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

Message from the President

- Hanukkah December 2 to December 10
- Christmas Eve/Day December 24 to December 25
- Kwanzaa December 26 to January 1, 2019
- Orthodox Christmas January 7, 2019



Happy Holidays to all from the Board, Staff, and Members of the Peoria County Bar Association.

The PCBA Holiday Party (December 13, 5:30 PM, Warehouse) will be a unique experience this year. It has been decided to roast our oldest practicing Association member, Joseph R. Napoli, like a chestnut on an open fire. We will also be treated to the stand-up comedy of our own Grinch, Matt Smith. If you do not attend you do so at your own peril.

If you want to add to your *pro bono* hours and bring holiday cheer please volunteer for the 10th Circuit Self-Represented Litigant Help Desk at the Peoria and Tazewell County Courthouses. A project of the 10th Circuit Pro Bono Committee of PILI, it is intended to provide assistance to SRLs. For further information please contact PILI.

Don't forget to mark down February 21, 2019 for the Lincoln Memorial Banquet with Chief Justice Karneier on your calendar.

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*

- With the new year approaching, a REMINDER: When a judge transfers out of a courtroom assignment, all cases that had been previously moved out of that courtroom by substitution/recusal of that judge shall automatically transfer back to that courtroom and the newly assigned judge, UNLESS the judge to whom it had initially been reassigned, elects to retain the case for a legitimate reason – all as stated in Admin. Order 2014-03, which can be found on the 10th circuit website, under 'NEWS'.
- Did you know independent contractor juvenile court GAL's have been moved from the oversight of the Public Defender's office to that of the Courts? They presently are: Anne Bartolo, Louise Natonek, Nina Gougis, Caryn Kamp and Chandra Justice. Floyd Dailey just recently left this position after more than two decades of service to concentrate on his private practice. Thanks Floyd!
- Judge David A. Brown was just appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to a 3-year term on the Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Courts. One of many examples of judges serving beyond the normal courtroom docket
- See this link for a wonderful story highlighting the good work performed by our Peoria Problem Solving Courts, under the caring direction of Judge Lisa Wilson: <https://www.centralillinoisproud.com/news/local-news/program-designed-to-help-people-end-criminal-activity-cycle-of-shows-results/1600460398> Judge Wilson will be transitioning out of Peoria's four PSCs on January 1st, and Judge Sean Donahue will capably take over this important role and will inherit a team of dedicated professionals to assist eligible individuals break the cycle of 'addiction-crime-punishment'.
- Have a great finish to 2018 everyone!

New Members' Luncheon

On November 15 nine of the PCBA's newest members attended the bi-annual luncheon with members of the bar and bench. At left: **Eileen Prescott, Wesley Enz, Kevin Day, Jennifer Donnelly**, Judge Thomas Perkins, **Breeia Little**, Judge James Shadid, **Julie Hagen**, Judge Paul Gilfillan, **Aliesha Graves, Tyler Smith, Kaleigh Stevens, Matthew McCue**, Justice Mary McDade and Richard Zuckerman.



Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

DECEMBER

- 13** Holiday Party – The Warehouse on State – cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.
- 24 & 25** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Courts and courthouse closed

JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day - Courts & Courthouse closed

- 12** Family Law CLE Spalding Center, 8:30 a.m. - noon
- 19** Estate Planning, Probate, Elder CL – Spalding Center, 8:30 a.m. – noon
- 21** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 26** Civil Practice Seminar – Spalding Center, 8:30 a.m. - noon

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

December

3	Holiday Party Planners	10	Holiday Party Planners	17	Lincoln Memorial Banquet
5	Federal Practice	11	CLE	18	Civil Practice Section
6	Communications & Technology	13	Meet the Judges – Judge Shadid at the Federal Courthouse	19	Diversity
7	Pro Bono				

Committee Reports

PCBA Members Assisting Service Members

Thank you to **Jim LeFante** (right) from LeFante Law Offices, who is assisting a veteran with a case. We appreciate all of our members who have assisted service members and Michael Lied of Howard & Howard who heads up this effort. Contact the PCBA office if you would like to be included on our list of volunteers.



Entertainment



Join your fellow PCBA members on Thursday, December 13 at the Warehouse on State, 736 SW Washington Ave., for a fun filled night full of great food, drinks, laughter and door prizes! This year's party will include a special roast of our oldest practicing attorney, Joe Napoli. Matt Smith will also take the stage with his annual comedy performance. Tickets are \$59 and include two (2) drink tickets, hors d'oeuvres and a buffet dinner. All attendees will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a bottle of wine or CxT coffee beans. You can register now by clicking [here!](#)

Fitness Health & Wellness

Daylight savings time has struck, and we have officially traded one hour of extra sleep for pitch black darkness on our commutes home for the next four months. For many, this can signify the beginning of the dreaded winter blues. There is some good news though, maintaining a consistent exercise program can help seriously combat the effects of "seasonal affective disorder." Keep your heart rate and your spirits up this fall/winter! For more information please see the link below.

<https://www.weightlossresources.co.uk/exercise/tips/exercise-to-beat-winter-blues.htm>

Lincoln Memorial Banquet

Save the date! The 111th Annual Lincoln Memorial Banquet will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2019**, at the **Holiday Inn & Suites at Grand Prairie**. Mark your calendars now. Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will be the keynote speaker.

Distinguished Community Service Award

Distinguished Community Service Award Nominations are open for the 2019 Distinguished Community Service Award. The recipient will be announced at the Lincoln Memorial Banquet held on Thursday, February 21, 2019. If you know an attorney who deserves this award, please visit the website at www.peoriabar.org and click on DCSA under the members tab. Here, you can submit your nomination online or download the forms and submit them to the PCBA office. Nomination deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019.

Local Continuing Legal Education

2019 Winter Series – Save the dates! **Saturday mornings, 8:30 - noon**: January 12 – Family Law, Kelly Giraud, Chair; January 19 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law, Susan Dawson-Tibbits, Chair; January 26 – Civil Practice, J. Kevin Wolfe, Chair; and **Friday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:30**: February 1 – The New Private Investigator in Town - Google, Judge Maher, Chair; and February 8 – Employment Law, Mike Lied, Chair. Full list of topics and speakers is attached, or visit www.peoriabar.org to register.

2019 Brown Bag Series

Mark your calendar now for FREE CLE with the Brown Bag Series for five consecutive Wednesdays beginning **March 6, 2019**. Already scheduled for this popular series are: **March 6 - Commercial Law & Litigation**, **March 13 - Federal Practice**, **March 20 - Real Estate**, **March 27 - Criminal Law** and **April 3 - Appellate Practice**. This series provides 5 hours free CLE and includes lunch; PCBA members only. Seating is limited and you must register online. The seminars are recorded so members may earn FREE CLE by viewing the recorded series on DVD or on-demand.

Membership

We have received applications for membership from **Eileen Prescott** and **Patrick Sheets**. Eileen is a clerk for Chief Judge James Shadid and Patrick is an attorney at Hanauer Law Office. Their applications will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in January.

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations committee is focusing on promoting a positive image of attorneys, the local justice system and the role of the Peoria County Bar Association throughout local public and private schools in Central Illinois. Each month, we are making a concerted effort to



speaking in local schools about the practice of law and the basic principles of our judicial system. Please email Public Relations Chair, Mitch Gilfillan (mgilfillan@quinnjohnston.com), or Vice-Chair, Seth TeBeest (stebeest@heyloyster.com), if you are interested in volunteering to speak. At left is attorney Logan Block, Quinn Johnston, with Rolling Acres Middle School students.



40 Leaders Under 40

The PCBA is pleased to announce that three of its members were named in the 2018 Class of **40 Leaders Under 40**. Congratulations to **Robert Hills, Hinshaw & Culbertson**, **Kyle Tompkins, Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth** and **Heather Russo, Illinois Mutual**.

Young Lawyers Committee

Project Santa

If you signed up for Project Santa, please be sure to get your gifts to the PCBA office or your YLC representative by noon on Monday, December 17. If you would still like to make any monetary donations, please contact Kyle Tompkins at ktompkins@hgsuw.com or Julie Hagen at jhagen@IllinoisCourts.gov.

Salvation Army

On November 28, YLC members Kevin Sheahan, Kyle Tompkins, Wade Blumenshine, J.D. VanRheeden, Logan Block, Kevin Day, Joey Pishghadamian, Brad Barber, Myraida Melendez and Paige Blumenshine, participated in the Salvation Army's bell ringing outside Commerce Bank. Thank you for your time!

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 and recently closed their pro bono cases: Mary Corrington of Howard & Howard; Judge Michael Brandt; Maureen Williams of the Law Offices of Maureen Williams; Scott Kriegsman of Elliff, Dancy & Bosich; Jane Ohaver of Jane Ohaver PC; Karen M. Stumpe of Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick; Yolanda Riley of McCall Law Offices; Richard Williams of Williams, Williams, and Bembenek; Larry Paluska of The Paluska Law Office; Tim Cushing of Jim Rochford & Associates; Anne Burton of The Burton Law Office; Alison Vawtner of the Law Office of Alison Vawtner; Sumner Bourne of Rafool, Bourne & Shelby; Syed Ahmad, Jessica Sarff and Robert Tenney of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen; William Wombacher of The Law Office of William C. Wombacher; Jeffrey Krumpel of Miller, Hall & Triggs; Michelle Eggert of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller and Spencer Daniels of The Law Office of Spencer L. Daniels.

PSLS STRIDES FOR JUSTICE

Prairie State Legal Services would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Peoria Bar Association's 2019 Strides for Justice 5k/1-mile walk. Your support is greatly appreciated. We would like to extend a congratulations to Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo for winning the 2019 "Fastest Firm" award. They had tough times to beat and we were informed that the trophy looks great in their reception area. We appreciate the continued support of the Peoria County Bar Association and all of the sponsors who make this event so successful every year.

PSLS PHONATHON

We would like to thank everyone who made calls on behalf of PSLs to secure donations. Don't worry if you missed our calls, there is still time to get your 2018 donations in! You can donate by visiting www.pslegal.org and clicking on the green Donate button on the top right-hand corner of the page. Prairie State Legal Services is a charitable not-for-profit organization and gifts are tax deductible under IRS section 501(c)(3).

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

If you would like to 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 that may not otherwise be able to afford legal representation.

Other News

Lawyers' Assistance Program

What is PMBR and does it relate to YOU? By Christine P. Anderson, Director of Probation and Lawyer Deferral Services, Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission. This article can be read by clicking [here](#).

Directory Changes

Menold, Noah – Howard & Howard, P.L.L.C. – 211 Fulton St., Suite 600, Peoria, 61602. Phone: 309-672-1483 Email: nmenold@howardandhoward.com

Young, Lucas – Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP – 416 Main St., 6th Floor, Peoria, 61602. Phone: 309-674-1025 Email: lyoung@hinshawlaw.com

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)

Free to good home - Legal Index Tab Dividers 1 through 25 with Index and Table of Contents dividers. Many boxes of the same number. Contact Amanda at Law Offices of John P. Nicoara (309) 674-6085.

ISO- We are looking for a used but working standard cassette transcriber to purchase. Please contact Diane at the office of Chester C. Fuller at (309) 673-4090 or fullerlaw@hotmail.com.

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.

For sale: Artwork; furniture, including conference room table and chairs, reception area chairs and tables, secretarial desks, upright safe, file cabinets, refrigerator, library shelving, library books and miscellaneous items. Contact Philip Jaeger at 309-397-7016.

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