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

President's Message

Your Association is moving quickly through this fiscal year with the excellent work and dedication of your committee chairmen and other members who are providing valuable guidance and assistance.

Strides for Justice 2022 was very successful especially with a somewhat greater number of attorneys, staff, and families participating than in past years, and we need to increase that even more in 2023! Thanks to Kyle Tompkins and the Fitness, Health and Welfare Committee for another well-run event, and to all the members who helped and/or participated!



The Family Law Section meeting just held was extremely exciting in terms of some new concepts for the annual CLE this winter, and a lot of input from Judges Washington and Wilson. A focus on civility and the high degree of bench/bar cooperation promises it will be a very worthwhile seminar, as all of our Winter Series seminars usually are, and a productive year. Great job, Chairman Ed Murphy and your committee, and on the social last week as well!

The Diversity Luncheon this week and the Pro Bono events later this month are all valuable, please support, attend, and participate as much as you can. And the annual Golf Outing and dinner this Friday is always a fun and (mostly) relaxing event for our members. Lots going on! Take advantage!

Court News *By Chief Judge Katherine S. Gorman*



1. Judge Albert Purham has announced his retirement. His last day is December 2nd.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, any attorney, who is a United States citizen, is licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois and is a resident of the 10th Judicial Circuit may apply by electronically filing a signed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts on the form prescribed and furnished by the Director. The instructions for submitting an application electronically are available on the Supreme Court's website: <http://illinoiscourts.gov>.

October Calendar

- 5 19th Annual Diversity Luncheon, Spalding Pastoral Center – Lunch 11:30 a.m. | Program Noon – 1:00 p.m.
- 7 Annual PCBA Golf Outing, Mt. Hawley Country Club
- 10 Columbus Day, Courts Closed
- 21 PCBA Office Closed
- 24 10th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Reception, Renaissance Room (3rd Floor Janssen Building), 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 2022 Fall Professional Responsibility Seminar, Spalding Pastoral Center – Lunch 11:30 a.m. | Program Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

October - All meetings are at Noon. A "Z" means the committee is meeting through Zoom. An "O" means the PCBA Office

3	Family Law (O)	12	Civil Practice Section (Z)	17	Government & Public Interest (Z)
4	Real Property (O)	13	YLC (TBD)	18	Board of Directors (O)
11	CLE (Z)	14	LMB (O)	26	Membership (Z)

Committee Reports

Communications & Technology

Work on the 2023 Attorneys' Directory has begun! Please let Stephanie know of any information changes by sending an email to pcbaasst@mtco.com.

Entertainment – Holiday Party

The Holiday party is *tentatively* scheduled for **Thursday, December 15**. Mark your calendars now!

Fitness Health & Wellness

Thank you to everyone who attended the Strides for Justice 5k Run/1 mile walk on Saturday, September 24! We had a great turnout (over 150 registered!) and beautiful weather. At right we have our overall female winner, Rilla Adcock, and overall male winner, Guillermo Rolon. Prairie State Legal Services took home the traveling trophy (again!) with the best overall team time.



Local Continuing Legal Education

The **2022 Fall Professional Responsibility Seminar** will be **Friday, October 28 from Noon – 2:30 p.m.** at the **Spalding Pastoral Center**. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the seminar will start promptly at Noon. This seminar will be focused on recognizing our own implicit bias, how they relate to the legal field and how to overcome them. Attendees will be asked to take a few tests during the seminar and we will break into small groups to discuss the results. **All attendees will need to bring a laptop, tablet or other electronic device with them to the seminar. It will need to have Wi-Fi capabilities.** Cost is \$65 for PCBA Members, \$80 for McLean County Bar Members and \$95 for Non-Members. To register, visit www.peoriabar.org and click on the event calendar, or click [here](#). **This seminar is in-person only and will not be recorded.**

2023 Winter Series

The CLE committee and various sections are working on the 2023 Winter Series! If there are any specific topics you are interested in learning about, let Stephanie know at pcbaasst@mtco.com.

Pro Bono

Greetings from the Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee!

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee invites you to the **2022 Celebrate Pro Bono Reception** on **Monday, October 24, 2022**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Room at the Janssen Law Center at 333 Main Street in Peoria. Please join us as we commemorate National Pro Bono week and recognize and celebrate the amazing and life-changing pro bono work being done in the Tenth Judicial Circuit and applaud those attorneys who will be receiving special recognition by the Peoria County Bar Association, Tazewell County Bar Association, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., and the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee is especially honored that Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White will be our special guest speaker at our reception.

Attendance is free, but advance registration is required at <https://pili.org/event/10th-celebrate-pro-bono-reception/>.

Thank you to all who provide pro bono legal services in our community. You have made access to justice a reality through your work. Thank you also for your consideration of how we as a legal community can do more to help those in need.

Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Opportunities Meeting

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee invites you to participate in a virtual meeting to be held on October 6, 2022, from noon to 1 p.m. to learn about the various opportunities that attorneys can provide pro bono legal services to those in our community. The Peoria office of Prairie State Legal Services and the Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, with the assistance of the Public Interest Law Initiative, will provide information on the short-term and long-term ways that you can help those who need legal assistance in civil legal matters. Local judges from the Tenth Judicial Circuit will also be present during this meeting. Please share this information to the

attorneys in your firm and encourage them to attend so that they learn about the ways that they can share their expertise with those who need legal assistance.

Topic: Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Opportunities Meeting

Time: October 6, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85965153654?pwd=LzJTaFVCWHJYTzVwc0k5RGZNOGtBZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 6515 3654

Passcode: 297450

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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).

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