar -- four hours general MCLE credit.

You can register for any of these seminars by visiting our event calendar on the website, or by clicking this link:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=63892

November 9 Tried & True: Part V – The Appeal – Save the date! This seminar will be held Friday, November 9 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center.

Membership & Memorials

We received an application for membership from Tyler W. Smith. He is an attorney at Harry W. Williams & Assoc. Also received in April was the application for renewal from Kristin Nieminski. Kristin is a partner at Koth, Gregory & Nieminski, P.C. in Bloomington. These applications will be presented to the Board in June for approval.

The **New Members' Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, **May 8**, at Jim's Steak House. This is an invitation only event. The **New Members' Reception** will be held **June 7** at Kenny's Westside Pub, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All attorneys and judges may join us in welcoming our newest members. Complementary appetizers and first drink on the PCBA!



Memorials

On Thursday, March 22, 2018, PCBA member **Thomas Hoehne** passed away. Tom graduated from Spalding Institute, Creighton University, Northern Illinois University and John Marshall Law School. He was an attorney with Herring, Hoehne & Holman, and later a solo attorney before retiring in 2017.

The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in his memory.

Annual Memorial Service

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018 | 3:00 p.m. | COURTROOM 210

REMEMBERING PCBA MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST YEAR:

Ross E. Canterbury ~ Kenneth F. Vander Leest ~ Clyde B. "Sandy" Hendricks ~ Thomas V. Hoehne

Reception to follow at the Heyl Royster Learning Center, 300 Hamilton Blvd.

Young Lawyers Committee

Enclosed is the photo collage from the April 19th celebration of Law Day. Our thanks go to **Emily Perkins, Anne Mergen and Paige Blumenshine** for their work to make the event a meaningful and memorable one.

Prairie State Legal Services by: Kate Whetstone

We would like to thank the following attorneys, paralegals, and other support staff who have assisted low income persons and successfully closed pro bono cases:

Syed Ahmad, A. Lou Benassi, Michael Brandt, Christopher Crawford, Kathleen Carter, Spencer Daniels, Abigail Fleming, Elizabeth Jensen, Casey Kepple, Ambrose McCall, Anne Mergen, Dennis Merkley, Drew Quitschau, Jessica Sarff and Seth TeBeest.

LAWYERS FOR JUSTICE CELEBRATION - Thursday May 10th 5-8pm at Kelleher's Irish Pub

Please join us for free appetizers, music and a cash bar in support of the work of Prairie State Legal Services. Prairie State relies on the support of the legal community to provide free civil legal aid throughout northern, central and western Illinois. This event is a great way to learn more about Prairie State and network with other attorneys in our community. For more information and giving opportunities please contact Jenn at jluczkowiak@pslegal.org.

EXPUNGEMENT SUMMIT – Pro Bono Attorneys needed!!!

2018 Peoria Criminal Record Expungement Summit - Saturday, July 21, 2018 (9am -5pm) at the Peoria Civic Center

Prairie State will be holding another summit in conjunction with Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth's office similar to the summit held last spring. During the Summit, pro bono attorneys will meet one-on-one with Summit participants and advise them on their rights, responsibilities and options relating to their criminal history. Client criminal records will have been obtained and charted by Prairie State. Pro bono attorneys can choose to volunteer all day or pick a shift from 9am-1pm or 12pm-5pm. We still need many more volunteers as we are hoping to serve 300 clients.

Prairie State will provide training for the Summit on Friday June 29th at Heyl Royster from 12-2pm for **Free CLE credit** for summit volunteers. This training that will cover the 2017 amendments to the Criminal Identification Act and prepare you to volunteer on July 21st. Please contact me at kwhetstone@pslegal.org or at (309)621-4005 to sign up for the CLE and to volunteer at the Summit.

Other News

Tazewell County Courthouse - Work on the elevator in the Tazewell County Courthouse will begin May 29, 2018 and it will be out of service for a minimum of 4 weeks. If there are any parties involved in cases during this time that you are aware of that will not be able to use the stairs, please let Courtney Eeten know and the Courthouse will try and make accommodations to use courtroom 101. This will be a major inconvenience at times and Courthouse administration appreciates your patience. Please let Courtney know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Job Openings & Office Space Available

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)

Address Changes

Hunziker & Heck LLC is moving! As of August 2018, our new address will be 3332A W. Willow Knolls Road, Peoria, IL 61614.

Howard, Timothy: 11705 N. Strathmoore Ct., Dunlap, IL 61525 Phone: 309-453-8578 Email: timhowardesq@gmail.com

Swain, Timothy: Swain Law LLC, P.O. Box 10734, Peoria, IL 61612 Phone: 309-453-0798 Email: timswain@peorialaw.com

For sale: Artwork; furniture, including conference room table and chairs, reception area chairs and tables, secretarial desks, upright safe, file cabinets, refrigerator, library shelving, library books and miscellaneous items. Contact Philip Jaeger at 309-397-7016.

For sale: Several pieces of office furniture for sale including conference tables, chairs, desks and bookcases. Feel free to contact Cassandra at 309-676-7777 or email cassandra@hunzikerlaw.com to schedule a time to come check out the items.

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2018 Law Day Lunch

April 19, 2018



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Congratulations to our finalists in the Law Day Essay Contest, shown above with 10th Circuit Chief Judge Paul Gilfillan.

From left to right: 5th/6th grade: Katie Kamasaki (1st Place), Washington Gifted School and Evie Bell (2nd Place), Washington Gifted School; 7th/8th grade: Amanda Joplin (1st Place), Illini Bluffs Middle School and Emma Paustian (2nd Place), Dunlap Middle School. Students receive prize money, a ribbon and a certificate, and the school of the 1st place winners also receive prize money.

Right: Emily Perkins (YLC Chair), Paige Blumenshine (Essay Contest Chair) and Anne Mergen (Speaker Chair) with keynote speaker, Ray LaHood.



Congratulations to our 50-year honorees, shown above (left to right) Maximilian Prusak, Kent Noble, Frederick Johnson, Ronald Hamm, Arthur Inman, Lou Benassi, Ronald Schertz and Larry Solomon. Not shown: Ray Rose.