



President's Message

October will be yet another busy month for PCBA staff and committee members. PCBA provides our members opportunities to develop personally and professionally. Substantive law committees are meeting this month to develop current content with local impact in specific practice areas. On the CLE schedule is our Professional Responsibility CLE on October 27th which will instruct us regarding competent use of technology. The Tenth Circuit Pro Bono reception will recognize outstanding attorneys who continue to give their time and talents. Finally, we can give a life-saving gift at the YLC committee blood drive at the courthouse on Halloween.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

October

27 Professional Responsibility Seminar, 11:30 check-in and lunch; 12:00-2:00 seminar, Spalding Pastoral Center

31 YLC Blood Drive, 9:00 - 1:00 at Peoria County Courthouse

November

7 Government & Public Interest Seminar, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Spalding Pastoral Center, social at Obed & Isaac's immediately following

13 Workers' Compensation Seminar, 1:00-4:15 p.m., Heyl Royster Learning Center, 300 Hamilton Blvd.

14 New Member's Luncheon, 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. at Jim's Steak House - invitation only

23 & 24 - Thanksgiving break, courts & courthouse closed.

December

14 Holiday Party, cocktails - 5:30 Dinner - 6:30 Entertainment - 7:30, The Waterhouse, 316 SW Washington (MAXAM Building)

25 & 26 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (Obsvd.), Courts & Courthouse closed.

Committee Meetings - All meetings at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted.

October

2 Substantive Law Committee Chairs

3 Real Property

5 Family Law Section

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10 Civil Practice

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October 2017 Court News - By: Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan

1) 2018 Tenth Circuit Judicial Assignments, effective 1-1-18 can be found by going to the www.peoriabar.org and clicking on Documents under the 'Members' tab.

2) Hope to see you at the Celebrate Pro Bono Reception on Monday, October 23!

2017 Diversity Luncheon

We'd like to thank everyone who attended and supported the 14th Annual Diversity Luncheon last month. Keynote speaker attorney and journalist Benjamin Holden gave an inspiring talk on how attorneys can play an important role in the lives of young people. To read about Mr. Holden, view the list of recipients of the 2017 Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship, as well as contributors and supporters of the event, go to:

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Holiday Party

On December 14, 2017,
a gathering will be held at the Maxam Building
for all PCBA members, far and near
to drink, eat and share holiday cheer.

After the meal but before dessert,
attention to the stage and screen will divert
as jokes and songs, some old and some new
will be delivered by Matt Smith, members of the skit committee, and even some of YOU!

Join us for the Annual Holiday Party!

Cost is only \$50 until December 1. Register now by going to www.peoriabar.org and click on Holiday Party on the event calendar.



Fastest Firm - Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth



Most firm participants - Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo

Not Pictured: Male Winner - Guillermo Rolon (Time 16:45)



Female Winner - Sarah Herbert (Time: 24:06)



Announcing of Awards

Fitness, Health & Wellness

Strides for Justice 2017 was the 10th anniversary of our 5K run and 1-mile walk, supporting Prairie State Legal Services and wellness in the legal community.

This year's event raised a record contribution to Prairie State of over \$5,000, possibly approaching \$6,000 (depending on final figures). We almost matched last year's record of 195 participants (ending up with 191), and the sponsorships, particularly among law firms, were up considerably.

Thanks to excellent work by the race committee, and the usual great weather, the race/walk on Grandview Drive came off almost flawlessly, with a lot of compliments from the runners and walkers afterwards. Local running star Guillermo Rolon won the race for the fourth year in a row with a time of 16:53; Logan Block (6th) and Mitch Gilfillan (16th) were the top attorneys. Sarah Herbert was the top female, in 23rd place overall.

While the participation of attorneys, judges, and legal staff, and their families, was increased this year, the committee is optimistic that next year's race will have increased participation. The opportunity for persons in our profession to get out there and get moving, even if just walking, is one that most if not all of us should undertake.

The 11th annual Strides for Justice 5K is tentatively set for the morning of September 22, 2018, and it's not too early to put it on your calendar!

Hasselberg, Grebe, Snodgrass, Urban & Wentworth won the Debbie Ryva Memorial Trophy for fastest law firm, for the second year in a row. Jennifer Wolfe, Denise Conklin, and President Michele Miller were among age-group award winners for their fast times on the women's side. Ron Hanna, Kevin Miller, and Mark Wertz won awards on the men's side along with Mitch and Logan. Several children of attorneys won awards as well.

Lincoln Memorial Banquet

Save the date! The Lincoln Memorial Banquet will be held on February 15, 2018. This year's speaker is the Honorable Ronald Spears, retired Fourth Circuit Judge. We are excited to try a new venue this year too! The banquet will be held at the new Holiday Inn & Suites, 7601 N. Orange Prairie Road. Registration will open in December.

Remember, nominations for the **Distinguished Community Service Award** are open. Nominations can be submitted online or by downloading the forms which can all be found by going to the PCBA website at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on DCSA under 'Members.'

Membership

We recieved applications for membership from Nancy Rabel and Kevin Kuykendall. Student memberships were recieved from Angela White, Joshua Rakoff, Tyler Eathington and Lilia "Christy" Ramirez.

Nancy is an attorney with Miller, Hall & Triggs and Kevin has started his own practice. Angela is with Heyl Royster, Joshua is with St. Louis University School of Law, Tyler is with Quinn Johnston and Christy is with the City of Peoria.

The New Member's Luncheon will be held November 14 from noon - 1:00 p.m. at Jim's Steak House. This is an invitation only event. We will be welcoming the following members: Lauren Smith, Leanne Beyer, Joseph Cassidy, Seth Tebeest, Tyler Eathington, Christy Ramirez, Joshua Rakoff, Kevin Kuykendall, Katherine Hartzell, Patricia Naylor, Nancy Rabel and Anglea White.

Local Continuing Legal Education

October Professional Responsibility Seminar October 27, 2017

The Columbus Day Professional Responsibility Seminar has changed! The new date is Friday, October 27, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Topics include: Competence in the Use of Technology; Technology and Marketing; LinkedIn and Other Social Media; First Amendment; and malpractice insurance relating to technology.

2017-2018 Winter Series

November 7: Government & Public Interest Seminar - This seminar will be from 2:00-5:00 p.m., at Spalding Pastoral Center, followed by a social at Obed & Isaac's.

November 13: Workers' Compensation Seminar - This seminar will be from 1:00 - 4:15 at the Heyl Royster Learning Center, located at 300 Hamilton Blvd.

January 13: Estate Planning & Probate

January 20: Family Law

January 27: Civil Practice

Each of the January seminars will be from 8:30 - 12:00 at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Check-in and continental breakfast begin at 8:00 a.m.

Cost of each seminar is \$65 for members, \$80 for McLean County members, and \$95 for non-members. We are offering the discount of 5 for the price of 4 this year as well. Registration will open soon.



Nominating Committee

On September 20, 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 Emily Wilburn as its nominee for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the year 2018-2019. The committee has spoken with Emily who has agreed that if she is so nominated, she will accept the position.

2017-2018 Nominating Committee

Hon. Jerelyn D. Maher, 2016-17 President & Chair
 Timothy J. Howard, 2015-16 President
 Craig S. Young, 2014-15 President
 James F. Kane, 2013-14 President
 Hon. Lisa Y. Wilson, 2012-13 President
 Two members under age 36 appointed by the chair:
 Kyle Tompkins & Melissa Schoenbein

Public Relations

Public Relations vice-chair Mitch Gilfillan recently met with students in an American Government class at the East Peoria High School. He discussed the legal profession, steps to becoming an attorney and the fundamental principles of law and justice, followed by a question and answer session. At right is Mitch with the students.



Young Lawyers Committee

The PCBA Young Lawyers Committee will be once again holding its annual Halloween Blood Drive on October 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the County Board Room on the 4th floor of the Peoria County Courthouse. We highly encourage anyone who has given blood before, or never given blood at all to be a part of the drive. This event is not just limited to lawyers, but anyone and everyone in the community, so get the word out. While walk-ins are welcome, please contact Wade Blumenshine at WBlumenshine@HeylRoyster or J.D. VanRheeden at Jvanrheeden@quinnjohnston to reserve a donation time slot. We look forward to seeing you.

Prairie State Legal Services

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

Syed Ahmad, Sumner Bourne, Christopher Crawford, Timothy Howard, Anne Mergen, Christopher Nelson, Jessica Sarff and Seth TeBeest.

To view upcoming CLEs for pro bono attorneys, visit:

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Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee would like to invite you to attend the 4th Annual Celebrate Pro Bono Reception which kicks off National Pro Bono Week. This is a celebration of all of the great pro bono work that has been done by local attorneys and law firms in the Tenth Judicial Circuit. This event will be held at the Caterpillar Visitors Center on Monday, October 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will be the guest speaker for the event. Complimentary drinks and appetizers will be provided as this event is being co-sponsored by The Legal Services Division of Caterpillar, Inc., the Peoria County Bar Association, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., Public Interest Law Initiative, and the Tazewell County Bar Association. Awards will be presented by the Peoria County Bar Association, Tazewell County Bar Association, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., and the 10th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, October 18th at www.pili.org/10thcircuit. If you have any questions about this event or registration, please feel free to contact Judge Lisa Y. Wilson at 309-672-6905 or by email at lwilson@peoriacounty.org.

Will Search

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the last will for Zachary Gardner, DOB: 6/30/1970 DOD: 8/6/2017, please contact Jeffrey Bach at 309-673-0100 or by email at jbachesq@gmail.com

Civil Jury Verdict Report

The next Civil Jury Verdict Report has been uploaded to the website. You can view it by going to the site below. You must be logged in to view it.

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