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

President's Message

We have wrapped up our first full month of the new fiscal year, and your Association is busy! Committees are clicking into high gear planning ahead. If you are not already serving on one or two committees, please consider doing so. In most cases it is a relatively minimal time commitment for you but a big help for the Association.



There is a lot of activity coming up for your participation and benefit, too. We have the 15th annual Strides for Justice walk/run on Saturday morning, September 24, on beautiful Grandview Drive. Funds raised are for Prairie State Legal Services, and the walk or run is a good fitness event for all of us! It's a very social event too with the pizza at Oliver's afterwards. Sign up using the link on the PCBA website (<https://raceroster.com/events/2022/56853/strides-for-justice>).

In October we have the 19th annual Diversity Luncheon at the Spalding Center on October 5, as well as the Fall Professional Responsibility Seminar in the same location on the 28th. Both should be worthwhile and outstanding events as always.

And the annual Golf Outing is on October 7th at Mt. Hawley Country Club, a good time to relax (if you can do so playing the exasperating game of golf!) and enjoy each other's company on the course as well as for cocktails and dinner afterwards.

Finally, there are some Pro Bono events going in in the second half of October, more about that in the near future.

There is plenty going on---get involved in some of it! And always let one of the officers or board members know if you think of a way to improve our services to the members, or add new services!!!

Court News *By Chief Judge Katherine S. Gorman*



1. In August, Judge Ierulli visited Valeska Hinton to read to students.
2. Please help welcome Circuit Judge-Elect, Stu Umholtz. He will be sworn in on September 19, 2022, at 9:00 am in Courtroom 308 at the Tazewell County Courthouse. He will be assigned to Peoria County Civil Court, Courtroom 214.



3. Effective September 19, 2022, Judge Bauer will be assigned to Tazewell County, courtroom 101. Judge Bauer will be back in Peoria from time to time to handle certain matters until January 1, 2023.

4. Congratulations to Judge Washington who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Judicial Education.

September Calendar

- 2 PCBA Office Closed
- 5 Labor Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed, PCBA Office Closed
- 15 PCBA Office Closed
- 16 PCBA Office Closed
- 24 Strides for Justice 5k run/1 mile walk

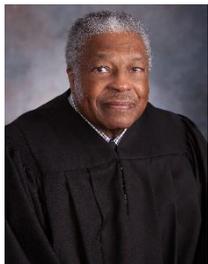
Committee Meetings

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

1	Public Relations (Z)	12	Diversity (Z)	22	C&T (Z)
6	Real Property (Z)	14	Fitness, Health & Wellness (Z)	26	Membership (Z)
7	Holiday Party (Z)	20	Board of Directors (O)	27	Public Relations (Z)
8	YLC (Z)	21	Government & Public Interest (Z)	29	Workers' Comp (Z)

Committee Reports

Diversity



This year's Annual Diversity Luncheon is back in-person! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 5** at the Spalding Pastoral Center. This year's keynote speaker is Hon. Joe Billy McDade, United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. The recipient of the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship will also be announced.

Lunch buffet will open at 11:30 a.m. and the program will be from Noon – 1:00 p.m. Registration can be completed online by clicking [here](#). Cost is \$45 per person or \$450 for a table of ten.

The net proceeds of this event go to the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship. Thank you for your support!

Entertainment – Golf Outing

Registration is open for the PCBA Annual Golf Outing! This year's event is being held on **Friday, October 7** at Mt. Hawley Country Club. The rain date is Friday, October 14. Please reserve both dates on your calendar!

Costs

Golf & Dinner - \$125 - includes **4 drink tickets**

Golf Only - \$100 - includes **4 drink tickets**

Dinner Only - \$30

Timeline

Check-in begins - 12:00 p.m.

Shotgun tee-off - 1:00 p.m.

Dinner - 5:30 p.m. (Awards & Door Prizes to follow)

Reservation Deadline: **Friday, September 30, 2022**. Please note - if you will be golfing with a foursome, there is a question before checkout to list the names of ALL golfers in the foursome. Registration can be completed online by clicking [here](#).



Fitness Health & Wellness by Kyle Tompkins, Committee Chair

Strides for Justice 2022--Coming Soon

Join your colleagues, friends, and family for a beautiful fall day along Grandview Drive on September 24, 2022 at 8 a.m. for Strides for Justice. Strides for Justice is an annual 5k run / 1 mile walk organized by the Fitness, Health and Wellness Committee in support of Prairie State Legal Services. The benefits of walking and just being active cannot be emphasized enough, and this is a great opportunity to get a jump start on healthy living. And don't forget about the Oliver's after-party immediately following the event for socializing. Register today at <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/56853/strides-for-justice>

Can't wait to see you there!



Also, congratulations to the Bad News Barristers on winning the Peoria Park District Co-Rec Softball League, Monday Division!

Local Continuing Legal Education

The **2022 Fall Professional Responsibility Seminar** will be **Friday, October 28 from Noon – 2:30 p.m.** at the **Spalding Pastoral Center**. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the seminar will start promptly at Noon. This seminar will be focused on recognizing our own implicit bias, how they relate to the legal field and how to overcome them. Attendees will be asked to take a few tests during the seminar and we will break into small groups to discuss the results. **This seminar is in-person only and will not be recorded.** Cost is \$65 for PCBA Members, \$80 for McLean County Bar Members and \$95 for Non-Members. To register, visit www.peoriabar.org and click on the event calendar, or click [here](#).

2023 Winter Series

The CLE committee and various sections are working on the 2023 Winter Series! If there are any specific topics you are interested in learning about, let Stephanie know at pcbaasst@mtco.com.

Membership

We received an application for regular membership from Justin Penn and Nathaniel Jackson, and an application for student membership from Joseph Sell. Justin is an attorney with Hinshaw & Culbertson, Nathaniel is with Prairie State Legal Services and Joseph is with Johnson, Bunce & Noble, P.C. If there are no objections, their names will be presented to the Board in September for approval.

Memorials



On July 5, 2022, a member of the Association, Justice Daniel L. Schmidt, passed away. Justice Schmidt received his B.A. from the University of Illinois and spent 9 years as a police officer before graduating from law school. Upon graduating law school from Washington University in St. Louis, Justice Schmidt practiced as a civil defense attorney for 19 years before being elected to the 3rd District Court of Appeals in 2002.

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

Pro Bono

Greetings from the Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee!

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee invites you to participate in a virtual meeting to be held on October 6, 2022, from noon to 1 p.m. to learn about the various opportunities that attorneys can provide pro bono legal services to those in our community. The Peoria office of Prairie State Legal Services and the Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, with the assistance of the Public Interest Law Initiative, will provide information on the short-term and long-term ways that you can help those who need legal assistance in civil legal matters. Local judges from the Tenth Judicial Circuit will also be present during this meeting. Please share this information to the attorneys in your firm and encourage them to attend so that they learn about the ways that they can share their expertise with those who need legal assistance.

Topic: Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Opportunities Meeting

Time: October 6, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85965153654?pwd=LzJTaFVCWHJYTzVwc0k5RGZNOGtBZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 6515 3654

Passcode: 297450

Thank you to all who provide pro bono legal services in the community already---you have made access to justice a reality through your work. Thank you also for your consideration of how we can do more to help those in need!

10th Judicial Circuit Celebrate Pro Bono Reception

This event will take place in the Renaissance Room, 3rd floor of the Janssen Law Center, on Monday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White is the special guest speaker. More information to come!

Public Relations

CareerSpark

We still need volunteers! On October 5 & 6, CareerSpark, an event designed to introduce Central Illinois 8th graders to different careers, is being held at the Peoria Civic Center. The Public Relations committee has decided to have a table where students will be able to ask questions & answer some trivia to learn about the legal field. We are looking to have 3-4 volunteers for each time slot.

Wednesday, October 5 – 8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (1 spot left)

Wednesday, October 5 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:40 p.m. (2 spots left)

Thursday, October 6 – 8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (2 spots left)

Thursday, October 6 – 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (we will have tear down afterwards, but it should go quick) (3 spots left)

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Public Relations committee chair, Carol Perkins at cperkins@carolperkinslaw.com, and Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com, with the time slot you would like.

This event is sponsored by the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and Junior Achievement, and they anticipate over 3,000 students to attend.

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).

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