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

President's Message

Hi members! I hope that you can get outside and enjoy the sun now that we have sprung forward and perhaps winter's grip is loosening. It is so nice not to head home after work in the dark!



Law Day 2022

Law Day is around the corner. This year's theme is "Toward A More Perfect Union: The Constitution In Times of Change," and the speaker is Gregory K. Harris, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. I hope that you all can join us in celebrating Law Day 2022 in person.

I had the privilege of reviewing essays submitted by 5th through 8th grade students for the essay contest. These kids are paying attention to the world around them and are forming opinions! Their essays discussed issues from the First Amendment to how the Supreme Court members use the law as both sword and shield. This generation has opinions, and it is so exciting to see them take interest in these very important issues. Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in the school presentations and other activities leading up to Law Day! And a special thank you to Kevin Sheahan, president of the YLC, and Brad Barber, chair for Law Day for their work on this event!

Memorial Service

The Annual Memorial Service for our PCBA members is scheduled for May 26, 2022 at 2:30pm in Courtroom 210. Please join family, friends, and colleagues as we all pay respects and remember those members who have passed away in the last year. While the occasion is solemn, it is uplifting to hear about the accomplishments of those being honored, and, more importantly, the friendships that they formed with their colleagues and the memories that they leave behind.

Member Benefits

The deadline for reporting compliance with the Illinois continuing legal education requirements for those with last names in the first half of the alphabet is approaching. While you have until the end of June to obtain all of the hours that you need, don't wait until the last minute! Check out the CLE offered by the PCBA, including the free, members-only Brown Bag seminars which have been recorded over the past two years. Please take advantage of this member benefit for approximately nine CLE hours that are free to members and review the course offerings to find other low-cost CLE that is relevant to your practice in Peoria and the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

If you have any questions, or if you have any suggestions for the bar association, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope you have a wonderful month!

Court News *By Chief Judge Katherine S. Gorman*



1. Please remember to review the Time Standards for Case Closure in the Illinois Trial Courts, which can be found [here](#). These standards are effective July 1, 2022.

May

- 4 Law Day Luncheon - Lunch buffet at 11:30 a.m., presentation from Noon – 1:00 p.m. at The Warehouse on State
- 13 May Professional Responsibility Webinar, Noon – 2:05 p.m. through Zoom
- 26 Memorial Service at 2:30 p.m., courtroom 210 in Peoria County Courthouse, Reception immediately following
- 30 Memorial Day, Courts & Courthouse closed/PCBA Office closed

Committee Meetings

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

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| 3 | Real Property (Z) | 16 | YLC Meet the Judges (Z) |
| 9 | Pro Bono (Z) | 17 | Board of Directors (Z) |
| 11 | Diversity (Z) | 18 | Fitness, Health & Wellness (Z) |
| 12 | YLC (O) | | |

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 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 be beneficial to new partners and those winding down their practice as well.

Topics include:

- IOLTA Accounts
- Managing & Maintaining Trust Accounts to Preserve your License
- Fee Structures & Billing Best Practices
- How to Hire Employees and Maintain Employment Records
- Ethical Rules Surrounding Leaving a Practice

This seminar will be for 2 hours of general MCLE credit and will be submitted for 2 hours of professional responsibility credit with the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

Registration is now open and can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

FREE CLE

As a member benefit, the PCBA gives its members free CLE every year. We currently have just under 10 hours of CLE credit available for you to view at no cost. To see a complete list and view these recordings, please go to www.peoriabar.org and click on "Free CLE Hours" under the CLE tab. Here, you will find everything you need to watch the seminar and get your credit. Since these are for members only, you will need to log in with your username and password on our website. Please contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com if you need assistance in obtaining your login information.

CLE Recordings

To see a complete list of all recorded CLE seminars we have available for purchase, please go to www.peoriabar.org and click on "Recorded Seminars" under the CLE tab. These seminars are \$100 each.

Memorials



On January 24, 2022, a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, James G. Hatcher, passed away. Jim was an attorney with Hatcher & Rose, P.C. before retiring. 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 James G. Hatcher.

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

Memorials *continued...*



On April 23, 2022, a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, Sandra M. Traicoff, passed away. Sandra attended DePaul University where she received her law degree. She was an attorney with Howard & Howard, P.C. in Peoria before retiring. 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 Sandra M. Traicoff.

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

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 in the Renaissance Room (3rd Floor) of the Janssen Building. The following members will be honored at this service (left to right): Franklin A. Renner, Gary A. Clark, W. Thomas Johnston, Raymond C. Rose, Harry M. Williams, Frederick D. Johnson, Christopher F. Cassidy, James G. Hatcher and Sandra M. Traicoff.



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:

Bourne, Sumner A. – 401 Main St., Suite 1130, Peoria, 61602. All other information remains the same.

2021-22 Board of Directors

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