



# LegalEase

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

## **President's Message**

Happy Holidays! I hope that you have had a great holiday season and that you are feeling refreshed and ready to take on 2022!

The PCBA will be hosting the CLE Winter Series via Zoom again this year. With concerns around COVID-19 and weather delays, the CLE committee determined that this was the best way to provide reliable, pertinent and cost-effective CLE to the membership. As always, we welcome your feedback with respect to CLE delivery as we continue to navigate the new normal.

Soon you will be receiving an invitation to the PCBA's signature event, the Lincoln Memorial Banquet. This year, in addition to being entertained with a speech from Lincoln scholar Dr. Graham Peck from the University of Illinois, we will be honoring ten new members of the PCBA Foundation's Pillars of the Bar. These lawyers are the best of the best, and they have made the practice of law better in our community. It is not hyperbole to say that the Pillars of the Bar have raised the Bar for all of us!

The Lincoln Memorial Banquet is a long-standing tradition, and the last time that we gathered for this event, we were just a few weeks away from a tectonic shift in the way that we all interact in public, the way that we carry out our work, and the way that we interact with family. To say the least, the world has changed since February 2020! Out of respect for our speaker, our honored guests, and each other, the PCBA requests that all attendees of the Lincoln Memorial Banquet be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend. There is plenty of time to get a vaccine before February 17, so please do so and join us to honor President Lincoln and our Pillars of the Bar.

Last, but not least, be on the lookout for communications about the next "Donut Friday"- date TBD! The PCBA hosted its first "Donut Friday" in December as a small "thank you" and treat for members. Come by the Janssen Building and pick up a donut to go before or after your CMCs.



## **Court News** *By Chief Judge Katherine S. Gorman*



1. Thank you to Judges Brown, Cusack, Doscotch, Ierulli and Kouri for your time in Peoria County court last year. Please welcome Judges Bauer, Cordis, Gilles, Mack and Wilson to Peoria!
2. Happy New Year!

## **Pillars of the Bar**

On Thursday, February 17, the Lincoln Memorial Banquet will be held in conjunction with the Pillars of the Bar recognition. The event will be at the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino.

The Pillars award recognizes lawyers who have throughout their careers significantly distinguished themselves in the practice of law and in their professional and community activities and who have set an example to which others aspire. Every five years PCBA members are chosen for this honor.

### **Congratulations to the Class of 2020 (being celebrated in 2022)**

Michael R. Hasselberg, R. Michael Henderson, Timothy J. Howard, Robert H. Jenetten\*, Rex K. Linder, Hon. Michael M. Mihm, John P. Nicoara, Kent A. Noble, John R. Pusey and Dennis R. Triggs.

*\*Posthumously*



## January

- 14 Cyber Security, Loss Prevention and Risky Business Relationships Webinar – POSTPONED  
22 Estate Planning & Probate Webinar, 8:30 – 11:45 a.m. through Zoom  
29 Family Law Webinar, 8:30 – 11:45 a.m. through Zoom

## Committee Meetings

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

4	Real Property (Z)	11	Substantive Law (Z)
5	CLE (Z)	12	Pro Bono (Z)
6	Public Relations (Z)	13	YLC (Z)
10	Workers' Comp (Z)	25	Communications & Technology (Z)

## Distinguished Community Service Award

Nominations are open for the **2022 Distinguished Community Service Award**. The recipient will be announced at the Lincoln Memorial Banquet & Pillars of the Bar event being held on Thursday, February 17, 2022. If you know an attorney who deserves this award, please visit our website at [www.peoriabar.org](http://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 has been extended to Noon on Friday, January 14, 2022.**

## Committee Reports

### Communications & Technology

The 2022 Attorneys' Directory was sent to the printer at the end of November. Due to processing and shipping delays, the directory will not be ready until mid to late January. The membership will receive an email when the directory is ready for pick-up.

### Fitness, Health & Wellness By: JD Van Rheeden, committee member

The holidays have come and gone and now we enter the cold and literal "dark times" of Midwest living. Though it may be tempting to bunker down and wait for spring, outdoor exercise can be a big help in boosting your physical and mental health this winter. This year take advantage of those occasional mild winter days by getting outside and getting active. Your body and mind will thank you!  
<https://www.realbuzz.com/articles-interests/fitness/article/beat-the-winter-blues-with-exercise/>

## Lincoln Memorial Banquet & Pillars of the Bar

The 113<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Memorial Banquet & Pillars of the Bar will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino. Our keynote speaker is University of Illinois Professor, Dr. Graham Peck. Mark your calendars now! Invitations will go out later this week.

## Local Continuing Legal Education

### 2022 Winter Series

Registration for the 2022 Winter Series is now open! The series will be held through Zoom this year. A detailed flyer is attached.

**Friday, January 14** – Cybersecurity, Loss Prevention and Risky Business Relationships! 1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – **POSTPONED**

**Saturday, January 22** – Estate Planning & Probate Webinar, 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Saturday, January 29** – Civil Practice Webinar, 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Saturday, February 5** – Family Law Webinar, 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Friday, February 11** – Government & Public Interest Law and Social Security Disability Benefits, 1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Cost is \$65 PCBA Members | \$80 McLean County Bar Members | \$95 Non-Members

**As always, we will have our PCBA MEMBER ONLY DEAL, all 5 seminars for the price of 4...only \$260!**

Register now by visiting [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event calendar!

## Memorials



On December 29, 2021, a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, Harry M. Williams, passed away. Harry practiced law in the Peoria area for over 39 years and owned his own firm. 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 Harry M. Williams.

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

## **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).

## **2021-22 Board of Directors**

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**SATURDAY, January 22 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law – 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. via Zoom**

Electronic Wills & Remote Notarization by Teresa Dickinson  
Capacity Issues in Will and Trust Signings by Mary Corrigan  
Uncooperative Fiduciaries by Jim Kane  
New Transfer on Death Instrument (TODI) Statute by Kyle Tompkins  
Statutory/Caselaw Update by Kevin Sheahan  
Tax Law Update by David Wiest

**SATURDAY, January 29 – Civil Practice – 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. via Zoom**

Tort Law Update by Robert Tenney  
Employment Law Update by Mike Gifford  
HIPAA Litigation by James LeFante  
Voi Dire Update by Judge Michael Risinger

**SATURDAY, February 5 - Family Law – 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. via Zoom**

Case Law Update by Ret., Judge Jerelyn Maher (Presented by Norman McGill)  
Legislative Update by Richard Zuckerman  
How Remote Working Effects your Practice by Joseph Borsberry  
Injunctions by Tamara Meister  
Foreseeability Defense by Chuck Urban  
Hot Technology Tips in the Courtroom by Kelly Giraudo  
View from the Bench – Judges from the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Law Courts

**FRIDAY, February 11 – Government & Public Interest Law and Social Security Disability Benefits– 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. via Zoom**

Social Security Disability Benefits by Linda Rothnagel  
More details will be announced soon...

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

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Registration can be done online at [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event calendar.

\*\*Registrations increase by \$15 the Monday before each seminar\*\*

**Want the CLE credit, but can't watch on the scheduled day? Register anyways and you'll automatically receive the recording once it's available!**

## 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 & Zoom links by email the week of the seminar.
- Attendance certificates will be emailed the week following the webinar.