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

Message from the President

As The Doors sang in 1969-THIS IS THE END. Well the end of the 2018-2019 PCBA fiscal year – and the end of my term as your President. I am so honored to have been chosen to lead this renowned and historic organization. Our Bar Association is held in high regard and esteem and considered as a model for what a mid-sized county bar association can do for its members and the legal profession. I have no doubt that our reputation will be maintained by my successors. A number of thank yous, personal and institutional, are in order.



First and foremost, I have to thank the members of the Association for their support for all of the events and activities. Attendance at events was up this year and so was our income. The visits from the 3 Chiefs – Chief Judge Evans, Chief Justice Karmerier, and Dean Amar – to the Diversity Luncheon, Lincoln Memorial Banquet, and Law Day Luncheon were highlights of the year. And let us not forget the Roast of Joe Napoli at the Holiday Party. None of these events would have been successful without the support of our membership.

I also want to thank the Board of Directors and all of the volunteers who spent countless hours at meetings, events, and activities such as the CLE programs, golf outing, and Strides for Justice. Our Association offers a wide range of professional and community-oriented activities that would not exist without the hard work of these volunteers.

Finally, but most importantly, I want to thank Linda and Stephanie for all of the time and energy they have put into making the PCBA the organization that it is today. Without our hard-working staff it would be very difficult to keep this Association going. Thank you.

I want to wish my successor, Mike Gifford, and his Board good luck for the coming fiscal years. The Association is in good hands as it moves forward towards 2020 in our ever-changing professional environment. Please attend the Annual Meeting/New Members' Reception on July 8 for the changing of the guard.

Peoria County Bar Association – the Original Social Media.

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan*

- 1) Information about the posted Notice of Vacancies for Two (2) Associate Judge vacancies can be found at 10thcircuitcourtil.org. Application deadline is July 12th.
- 2) Dave Collins has recently left his role of Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners chairman. Replacing him on the commission will be Jim Manning. Both are esteemed members of the PCBA.
- 3) The two-month closure of the Jefferson Street entrance of the Courthouse has been pushed back to July 8th.



Membership Dues

Dues notices were sent out by email to all members on Friday, June 28. If you did not receive yours, please contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com

Annual Meeting and New Members' Reception Combine to Mix Business with Pleasure

The Annual Meeting and New Members' Reception will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2019**, in the Renaissance Room of the Janssen Law Center, 110 SW Jefferson Ave. (3rd floor). We will honor Richard Zuckerman for his year of service as President, and welcome Michael Gifford as incoming President, along with Ambrose McCall and Emily Wilburn as President-Elect and Second Vice President, respectively. We will also vote on the Nominating Committee's motion to approve Michael Fleming as incoming Secretary-Treasurer. A vote will be taken on changes made to the By-Laws as well (see Committee Reports). We will keep the meeting brief this year in order to allow more time to welcome our newest members and enjoy a bit of social time. The cost is \$25 per person (new members are FREE) and includes hors d'oeuvres and 1 drink ticket. Registration is open and can be done online by clicking [here](#), or by visiting the event calendar on our website (www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event. See enclosed flyer for the list of New Members. Thank you to our sponsors listed on the flyer.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

JULY

- 4** Independence Day, Courts & Courthouses Closed
- 8** Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Renaissance Room, 3rd Floor of Janssen Law Center
- 25** PCBA Foundation Trustees Meeting

AUGUST

- 9** PCBA Annual Golf Outing, WeaverRidge Golf Club

Committee Meetings

Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted

JULY

- 10 Family Law Section
- 16 Work Comp Section
- 17 Entertainment - Holiday Party
- 18 Lincoln Memorial Banquet

AUGUST

- 2 Fitness, Health & Wellness
- 6 Real Property
- 8 Young Lawyers
- 27 Local Continuing Legal Education

Committee Reports

If you would like to join a committee, see the last page of this newsletter for the list of committees and respective chairpersons. Contact the chair so he/she will be aware of your interest and add your name to the list of participants. If you currently receive calendar notices of committee meetings and no longer wish to be on the committee, please contact Linda at pcba@mtco.com.

Communications & Technology

The time has come to begin working on the 2019-20 Attorneys' Directory. Please take a look at your listing in the current directory and email any changes to Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com before July 15.

Diversity

Save the Date! The 16th Annual Diversity Luncheon has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2019**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx will be the keynote speaker. Please mark your calendars.

Reminder: **July 15 is the deadline for students to apply for the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship.** If you know a local student who would be interested in applying, the link is

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



10th Judicial Circuit Judicial Intern

Ean Albers recently finished his six-week summer internship with the 10th Judicial Circuit. Ean graduated in May 2017 from the University of Illinois with his Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He is currently attending Southern Illinois University for his Juris Doctorate and is expected to graduate in May 2020.



Entertainment – Annual Golf Outing

The PCBA Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 9, at WeaverRidge Golf Club**. *Rain date is Friday, August 23.* Mark both dates on your calendars and register now by clicking [here](#), or visiting the event calendar on our website (www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event. Word on the street is that under management, golfers will see many improvements to the course!



Fitness Health & Wellness *By Mike Fleming*

Hey we finally got some decent weather! Being outdoors in the summer is fun, and it's a great opportunity for some healthful activities to help keep you fit and well (or push you in that direction)!

Such activities should be a frequent and regular part of your life, especially when you have a relatively sedentary job such as working in a law office or courthouse. Walking, jogging, and running, including interval running (running or jogging for a certain distance or time, then walking for a certain distance or time, then repeating several times) are perfect for this time of year. There are many small groups of runners and walkers regularly going out for exercise—you can get times and places on the Run309 and IVS (Illinois Valley Striders) webpages. Wednesday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday mornings, are common times for these groups, and everyone is welcome.

And PLEASE sign up for our Strides for Justice 5K run/walk or 1 mile walk, at stridesforjustice.com. The event is on Saturday morning, September 28, at 8 a.m., at Tower Park in the Heights, and everyone can do it!! It's a great fund-raiser for Prairie State Legal Services to boot! Take a moment right now and sign up, don't put it off! P.S. A family of four, or larger, can register for a discounted price that is less than the cost of four individual sign-ups! GET HEALTHY! STAY HEALTHY!

Local Continuing Legal Education

"Protective Remedies" plus Professional Responsibility seminar – October date & location to be determined (Ann Pieper, Chair)

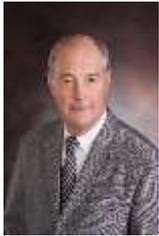
Work Comp Annual CLE - November 7, 1:30 – 4:30 at Heyl Royster Learning Center (Jessica Bell, Chair)

2020 Winter Series CLE: Saturday, January 11; Friday, January 17; Saturday, January 25; Friday, January 31; and Saturday, February 8. Topics to be determined.

Membership

We received an application for student membership from Robert Miller and Lucas Myrna. Robert is a student at Indiana University-McKinney School of Law and Lucas is a student at University of Illinois College of Law.

Memorial



On Thursday, June 13, a member of the association, Gerald W. Brady, Jr. passed away. Jerry graduated from St. Louis University in 1981 with his law degree. After passing the bar exam, he was an Assistant State's Attorney from 1982 to 1985. He then started his own private practice where he remained for the next 26 years. In 2011 he was appointed Peoria County State's Attorney. While serving as State's Attorney, Jerry was involved with the ELITE program, "Most Violent Offender" project and the "Don't Shoot" program. This past February Jerry was the 2019 recipient of the PCBA Distinguished Community Service Award. Memorials in member of Mr. Brady may be made to the PCBA Foundation by sending a check to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation, 110 SW Jefferson, Suite 520, Peoria, IL 61602, or online at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on "PCBA Foundation" on the home page.

The PCBA has donated \$100 to the PCBA Foundation in memory of Jerry Brady.

Changes in contact information

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Jennetten, Patrick – 2708 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61604, Phone: (309) 670-2400, Fax: (309) 966-4872

Prairie State Legal Services *By Myraida Melendez*

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: Jay Greening of Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC; Jacob Gillfillan of Cusack, Gilfillan & O'Day LLC; Valerie Moehle of Moehle, Swearingen & Lobacz, Ltd; and Joe Cassidy of Cassidy & Mueller P.C.

MAY SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

We would like to give a very special thank you to the following members of the Young Lawyers Committee for providing our clients with free legal advice at our May sealing and expungement clinic. Tyler Smith of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller; Wesley Enz of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller; Wade Blumenshine of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen; Kerriane Waters of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller and Abigail Fleming of the Fleming Law Office.

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 still in need of volunteers for our August 23, 2019 Sealing and Expungement Clinic. Please call or email me if you are interested in donating some of your time to assist our clients. You can also sign up using the following link: <http://signup.com/login/entry/725747266071>. If you would like to volunteer your services, receive additional training in other areas of law, or are willing to give 15-30 minute phone consultations in your area of expertise, please call me at 309-621-4005 or email me at mmelendez@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.

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.

Thank you and Welcome!

A huge thank you to our 2018-2019 Board of Directors! We appreciate all your time and efforts during the last year. We'd also like to welcome our incoming 2019-2020 Board of Directors who are listed below.

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Foundation News

One of the charitable contributions the PCBA Foundation funds is the Illinois Central College Lela Post Scholarship, in honor of Executive Secretary **Lela Post**, who ran the Bar office from 1979 – 1998. Each year the PCBA has sold Mulligan's at the annual golf outing and the proceeds were applied to the scholarship at I.C.C. in Lela's name. Several years ago, as the balance of the Foundation grew, the Foundation Trustees unanimously voted to also make a \$500 contribution. This year the recipient of the scholarship is **Katherine Jason**, who writes, "Thank you so much to the sponsor[s] (PCBA members who contribute to the Foundation) of the Lela Post Legal Assistant Scholarship! I am so humbly grateful to be selected. Paralegal combines so many of the things I naturally love to do: researching, writing, interviewing, problem solving, helping others, and so much more. I feel that I did not choose paralegal, but rather it chose me."

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*To be confirmed by a vote of the members at the Annual Meeting on July 8. Make your reservation today and vote.