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

President's Page

I gave everyone the month off last month, but regretfully cannot do so now. We have some important news to share.

First, the CLE Winter Series is underway. Please review the website and your emails, because we've had some unavoidable scheduling problems and have had to make some scheduling changes. But the programs look interesting, worth your time, and as always are a great CLE bargain. If you want to know anything about cannabis (other than maybe market prices) be sure to attend on Friday afternoon, January 31st!



Second, Judge Perkins and the Lincoln Banquet committee are hard at work finalizing the arrangements for that event. Congresswoman Cheri Bustos will speak and Embassy Suites will provide a great venue and meal. Attire is cocktail/business and there is no need to break out (or rent!) the tux. Please reserve your seats now. We want a BIG turnout.

Finally, as we announced in a recent email, Linda Raineri is currently on medical leave and Stephanie is working hard to hold down the fort. *Please help her all you can.* January and February are always the office's busiest months of the year. This should be a good opportunity for us all to use the website rather than calling the office. Committees are pitching in and helping run their own events, relying less on the office to do so. Please understand that the office may not be open the same hours as previously, so use e-mail or voice mail, rather than Stephanie's time. And while you are at it, send Linda some warm and fuzzy get-well thoughts.

Court News By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan

FEBRUARY NEWS:



1. The Tenth Judicial Circuit announces its new Peoria County Director of Court Services and Probation, Mark Bronke, effective January 13, 2020. Mr. Bronke has 22 years of experience with this branch of the courts in Peoria County and we are fortunate to have him. For more information, please see: 10thcircuitcourtil.org.
2. February 8-15, 2020 is National Court Reporting Week, an excellent reminder for us to appreciate the professional work done by certified court reporters, both private and for the courts, in assuring a clear record of legal proceedings. Remember, it is a shared responsibility of the attorneys, litigants, and judges to assist in the goal of clarity "for the record." The Tenth Circuit has openings for two certified court reporters. For more information, please see "job openings" on the PCBA website.
3. Look forward to seeing you at the 112th Annual PCBA Lincoln Memorial Banquet on Thursday, February 20, 2020 (02-20-2020).

Nominating Committee

On December 17, the Nominating Committee met for the purpose of selecting an attorney who will fill the role of Secretary-Treasurer next year, and annually thereafter move into the offices of Second Vice President, President-Elect and President of the PCBA. The nominee should be someone from our association with past measurable involvement with the PCBA's committees and activities, someone with demonstrated legal experience and abilities, and someone who exemplifies the character of the membership sufficient to lead the association in furtherance of all the association's endeavors. The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that it has selected Aliesha Graves as its nominee for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the year 2020-2021. The committee has spoken with Aliesha who has agreed that if she is so nominated, she will accept the position.



The 2019-2020 Nominating Committee Members: Richard W. Zuckerman, 2018-19 Immediate Past President & Chair; Michele A. Miller, 2017-18 President; Hon. Jerelyn D. Maher, 2016-17 President; Timothy J. Howard, 2015-16 President; Craig S. Young, 2014-15 President; Two members under age 36 appointed by the chair: Kevin Day and Katherine Zogas

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | Family Law Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, 8:30 – noon |
| 8 | Estate Planning & Probate Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, 8:30 - noon |
| 17 | Presidents' Day – Courts & Courthouse closed |
| 20 | Lincoln Memorial Banquet – Embassy Suites in East Peoria, cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. |

MARCH

- 4 Brown Bag Seminar – PCBA Office, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- 6 New Laws in 2020 – Spalding Pastoral Center, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- 11 Commercial Law & Litigation Brown Bag Seminar – PCBA Office, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- 18 Brown Bag Seminar – PCBA Office, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- 25 Family Law Wizard Brown Bag Seminar – PCBA Office, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted

February

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| 4 Real Property Committee Meeting | 12 Public Relations | 18 Board |
| 5 Fitness, Health & Wellness | 12 Workers' Compensation Section | 18 Foundation Trustees – 12:30 p.m. |
| 5 Family Law Section | 13 YLC | 24 Budget |

Committee Reports

Entertainment – Part I: Golf Outing

Save-the-Date! The PCBA Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 28!** At the request of many of our golfers, we are heading back to Mt. Hawley Country Club this year! Mark your calendars now. Rain date is Friday, September 18.

Lincoln Memorial Banquet

The 112th Annual Lincoln Memorial Banquet will be held on **Thursday, February 20, 2020**, at **Embassy Suites in East Peoria**. Congresswoman Cheri L. Bustos will be the keynote speaker and the 2020 recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award will be recognized. Tickets are \$100 or \$1,000 for a table of ten. To register, click [here](#).



Local Continuing Legal Education

2020 Winter Series CLE:

Civil Practice – now available on DVD & Vimeo

New Cannabis Laws – available on DVD & Vimeo soon!

Saturday, February 1 – Family Law & Professional Responsibility

Saturday, February 8 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law

Friday, March 6 – New Laws in 2020

Registration is now open and can be done by clicking [here](#), or visiting www.peoriabar.org and clicking on the event calendar.

Check out the back page for more information!

2020 Brown Bag Seminars - PCBA Members only – 5 hours of **FREE** CLE plus **FREE** lunch!

March 4 – Topic to be determined

March 11 – Labor & Employment Law Developments

March 18 – Topic to be determined

March 25 – Our Family Wizard

April 1 – Government & Public Interest Law

Check-in and lunch begin at 11:45. Seminars will start promptly at 12:00. Registration is now open and limited to the first 18 people!

Membership

We have received applications for membership from Ryan Kitzhaber and Nicholas Rochford, and an application for renewal from Alex Kurth. Ryan is employed with Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, Nicholas is with Rochford & Associates and Alex is with Hanauer Law, LLC. All applications will be presented to the Board in March for approval.

Memorial



On January 7, 2020, a member of the Association, Henry D. Noetzel, Born January 9, 1922, he passed away at the age of 97. He was an attorney with Henry Noetzel and Associates here in Peoria. His area of practice was Workers' Compensation, among other areas. Contributions to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation may be made online by clicking [here](#) or by sending a check to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation in memory of Henry D. Noetzel.

The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in memory of Mr. Noetzel.

Young Lawyers

Save-the-Date! The Young Lawyers committee will be holding their Annual Law Day Luncheon on **Thursday, April 30** at noon at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Peoria. This year's theme is "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100." The keynote speaker is Southern Illinois University School of Law Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Cindy Buys. Essay contest winners will be announced at the April 30 event, and Paige Blumenshine from Prairie State Legal Services is in charge of this year's Law Day

Essay Contest. We will also recognize our members who are celebrating 50 years since their admission to the bar: **Kerry R. Cordis, Robert G. Day, Jr., Hon. Thomas G. Ebel, Robert L. Potts, Lawrence E. Schwenger, Jr. and Dennis R. Triggs.** Registration information is forthcoming.

PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRO BONO COORDINATOR

Hello everyone: My name is Lydia Wagenbach and I am the new Pro Bono Coordinator for the Peoria and Galesburg offices of Prairie State Legal Services. I am a native of Tremont, Illinois, and I graduated from ICC's Paralegal Program in May 2018. I first started working as a paralegal intern at Prairie State in January 2018. After graduating from ICC's paralegal program, I was hired as a legal secretary where I worked mostly with Prairie State's Eviction Court Project and our Ready to Work Program. During my role as a legal secretary, I had the good fortune to closely assist our previous pro bono coordinator in running our monthly Sealing/Expungement Clinics where I met many of our wonderful volunteer attorneys. In my new position, I am very excited about the chance to work with even more attorneys to make a difference in our clients' lives.



RECENTLY CLOSED PRO BONO CASES

Prairie State Legal Services would like to thank the following attorneys who have provided free legal assistance to low income persons through our Pro Bono Program and recently closed their pro bono cases: Jeremy Heiple of Heiple Law Offices; Spencer Daniels of Spencer Lee Daniels, Attorney at Law; Scott Kriegsman of Eliff, Dancey & Bosich, P.C.; Kathleen Carter of Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC; Noah Menold of Howard & Howard; Adam Bowton of Adam Bowton, Attorney at Law; Sumner Bourne of Rafool & Bourne, P.C.; Seth TeBeest of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C.; Boyd Roberts, III, of James Kelly Law Firm; and Jeff Krumpe of Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC.

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS

We would like to give a very special thank you to Elizabeth Jensen; Michael Brandt; Kathleen Horschler of Caterpillar, Inc.; John Lamb of Caterpillar, Inc.; Kerri Hutchinson of Caterpillar, Inc.; Stacy Crabtree of Caterpillar, Inc.; Kim Sarff of Caterpillar, Inc.; James Rooney of Caterpillar, Inc.; Tim Swain II of Swain Law LLC; Kerriane Waters of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller; Natalie Vaughn volunteer attorney with Prairie State Legal Services; Scott Ostericher of RLI Insurance Company; and Cathy Molchin of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C. for providing our clients with free legal advice at our most recent sealing and expungement clinics. We would also like to give a special thanks to Maggi Wettstein, RLI Insurance Company and Assistant Public Defender, who advised one of our sealing/expungement clients who was unable to make it to the clinics. Our clients were very appreciative of your help and the feedback we received from them was extremely positive. By helping our clients at the clinic, you are helping them obtain employment, professional licenses and facilitate many other areas in their lives. Congratulations on truly making a difference. Prairie State Legal Services would also like to thank your firms for supporting the community by encouraging attorneys to donate their time to pro bono work.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

We are in need of volunteers for our 2020 Sealing and Expungement Clinics. Please call or email me if you are interested in donating some of your time to assist our clients or sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c48aaaab22a7f94-2020>. Prairie State Legal Services reviews the cases before the date of the clinic and prepares the petitions and other paperwork ahead of time. Our volunteer attorneys review the documentation with the clients, answer any questions the clients have, and obtain the clients' signature. Our Managing Attorney, Denise Conklin, is available during the clinic to answer any questions the clients or attorneys may have. If you would like to volunteer services, receive additional training in other areas of law or are willing to give a 30 minute phone consultations in your area of expertise, please call me at (309) 621-4015 or email me at lwagenbach@pslegal.org. You will receive a Google Form, which you can use to send us your information. Your pro bono service will help PSLS provide legal assistance to individuals within our community who may not otherwise be able to afford legal representation.

Other News

Click [here](#) see the memorandum from Tazewell County Circuit Clerk, Lincoln Hobson, regarding the Illinois Supreme Court's Remote Access Policy.

Directory Changes:

Firm name change: Rafool, Bourne & Shelby P.C. has been changed to Rafool & Bourne, P.C., all other information remains the same.

Bourne, Sumner – Email has changed to sbourne@rafoolbourne.com, all other contact information remains the same.

Shelby, Kip – Law Offices of Kip Shelby, LLC, 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1720, Peoria, 61602. Phone: (309)643-1121, Fax (309)643-1193, Email: kshelby@kipshelbylaw.com

Solomon, Larry – Suite number changed from 1600 to 1720. All other information remains the same.

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.

For sale: 6 four and five drawer file cabinets @ \$20 each and a 7' bookcase for \$50. Call Art Inman at 678-1173.

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2020 Winter Series

Spalding Pastoral Center, 419 NE Madison Ave.

Friday afternoons & Saturday mornings in January, February & March

Civil Practice Seminar – now available on DVD & Vimeo!

\$100 PCBA Members | \$125 Non-Members

The New Illinois Cannabis Laws – available on DVD & Vimeo on Monday, February 10!

\$100 PCBA Members | \$125 Non-Members

SATURDAY, February 1 - Family Law – Check-in and continental breakfast 8:00 a.m. | seminar 8:30 – 12

Legislative Update by Richard W. Zuckerman; Case Law Update by Norman D. McGill; Pre-Nuptial Agreements by Charles J. Urban; Maintenance by Mitch M. Gilfillan; Mental Health/Compassion Fatigue by Dr. Ryan Finkenbine; Breakout Session; View from the Bench – Judges from the 10th Judicial Circuit Family Law Courts

SATURDAY, February 8 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law – Check-in and continental breakfast 8:00 a.m. | seminar 8:30 to noon

New Illinois Trust Code by David Wiest

Elder Abuse Panel by Anne Bartolo, Jodi Hoos – Peoria County State's Attorney & Brian Fengel - State of Illinois Elder Abuse Task Force; Residency Considerations by Mary Corrigan; Partitions of Heirs Property Act by James F. Kane; Illinois Secure Act by Kevin Sheahan; Judges Panel

FRIDAY, March 6 – Highlights of New Illinois Laws and Amendments in 2020 - Check-in 12:30 | seminar 1:00 to 4:30 *snacks provided at break*

Are you sure that none of the over 500 enacted bills passed in Springfield affect your practice? Think again!

Early Registration price: \$65 for PCBA Members|\$80 for McLean County Bar Members|\$95 for Non-Members

Registration can be done online at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on the event calendar.

Seminars are worth 3.0 hrs. of MCLE credit.

Registrations increase by \$15 the Monday before each seminar

Reminders:

- Please include your ARDC number in your registration. We **must** have your number when we submit our attendance to the MCLE Board or you will not receive credit.
- You will receive materials by email the week of the seminar.
- Continental breakfast included at Saturday morning seminars; snacks provided for Friday afternoon seminars.
- **NEW!** - Attendance certificates will be emailed after the seminar.