



# LegalEase

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

## **President's Message**

The Lincoln Memorial Banquet was a pretty much unqualified success according to the feedback we have received. We were unaware of Justice Holder White's close connections to Abraham Lincoln while she was growing up and in school, but she certainly conveyed that very well to those present in an excellent presentation. We again appreciate how frequently she has visited Peoria since her appointment to the Supreme Court. Thanks, Jim Rochford, for chairing this event and all your hard work in putting it together!

The annual free Brown Bag seminars are going on now, great local CLE opportunities! Look at the list and sign up now, all via Zoom so plenty of room and convenience!

Congratulations to Nate Bach on his appointment to the bench!

Saw some members at the big Drake-Bradley men's basketball game at the Civic Center, good to see them out and about in the community.

Spring is around the corner—good time to look at your fitness program and efforts. It's not too early to start a walking/jogging/running regime which will put you in great shape to participate in the 2023 Strides for Justice event coming up in just over six months.



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



1. Congratulations to our newest Associate Judges, Katherine G. P. Legge and Nathan R. Bach. Recordings of their swearing in ceremonies can be found on the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit website, [www.10thcircuitcourtil.org](http://www.10thcircuitcourtil.org)
2. A revised list of courtroom assignments can be found on the 10<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit website, or by clicking [here](#).

## **Nominating Committee**

On December 2, 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 Katherine Swise as its nominee for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the year 2023-24. The committee has spoken with Katherine who has agreed that if she is so nominated, she will accept the position.

**The 2022-23 Nominating Committee Members:** Emily H. Wilburn, 2021-22, Immediate Past President & Chair, Ambrose V. McCall, 2020-21 President, Michael D. Gifford, 2019-2020 President; Richard W. Zuckerman, 2018-19 President; Michele A. Miller, 2017-18 President; Two members under age 36 appointed by the chair: Nicholas Rochford and JD VanRheeden



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

The Tenth Judicial Circuit is 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 [fierulli@peoriacounty.org](mailto:ierulli@peoriacounty.org).

## March Calendar

- 1 Real Property Brown Bag Webinar, Noon – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom
- 8 Criminal Law Brown Bag Webinar, Noon – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom
- 22 Commercial Law & Litigation Brown Bag Webinar, Noon – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom
- 29 Election Law Brown Bag Webinar, Noon – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom

## Committee Meetings

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

2	FH&W (Z)	14	Pro Bono (Z)	28	Diversity (Z)
7	Real Property (Z)	20	Holiday Party (Z)		
9	YLC (O)	21	Board of Directors (O & Z)		
10	CLE (Z)	23	Workers' Compensation		

## Committee Reports

### Communications & Technology

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

## 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.

Everything you need to know about the Pretrial Fairness Act.

[Click here to register](#)

## 2023 Brown Bag Series

The lineup for the remaining 2023 Brown Bag Series is below! These seminars will be held from Noon – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom, are for PCBA members only and are FREE! Take advantage of this membership perk! These seminars are for 1.0 hour of general MCLE credit. Registration can be completed by clicking [here](#).

**Wednesday, March 8** – Criminal Law – Federal Sentencing and the new Structured Impact Program (Bootcamp without the Boots!)

**Wednesday, March 22** - Commercial Law & Litigation - Case Law/Statute Update and the New Notary Law and Implications of Notarizing Documents

**Wednesday, March 29** – Election Law – How to get yourself or a referendum on the ballot (and object to either), and how to challenge the results. \*New date\*

## Membership

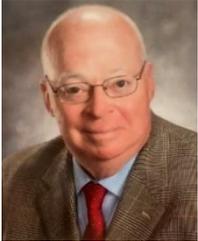
We received applications for membership from Megan Bennett, Timothy Higgus, Katelyn Schwiderski, Adam Casson, Joseph Moore and Bryant Lowe. Megan and Timothy are with Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, Katelyn and Joseph are with Heyl Royster Voelker & Allen, Adam is with Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth and Bryant Lowe is with Hasselberg Rock Bell & Kuppler. We received an application for renewal from Joel Brown, Jessica Pullen and Timothy McCarthy. Joel is a solo practitioner, Jessica is with Heyl Royster Voelker and Allena and Timothy is with McCarthy Law Firm. Their applications will be presented to the Board in April 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 Gilfillan 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 and John C. Mulgrew, Jr.



On February 4, 2023, a member of the association, Julian E. Cannell, passed away. Julian graduated with his Bachelor of Science from Bradley University in 1961 and received his JD from Northwestern University in 1964. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1965 and worked at Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick, P.C. 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 Julian E. Cannell. The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in his memory.



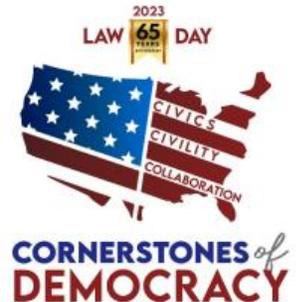
On February 8, 2023, a member of the association, Brent H. Gwillim, passed away. Brent graduated from Bradley University and from there went on to the University of Missouri College of Law where he received his JD. Brent spent his entire law career at Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C. Contributions 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 Brent H. Gwillim. The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in his memory.



On February 9, 2023, a member of the association, John C. Mulgrew, Jr., passed away. John attended the University of Illinois College of Law where he graduated in 1964 with his JD. Upon graduation he clerked for Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert C. Underwood and the firm Davis, Morgan and Witherell in Peoria. He then joined Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C. where he remained until retirement. 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 John C. Mulgrew, Jr. The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in his memory.

### 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 Friday, April 28, at noon and can be completed by [clicking here](#).



### 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).

### 2022-23 Board of Directors

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