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

President's Message

Hello and Happy Spring! If you did not make it to the Lincoln Memorial Banquet and Pillars of the Bar celebration, you missed out! Despite some unfortunate weather, it was a wonderful night to come together, contemplate Lincoln, and celebrate our organization. Congratulations again to our Distinguished Community Service Award winner, Judge Stephen Kouri, and to the Pillars of the Bar: Michael R. Hasselberg, R. Michael Henderson, Timothy J. Howard, Robert H. Jenetten (posthumously), Rex K. Linder, Hon. Michael M. Mihm, John P. Nicoara, Kent A. Noble, John R. Pusey and Dennis R. Triggs.



The PCBA is finishing up its free Brown Bag CLE series this month, and the Workers' Compensation substantive law section has a CLE planned for April 7 at noon, live at the Spalding Center. The CLE Committee is also in the process of planning the annual May Professional Responsibility seminar, so stay tuned to register for two hours of ethics credit.

Have a great month!

Court News *By Chief Judge Katherine S. Gorman*



1. Congratulations to Judge Stephen Kouri on winning the Distinguished Community Service Award for 2022.
2. As mentioned before, Judge Paul P. Gilfillan is retiring, effective April 8, 2022. Congratulations on your retirement!

Nominating Committee

On December 8, 2021, 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 David Wiest as its nominee for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the year 2022-2023. The committee has spoken with David who has agreed that if he is so nominated, he will accept the position.



The 2021-22 Nominating Committee Members: Ambrose V. McCall, 2020-21 Immediate Past President & Chair, Michael D. Gifford, 2019-2020 President; Richard W. Zuckerman, 2018-19 President; Michele A. Miller, 2017-18 President; Hon. Jerelyn D. Maher, 2016-17 President; Two members under age 36 appointed by the chair: Britta Johnson and Youssef Boudjaranne.

Young Lawyers Committee

The YLC will be holding their **Annual Law Day Luncheon on Wednesday, May 4** at The Warehouse on State. Lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will start promptly at Noon and run until 1:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Toward a More Perfect Union". Our keynote speaker is U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Gregory K. Harris.



As always, we will be honoring our 50-year members (left to right): Kerry Cordis, Robert Day, Jr., Robert Dewey, Robert Potts, Dennis Triggs and Nile Williamson.

We will also announce the winners of our Law Day Essay Contest.

Cost is \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. The lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will begin at Noon.

To register, click [here](#). **The deadline to register is Noon on Wednesday, April 27.**

April

1 PCBA Office Closed

6 Practice Tips for Young Attorneys Brown Bag Webinar, 11:55 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom

7 Workers' Compensation Seminar, Lunch at Noon | Seminar 12:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center

15 Good Friday - Courts & Courthouse Closed, PCBA Office Closed

Committee Meetings

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

4	Fitness, Health & Wellness (Z)	13	CLE (Z)
5	Real Property (Z)	14	YLC (O)
11	Pro Bono (Z)	19	Board of Directors (Z)
12	Diversity (Z)	21	Public Relations (Z)

Committee Reports

At-Large Directors

Interested in being involved with the bar at Board level? Consider nomination to an At-Large seat on the Board. The petition can be found [here](#). Please return these to Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com by June 15.

Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception

Save-the-Date! The Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception will take place Thursday, July 28 at Obed & Isaac's. Mark your calendars now!

Entertainment – Golf Outing

Who is ready to golf?! We are headed back to Mt. Hawley on **Friday, October 7** for our Annual Golf Outing. Registration will open in July. Mark your calendars now!



Fitness Health & Wellness



Spring is almost here, which means it's time for softball! Part of the Fitness, Health & Wellness Committee's mission is to encourage all members of the Peoria County Bar Associate to get out and be active to stay healthy.

If you are interested in playing on the softball team, please contact Kyle Tompkins (ktompkins@hgsuw.com).

Organized sports and activities are an easy and fun way to get involved with the PCBA, socialize with peers and be physically active. We hope that you will join us!

Local Continuing Legal Education

2022 Workers' Compensation Seminar

This seminar will take place in-person on **Thursday, April 7** at the Spalding Pastoral Center, 419 NE Madison in Peoria. Check-in and lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. and the seminar will be from 12:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$65 for PCBA Members, \$80 for McLean County Bar Members and \$95 for non-members. Registration can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

Topics include: Procedure Update; Arbitrator Panel Q&A; Ethics, Civility & Procedures; Case Law Update; Talk with the Doctor and Fight Over Section 12 vs. Independent Medical Exam.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 5 at Noon.

2022 Brown Bag Series

The last webinar in our 2022 Brown Bag Series is Wednesday, April 6 from 11:55 a.m. – Noon through Zoom. Attorney Norm McGill will present "Practice Tips for Young Attorneys." Here at the PCBA, EVERYONE is a young attorney. There is no age limit for this webinar. If you would like to attend this webinar, you can register now by clicking [here](#).

2022 May Professional Responsibility Webinar

On **Friday, May 13 from Noon – 2:05 p.m.** through Zoom, the CLE committee is hosting their next professional responsibility webinar titled "Setting Up an Ethical Law Practice." This webinar is not just for solo practitioners or those thinking about starting their own firm. This seminar will have a lot of great tips and advice from some of our experienced PCBA members. Topics include: IOLTA accounts, hiring employees, fee structure and how to handle clients when leaving a firm. Registration is now open and can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

Seminar Recordings

The MCLE Reporting deadline is just a few months away. Do you need more credit hours? You can see a full list of what we have available for purchase by clicking [here](#).

Membership

We have received an application for membership from Alex Rives and an application for membership renewal from Susan O'Neal. Alex is an attorney at Heyl Royster and Susan is a solo practitioner. If there are no objections, their names will be presented to the Board in May for approval.

Memorials



On March 5, 2022, a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, Christopher F. Cassidy, passed away. Chris attended Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University School of Law. He was an attorney with Cassidy & Mueller in Peoria and was the General Manager of Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe. 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 Christopher F. Cassidy.

The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in memory of Christopher.



In November 2021, a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, Raymond C. Rose, passed away. Ray was an attorney with James Ridge & Associates in Peoria. 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 Raymond C. Rose.

The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in memory of Raymond.

Memorial Service

The Annual Memorial Service will take place on **Thursday, May 26 at 2:30 p.m.** in courtroom 210 of the Peoria County Courthouse. A reception will immediately follow the service (location TBD). The following members will be honored at this service (left to right):



Other News

PNC McRoberts Memorial Law Scholarship is accepting applications from law students. Additional information and applications can be obtained by contacting Janet DeRossett, Institutional Asset Management – 301 S.W. Adams St., Peoria, IL 61602. Phone: 309-655-5433. Email: janet.derossett@pnc.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).

Directory Changes:

Stephen Heine Law – 311 S.W. Water St., Suite 204, Peoria. Phone: 309-244-1393 Email: stephen@stephenheinelaw.com
Joe Winne – Address changed to 1405 Westgate Rd., Washington, IL 61571. All other information remains the same.

2021-22 Board of Directors

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