

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

Message from the President



Our past and our future. February saw both the oldest and newest of the PCBA's efforts. On February 15, retired Judge Ron Spears gave an enthusiastic and informative speech about Abraham Lincoln as lawyer to an intimate crowd of just over 100. (At left: **Emily Wilburn** (incoming Secretary-Treasurer), **Michele Miller** (President), **Maureen Mulville** (Member) and **Anna Krowlikowska**, New Member at the banquet.) As always, our staff did a great job putting this event together. Unfortunately, the attendance at this event continues to decline.

To that end, on the last day of February, the **PCBA 2030** committee met for the first time. PCBA members and non-members discussed the future of our bar association. The PCBA 2030 committee was spearheaded by Mike Gifford and has the support of all the officers. I believe this organization is at a crossroads and new ideas and plans are necessary to keep providing value to membership. It is time to have this discussion and develop long-term plans for continuity. At the PCBA office in March, there will be four free **Brown Bag** seminars. Seating is limited,

please contact Linda or Stephanie if you want to sign up for one or more of these free CLE opportunities.

We are also excited to work with the federal and state court judges to create a summer judicial internship program for law students with a connection to this area. More information is to come - if you know any law students with an interest, please let us know.

Court News By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan

National Court Reporter week was recently celebrated. Court reporting is a critically important component of the justice system. Our local courthouse and private reporters are excellent at what they do. Please remember, the burden of 'making a record' is not solely that of the court reporter. It also rests with us, the attorneys and judges. Our joint goal: CLARITY. Thank a court reporter today!

Annual Meeting – Save the Date!

Calling all current and incoming Board Members: The 2018 Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will be **Monday, July 9**, at the Peoria Marriott Père Marquette from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The members present will vote to approve changes in the By-Laws and on the incoming slate of officers: **Richard Zuckerman** as President, **Michael Gifford** as President-Elect, **Ambrose McCall** as Second Vice President, and **Emily Wilburn** as Secretary-Treasurer. Please plan to attend and support your association.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

MARCH

- 7 Commercial Law & Litigation Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited - registration required.**
- 14 Cyber Safety by Pearl Technologies Brown Bag Seminar, 12: 00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited – registration required.**
- 14 Lunch with Arbitrator Granada and Commissioner Luskin, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Heyl Royster's Learning Center. **Free lunch, registration required.**
- 21 Real Estate Closings Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited – registration required.**
- 28 Appellate Practice Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited – registration required.**
- 30 Good Friday - Courts & Courthouse Closed, PCBA Office closed

APRIL

- 12 Workers' Compensation Case Law Update with Kevin Elder and Jessica Bell, 12:00 p.m. at Two25 Restaurant
- 13 Family Law Tax Seminar, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center
- 19 Law Day Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center

Did you know...

- The PCBA website, www.peoriabar.org, has a member directory. This directory contains contact information for our members, and can save you the time it takes to call the PCBA office to get this information. To view, go to the website and click on member directory under the members tab.
- Ever thought about serving on the Board of Directors? Serving on the Board is a valuable experience that can give insight on the workings of the Association. The PCBA is now accepting nominating petitions for the office of Director-at-Large of the Peoria County Bar Association. All petitions must be received by the Executive Director no later than May 1, 2018. You can find the form online by clicking [here](#), or by clicking on documents under the members tab and clicking on PCBA documents.

Committee Meetings *Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted.*

March

5 Civil Practice Section	13 Substantive Law (Section Chairs)	27 Meet the Judges – Judge Lyons
6 Real Property	19 CLE	
8 Young Lawyers Committee (YLC)	20 Board of Directors	
12 Budget Committee	22 Commercial Law & Litigation Section	

Diversity

Our thanks go to Diversity Committee member **Clifton Mitchell**, who recently spoke at a New Horizons Club meeting at Mark Bills Middle School. The committee continues to explore ways to encourage local school kids to consider a career in the legal field. As per President Miller's note on page 1, the committee is working on a local judicial internship program. Finally, remember to encourage law school students you know to apply for **The Robert H. Jenetten Diversity Scholarship** for 2018. The application may be found at www.peoriabar.org, click on PCBA Foundation, then Diversity Scholarship Application, or use the link below:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=63892&module_id=254490

Entertainment *From Shaun Cusack, incoming Golf Chair*

Mark your calendars for the PCBA's **2018 Golf Outing!** This year's event will take place on **August 10, 2018**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. Shaun has broken from tradition this year by setting the event for a **FRIDAY!** Registration begins in June.

Fitness Health & Wellness *by Rob Everett*

Tired of spending your lunch staring at your computer eating a wilted salad? Why not try a lunch workout? Sitting all day has been linked to heart disease and type 2 diabetes, so get up and move. You probably won't be able to exercise during every lunch because work comes first, but try working out over your lunch break and see how you feel. Working out over lunch will make you more productive in the afternoon and less stressed. You may even find that you won't need that caffeine drink in the afternoon and your eyes won't ache from staring at your computer screen for eight hours. Even if time is short, you can get in a great workout at the gym by picking up the intensity. You can also do some in-office workouts such as chair squats, wall push-ups, knee bends, etc. Do not skip eating after your workout. Packing a healthy lunch at home will help you avoid that heavy feeling you may get from eating out for lunch.

110th Lincoln Memorial Banquet



The Honorable Ron Spears (left) was, as we had heard, an excellent speaker! The program began with a stellar rendition of the National Anthem by **Rob Bennett**. The 2018 Distinguished Community Service Award was presented to **Ken Snodgrass** of Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban and Wentworth, and retired **Judge Richard McCoy** was recognized for his years of service on the bench. Thanks go to **Carol Perkins**, Committee Chair, the committee members, everyone who attended, and

especially **Stephanie Bitner**, who did a yeoman's work organizing everything!

(Above, left: *Carol Perkins, Committee Chair, Robert Craghead (ISBA Executive Director), Richard Zuckerman (PCBA President-Elect) and Ralph Davis (PCBA Member and long-time supporter of the event)*) Thanks to photographer Barb Williams, the event has been memorialized and may be viewed by clicking this link: https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=481&club_id=63892&actr=2#

Local Continuing Legal Education

2018 Brown Bag Seminars

This year's lineup for the annual series includes: March 7, Commercial Law & Litigation (Changes to the LLC Act by Mary Corrigan and Collecting a Judgment in the E-Filing World by Brad Barber; March 14, Cyber Safety by Paul Welch of Pearl Technology; March 21, Real Estate Closings by Bob Coletta and Christopher Oswald; and March 28, Appellate Practice – Using Standard of Review by Anne Mergen

and Brad Elward. These one-hour seminars are free for PCBA members and lunch is provided; **advance registration required**. As with all of the PCBA's seminars, the Brown Bag series (besides Cyber Safety) will be available on DVD or On Demand. The 2018 Winter Series seminars are now available on **DVD and On Demand**. The cost (per seminar) is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com to purchase.

April 12 Workers' Compensation Seminar: Case Law Update from Kevin Elder & Jessica Bell – This seminar will be at noon at Two25, 225 NE Adams St. The cost is \$35 and includes the delicious and nutritious salad and pizza bar and provides one (1) hour of general MCLE credit. Seating is limited to 25 attendees.

April 13 Family Law Tax Seminar – This seminar will be held on Friday, April 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Attorney and CPA Jeffrey W. Brend will be speaking on the new tax laws affecting family law. The cost is \$65 for PCBA members and includes two (2) hours of general MCLE credit. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

June 6 Professional Responsibility – 1 hour of Mental Health by Dr. Finkenbine plus 1 hour of Diversity/Inclusion. This seminar will fulfill the new Illinois Supreme Court Requirements.

October Tried & True: Part V – The Appeal Kevin Miller and crew are at it again! Details forthcoming.

You can register for any of these seminars by visiting our event calendar on the website, or by clicking this link:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=63892

Membership

We received applications for membership from **Benjamin Mills** and **Joseph Moran**. These applications will be presented to the Board in April for approval. Benjamin is an associate attorney with Murphy & Dunn, P.C. and Joseph is an attorney with Stephens, Fiddes, McGill & Associates.

The **New Members' Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, **May 9** at Jim's Steak House. This is an invitation only event. The **New Members' Reception** will be held **June 7** at Obed & Isaac's, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All attorneys and judges may join us in welcoming our newest members. Complimentary beverages and appetizers.

Substantive Law – Section News

*Quarterly newsletter coming soon! Thank you, Committee Chair **David B. Wiest** for your continued work!*



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Appellate Practice In addition to the March 28 Brown Bag Seminar focusing on Using Standard of Review, a new seminar has been scheduled for **September 12**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Spalding. Topics include an overview of appellate practice and the appeal process, preserving error for appeal during trial, final orders and interlocutory appeal options, post-trial motions and notices of appeal and cross appeal, e-filing, a moderated panel of specialties (work comp, domestic and family, administrative review and criminal), and concludes with a moderated panel discussion with appellate justices. Mark your calendar for this seminar -- four hours general MCLE credit.

Civil Practice This section held its annual CLE in January and is available on DVD or on demand.

Commercial Law & Litigation This section's Brown Bag Seminar on March 7 will focus on Changes to the LLC Act and Collecting a Judgment in the E-Filing World.

Criminal Law This section has plans for a seminar at a time yet to be determined.

Estate Planning & Probate This section held its annual CLE in January and is available on DVD or on demand.

Family Law This section held its annual CLE in January and is available on DVD or on demand. They also are pleased to present the **April 13** seminar on the Impact of New Tax Laws on Family Law. Register for this two-hour seminar **before April 6** to get the early registration price.

Federal Practice In January we welcomed **Sam Perkins** as new section chair and would like to thank Sam for his work in coordinating the segment on Federal Practice that was included in the Civil Practice CLE in January.

Workers' Compensation *From Section Chair **Tim Steil**:* Join your fellow workers' compensation attorneys for **Free Lunch with Arbitrator and Commissioner** on Wednesday, **March 14** at the Heyl Royster Learning Center, 300 Hamilton Blvd. Arbitrator Granada and Commissioner Luskin will be discussing motion and trial practice in front of them and request you to bring as many questions you have! This lunch is for **PCBA members only** and is limited to 50 attendees.

Athletico Physical Therapy is the lunch sponsor and a representative will speak briefly about their services. Register by clicking this link:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=63892&item_id=787351

NEW! Workers' Compensation Case Law Update from Kevin Elder and Jessica Bell.

Date: April 12, 2018, 12:00, Two25 Restaurant, 225 NE Adams St., Peoria, only \$35!

This program provides one hour of general MCLE credit and includes the delicious and nutritious salad and pizza bar from Two25!

To register just click this link: https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=63892&item_id=787443

Young Lawyers Committee

The Young Lawyers committee will be holding their annual **Law Day Luncheon** on **Thursday, April 19** at noon at the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria. This year's speaker is former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Congressman, Ray LaHood. The middle school Law Day essay contest winners will be announced at the April 19 event. **Paige Blumenshine** from Quinn Johnston is in charge of the contest this year. We will also recognize our members who are celebrating 50 years since their admission to the bar: **A. Lou Benassi, Ronald L. Hamm, Arthur J. Inman, Frederick A. Johnson, Kent A. Noble, Maximilian M. Prusak, Raymond C. Rose and Ronald B. Schertz**. We will also welcome our newest 10th Circuit Judge, **The Honorable Sean W. Donahue** to the Bench. The cost is \$40 per person, or \$400 for a table of 10. To register, visit our website and click on the event calendar tab, or follow the link below:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=63892&item_id=777427

Start your spring cleaning -- the Suit Drive is coming!

A letter with information on the **YLC Suit Drive** will be sent out soon to all PCBA members. This year the donated items will be sent to the Dream Center Peoria and will help start their new Career Center. All dress clothes and other items will need to be delivered between **March 26 – 29**. Information on how and where to donate these items will be addressed in the letter.

Other News

Lawyers' Assistance Program [LAP] – Joseph R. Bartylak Dinner, Thursday, April 5, 2018, 5:30 p.m., Keynote Speaker: **The Honorable Lisa Y. Wilson**, 10th Judicial Circuit. **RSVP by March 16** at 2018bartylakdinner.eventbrite.com.

To read LAP's latest article *Making Lawyers Who Lead*, written by Shannon Callahan, click the following link:

<https://pcba.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=376203>

Firm Changes Habecker & Morris, LLC has been changed to Habecker, Morris & Dluski, LLC.

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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](#)

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