



# LegalEase

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

## **President's Message**

Our annual Law Day Luncheon is coming up quickly, on May 3. Now is the time to register! Staff, family and friends are also welcome to sign up. You won't want to miss our planned guest speakers, and the chance to recognize 50-year members Phil Jaeger, Bob Hall, Steve Vogel, Roger Holzgrafe, and Jerry Rickert. It's always a great time to be together and to welcome in the spring, as well as to celebrate Law Day.

Law Day is also a good opportunity to reflect on the importance of the law to an ordered, progressive, and free society, and the corresponding importance and responsibility of our profession and the respective undertakings of each of us.

Our 2023 Workers Compensation seminar is now set for April 20 at noon, at the Spalding Pastoral Center, always a worthwhile event for those who are occasional or regular practitioners in work comp. Registration required, with a small fee. Lunch is provided as part of the deal, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Though our annual transition is almost four months off, it's time to start putting things together for the PCBA 2023-2024 under the leadership of our incoming President, Aliesha Graves. As we have stressed, the Association works best for all of us if many of us are involved in some fashion. Committee participation is the easiest and least demanding way to do this. Please take a look at the committee listings and descriptions in your March 24 email from Stephanie, pick out one or two committees that have some interest for you, and let her know. Your input to the Association through committee service is important, and generally it is not a huge time commitment unless you want to make it so. Please help make the Association work for all of us! For those who would like to serve on the Board of Directors, you can do so as a committee chair, or as one of the four at-large members. If you don't have a chairmanship opportunity, submit a petition for an at-large spot (available on the website)!

Be well, practice well, and be a credit to our profession.

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



1. Congratulations to Judge Alicia Washington who has been appointed to the Illinois College Committee on Judicial Education, as Vice-Chair. The commitment of time and expertise is valued by Chief Judge Gorman and the Illinois Judicial College.
2. Congratulations to Judge James Mack for being selected as Illinois CASA Judge of the Year!
3. Administrative Order 2023-06 regarding remote appearances and recordings can be found [here](#).

## **At-Large Directors**

Interested in being involved with the bar at Board level? Consider nomination to an At-Large seat on the Board. The petition can be found [here](#). Please return these to Stephanie at [pcaasst@mtco.com](mailto:pcaasst@mtco.com) by June 5, 2023.

## **Peoria County Judicial Internship Opportunity Program**

The Tenth Judicial Circuit is still accepting applications for the Peoria County Judicial Internship Opportunity Program ("JIOP"). The six-week summer judicial internship program is open to all first or second-year law students. The mission of JIOP is to provide opportunities to students who are members of racial and ethnic groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the profession. The program also provides opportunities to students with disabilities, who are economically disadvantaged and students who identify themselves as LGBT. A small stipend will be awarded to interns who are accepted into the program. Please encourage eligible students to apply for this internship. Interested students may apply by sending a letter outlining their qualifications and interest along with their resume to Judge Ierulli at [ierulli@peoriacounty.org](mailto:ierulli@peoriacounty.org).

## April Calendar

7 Good Friday – Courts & Courthouse Closed, PCBA Office Closed

20 Workers' Compensation Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, 12 – 3:15 p.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m.

## May Calendar

3 Law Day Luncheon – Noon – 1:00 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center, lunch at 11:30 a.m.

19 PCBA Office Closed

25 Annual Memorial Service – 2:00 p.m. in courtroom 210 of Peoria County Courthouse

29 Memorial Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed, PCBA Office Closed

## Committee Meetings

**April - 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	GPIL (Z)	19	FH&W (Z)
5	Public Relations (Z)	13	YLC (O)		
6	CLE (Z)	18	Board of Directors (O & Z)		

## Committee Reports

### Communications & Technology

Reminder: The 2023 Attorneys' Directories are in. Contact Stephanie at [pcaasst@mtco.com](mailto:pcaasst@mtco.com) to schedule pick-up.

## Entertainment – Annual Golf Outing

**Save the date!** Golf chair Robert Boucher has announced that the Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, September 29, at Mt. Hawley Country Club**. Mark your calendars now!



**Fitness, Health & Wellness** by: Kyle Tompkins, Committee Chair

### Organizing to Stay Active

Spring is here, so summer must be right around the corner! Part of the Fitness, Health & Wellness Committee's mission is to encourage all members of the Peoria County Bar Associate to get out and be active to stay healthy.

The Bad News Barristers have started assembling again to play softball this summer, but we are looking to take PCBA involvement a step further this year. If you are interested in playing softball, or have any suggestions about other sports and recreational activities (not just in the summer) that may be of interest to your fellow members of the PCBA, like golf or even pickleball, please contact Kyle M. Tompkins ([ktompkins@hgsuw.com](mailto:ktompkins@hgsuw.com)). The Committee will use its best effort to connect our members to stay active.

Organized sports and activities are an easy and fun way to get involved with the PCBA, socialize with peers and be physically active. We hope that you will join us!

### Local Continuing Legal Education

Recordings of the 2023 Winter Series are available for purchase for CLE credit. Cost is \$100 for PCBA members and \$125 for non-members. If you registered for the in-person seminar and did not attend, you can purchase the recording for an additional \$35.

**FRIDAY, February 10 – Criminal Law – POSTPONED.** Due to the appeal regarding the Pre-trial Fairness Act, this seminar has been postponed until the court's ruling. The membership will be notified once it has been rescheduled.

### Workers' Compensation Seminar

Registration is open for the 2023 Workers' Compensation Seminar! This seminar will take place on **Thursday, April 20th** at the **Spalding Pastoral Center**. Check-in and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the seminar will be from Noon – 3:15 p.m.

#### **Topics include:**

- \* Third Party Considerations by Jim LeFante
- \* Case Law Update by Joseph Moore and Shane Mahoney
- \* Medicare Set-Aside Process by Medivest
- \* Methods for Obtaining Medical Records by Chris Crawford
- \* Presentation from Workers' Compensation Nurse Case Manager Michelle Foley

Cost is \$65 for PCBA Members | \$80 for McLean County Bar Members | \$95 for Non-Members  
Registration can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

\*Please note the change in topics and seminar end time. An additional presentation may be added. The membership and those registered for the seminar will be notified of any changes. \*

### **Membership**

We have received an application for membership renewal from Judge Frank W. Ierulli. If there are no objections, his name will be presented to the Board in May for approval.

### **Memorials**

The Annual Memorial Service will be **Thursday, May 25, 2023**, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 210 of the Peoria County Courthouse. A reception will immediately follow in the Renaissance Room in the Janssen Building. Chief Judge Paul Giffillan will preside and Memorial Chair David Mueller is coordinating the presenters. This annual event is yet another unique long-standing initiative of the PCBA, for the purpose of remembering and honoring our members. The Memorial Resolutions are filed in the Circuit Clerk's office and become a part of the public record for all time. Several years ago, the Foundation felt it was important to have time set aside after the formal courtroom presentations, for members to reminisce with heartwarming memories of their colleagues being remembered. We hope you will mark your calendar for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Those being remembered are: Justice Daniel L. Schmidt, Robert H. Miller, Jack B. Teplitz, Julian E. Cannell, Brent H. Gwillim, John C. Mulgrew, Jr and Timothy J. Newlin.



On March 24, 2023, a member of the association, Timothy J. Newlin, passed away. Tim received his B.A. from Southern Methodist University in 1974, and then went on to receive his J.D. from there in 1977. He was admitted to practice law in the state of Illinois in 1978. He was most recently an attorney with Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP in their Peoria office.

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 Timothy J. Newlin.

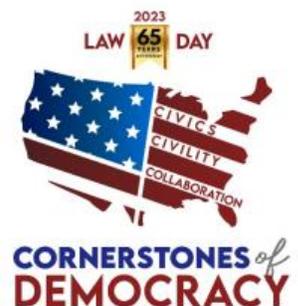
The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in his memory.

### **Pro Bono**

The Pro Bono Committee is holding a social at Obed & Isaac's on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Information on the different pro bono opportunities will be available. Hosted appetizers will be provided. Please plan to attend if your schedule allows!

### **Young Lawyers Committee**

The **2023 Law Day Luncheon** will be held on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023** at the Spalding Pastoral Center at noon! This year's theme is Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration. Our keynote speakers will be two of our local lawmakers. We will also welcome our newest 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judges, Katherine G. P. Legge and Nathan R. Bach, and honor the following 50-year members: Philip L. Jaeger, Robert C. Hall, Steven H. Vogel, Roger E. Holzgrafe and Gerard J. Rickert, Jr. As always, our Law Day Essay Contest winners will also be announced. Cost is \$40 per person, or \$400 for a table of 10. The lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the program will be from Noon – 1:00 p.m. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 26, at noon and can be completed by [clicking here](#).



### **Other News**

- For the month of April, the Pediatric Resource Center (PRC) has assembled "pinwheel pots" to hand out to local businesses for placement in their main offices in support of Child Abuse Awareness Month in April. If you would like to show your support and participate, contact PCBA Member Alicia VanRheeden who is a community board member for the PRC. She can be reached at [AVannRheeden@quinnjohnston.com](mailto:AVannRheeden@quinnjohnston.com). More information on the PRC can be found here: <https://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/prc/>.
- The Central Illinois Paralegal Association's Annual legal education seminar will take place on September 22, 2023 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington.

## **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).

## **Directory Changes**

Pitzen, Tracy – Pitzen Law Office, PO Box 21, Mossville, IL 61552. Effective 3-31-23.

### **2022-23 Board of Directors**

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