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Tazewell County

Essig Law Offices, Dean and Dustin Essig, new fax: 444-1916

## Space Available

•Large private attorney office for rent in friendly office suite. Reception services, print library and conference room access included, additional services and online Lexis negotiable. Available immediately. Call John T. Brady or Mike Gifford, 671.3831 or e-mail [jtb@brady-gifford.com](mailto:jtb@brady-gifford.com).

•Three separate offices. Just completed, never occupied. 110 Jefferson Street.

Office fronting both Main & Jefferson. 1532 sq. ft. Ultimate luxury. Gross rent \$4000/mo.

Office fronting Main. 1537 sq. ft. Luxury finish. Gross rent \$3000/mo.

Office with windows facing East. 1400 sq. ft. Luxury finish. Gross rent \$2300/mo.

No triple net leases, housekeeping service included. Call Karen Dusenberry at 309-676-2341.

•Two-office suite available in new construction located off of Glen Avenue near the Metro Center. Shared break room and conference room available. Possibilities for receptionist service if needed. Call Mike Nordwall 691-9985.

•Legal space for rent. New construction, spacious offices on second floor with scenic view, private facilities, large conference room, secretarial staff available if needed, located at 1009 Illini Dr., East Peoria, behind Proctor First Care. For further information or to see office space, contact Clay Moushon, 698-6627.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the PCBA office will be closed for vacation **July 18 – 29**.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Exhausted Sole Employee*

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Also included:  
Reservation forms for  
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Deadline: July 6  
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2005-06 Attorneys' Directories scheduled to arrive July 11.

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The Peoria County Bar Association Newsletter

July 2005

## Pillars of the Bar



Frederick W. Allen



Lyle W. Allen



Robert G. Day, Sr.



Homer W. Keller



Robert A. McCord



Gene A. Petersen



William L. Rutherford



Joseph Z. Sudow



Donald F. Vonachen

The Peoria County Bar Foundation and the Illinois Bar Foundation are proud to announce the selection of the inaugural class of its Pillars of the Bar. The award recognizes lawyers who have throughout their careers significantly distinguished themselves in the practice of law and in their professional and community activities and who have set an example to which others aspire. Formal recognition is scheduled for August 29 at the dinner following the IBF/PCBF golf event. We are asking the Pillars (and family if they wish) to be present.

Even if you are not a golfer, we hope you will make plans to join us for the special evening activities, beginning with the silent auction, a delicious dinner and the Pillar Awards recognizing our colleagues.

The reservation form is enclosed.

## Schedule of Events

July	4	Independence Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed
	11	Annual Meeting of the Membership – Hotel Pere Marquette – Noon
	16	CUBS game bus trip hosted by the Young Lawyers Committee (ticket holders only)
	18-29	PCBA Office Closed for Vacation
Aug.	29	IBF/PCBF Golf Outing – Mt. Hawley Country Club–sign-in 11:30; shotgun tee-off noon
Sept.	5	Labor Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed Diversity Luncheon – date to be determined
Oct.	10	Columbus Day (Observed) - Courts Closed/Courthouse Open
	31	Halloween Blood Drive – Hazen Room (lower level of Associated Bank Bldg.) 8:00 – 2:00
Nov.	9	New Members' Luncheon – tentative date
	11	Veterans' Day – Courts Closed/Courthouse Open (Peoria County) Veterans' Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed (Tazewell County)
	17	Young Lawyers' Party – tentative date
	24 & 25	Thanksgiving Day / day following – Courts & Courthouse Closed
Dec.	8	Holiday Party – Hotel Pere Marquette – 5:00 Social Hour; 7:00 Dinner; 8:00 Jocularly
	23 & 26	Christmas Eve/Day (Observed) - Courts & Courthouse Closed

## Committee Meetings and Reports

**Rex K. Linder**  
President

**Dennis R. Triggs**  
President-Elect and  
Budget Chair

**Karen L. Kendall**  
Second Vice President and  
Professional Standards Chair

**Michael R. Lied**  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Thomas W. O'Neal**  
Past President and  
Nominating Chair

**Richard W. Zuckerman**  
By-Laws

**Stephen J. Heine**  
Courts & Procedures

**Sonni C. Williams**  
Diversity

**Michael A. Hall**  
Entertainment

**David L. Cover**  
Law Library

**Henry A. Schmitt**  
Lawyer Referral Service

**Timothy J. Cassidy**  
Lincoln Memorial Banquet

**Kevin M. Miller**  
Local Continuing Legal Ed

**Elizabeth L. Jensen**  
Membership & Memorials

**Laura A. Petersen**  
Pro Bono

**Matthew P. Jones**  
Public Relations

**Michael D. Gifford**  
Publications

**James J. Manning**  
Real Property

**Sonya A. Pasquini**  
Young Lawyers and Law Day

**Directors at Large:**  
**Michael R. Hasselberg**  
**John P. Nicoara**

### July

11 Noon Annual Meeting of the Membership  
Deadline for reservation/cancellation: July 6

12 Noon IBF/PCBF Golf Committee

### August

10 Noon Pro Bono Committee

16 8:00 a.m. Board of Directors

17 Noon Young Lawyers Committee

## New Slate of Officers to be Installed at Annual Meeting on July 11, 2005



Rex K. Linder  
President



Dennis R. Triggs  
President-Elect



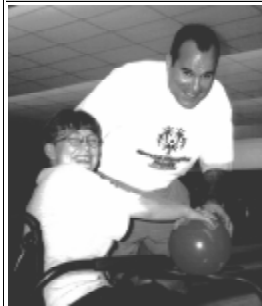
Karen L. Kendall  
Second Vice President



Michael R. Lied  
Secretary-Treasurer

The new **Board of Directors** (listed at the left side of this page) steps up to the plate at the **Annual Meeting on July 11, 2005**, at the Hotel Pèrè Marquette. Please turn in your reservation (form included with this issue) no later than **July 6**. This is a great time to socialize with your colleagues!

## Community Involvement – Members Making a Difference



We are pleased to introduce a special feature this year which will highlight the many hours PCBA members spend in community involvement. A number of responses were received from the survey (see April and May issues) and this month we highlight the work that **John Vespa** has done with Special Olympics. He has been assisting with Special Olympics events since 2000. At left, John lends a hand to Tiffany Mullet at a bowling event in 2002. He is pictured above with Christopher Perry, winner of the 100 yard dash at this year's Bloomington event. John also has been involved with the Center for Prevention of Abuse Duck Race fundraiser since 2001.



(If you have not turned in your survey, feel free to do so. Your responses are appreciated.)

## Abraham Lincoln Inn of Court



Hefflefinger

New officers for the Abraham Lincoln Inn of Court for 2005-06 are **Matthew S. Hefflefinger**, President; **Valerie Moehle Umholz**, President-Elect; **Mark E. Wertz**, Secretary-Treasurer; **Susan Dawson-Tibbits**, Program Committee Chair; **Gregory S. Bell**, Counselor; **Karen L. Kendall**, Counselor Emeritus; and the **Honorable Jerelyn D. Maher**, Judicial Liaison.

There will be a **Judicial Reception August 15, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** in the Skyroom above Lindsay's. All Peoria County Bar Association members are invited. In addition to area judges and justices, guests will include Judge Li Lan from Shanghai and Wang Lingfei, a prosecutor from South China. Further details will be mailed in mid-July.

## Immediate Openings

**Attorney:** Looking for attorney with minimum 5 years experience. Growing trial practice handling complex defense litigation, as well as Plaintiff's medical malpractice and products litigation, needs assistance. Top salary and benefits being offered for the right candidate. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Please contact James Carter at 673-3517 or e-mail resume to [jcarter@jcarterlaw.com](mailto:jcarter@jcarterlaw.com).

**Associate Attorney:** Peoria AV-rated firm seeks associate attorney with 1-2 years experience for general practice work. Send resumes in confidence to Raymond C. Williams, Hasselberg, Williams, Grebe, Snodgrass & Birdsall, 124 SW Adams, Suite 360, Peoria, IL 61602.

**Associate Attorney:** Peoria practitioner with emphasis on personal injury, litigation and criminal defense has an opening for an associate attorney with 3 years or greater experience in any of the foregoing areas. Excellent opportunity to work on an exciting caseload that is rapidly expanding! Willing to consider part time position(s) for candidate(s)

with substantial experience. Please send resume with letter to Joel E. Brown, 416 Main, Suite 625, Peoria, IL 61602 or fax to 309-673-6119.

**Associate Attorney:** Immediate opening for business attorney with one to four years experience. Strong academic credentials essential. Send resumes in confidence to John S. Elias, Elias, Meginnis, Riffle & Seghetti, P.C., 416 Main, Ste. 1400, Peoria, IL 61602.

**Staff Attorney** position with Prairie State Legal Services **CAROL STREAM** office. The successful applicant will work in the Courthouse Housing Project which advises clients on their legal rights in eviction matters pending before the circuit court and also provides representation to those clients who have a defense to the proposed eviction. The successful applicant will also handle other legal matters for low-income clients. Prefer applicants already admitted to the Illinois Bar, but will consider applicants who are taking the July Bar Exam or are already

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## Courthouse News



### Introducing...

**Dwayne J. Simpson**, the **ABA Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP)** participant for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois. Dwayne is from eastern Texas, received his B.A. in political science and history, *summa cum laude*, from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and anticipates

receiving his J.D. in May 2007 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in Gainesville, Florida.

Dwayne has immersed himself in Bar activities, attending the meetings of the Young Lawyers and Diversity Committees, as well as the June 16 Real Estate Seminar. Also, he was introduced by **Chief Judge John Barra** to the Board of Directors at the June 21 meeting. If you or your firm has an activity (social or law-related) that you think would be beneficial to Dwayne, his number is 216.224.1329, or contact the PCBA.

## Diversity Scholarship Awarded

On June 24, 2005, the first **Diversity Scholarship** was awarded to **Timothy J. Bell**, a student at the **University of Illinois School of Law**. The \$1,000.00 check was presented by PCBA President, **Tom O'Neal**, and Second Vice President, **Dennis Triggs**.

The Diversity Committee was formed in 2003 under the leadership of then-President **Bob Jenetten**. The Committee's first accomplishment established an amendment to the By-Laws of the Association which states, "The Peoria County Bar Association is committed to fostering diversity in its membership in order to reflect the community served by its members with respect to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, sexual orienta-



From left to right, Sonni C. Williams, Diversity Committee Vice Chair; Thomas W. O'Neal, PCBA President; Timothy J. Bell, scholarship recipient; Dennis R. Triggs, PCBA Second Vice President; and Clifton J. Mitchell, Diversity Committee member.

tion, disability and age." In September 2004, a Diversity Luncheon was held, with over 370 attorneys and community members in attendance. The funds from the luncheon, in addition to a private contribution, funded the Diversity Scholarship, another accomplishment of the Committee and the Association.

Mr. Bell is Immediate Past President of the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) at U of I College of Law. He also is in the ABA's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program this summer, assigned to U.S. District Judge Philip Reinhard of the Northern District of Illinois in Rockford.

## Peoria County Pro Bono Plan

We continue to work on distributing the waiting list cases, so if you have not been contacted, it will be within the next few weeks. Please feel free to call me if you think your offer of assistance has been overlooked. There has been some confusion as to whether or not we intend to continue representation in uncontested divorce cases through the Pro Bono Plans, and the answer is definitely yes as the need is so great. A divorce can be a large step to self sufficiency. Our goal is to assist our clients in a more timely manner.

On behalf of our clients, we would like to thank the following

attorneys and their staff who recently closed pro bono cases: **John Boos, Jr., Kirk Bode, Denise Conklin, Linda Ficht, Michele Miller, Laura Petersen, Marci Shoff, Edwin Walker, and Mandy Watson** (2 cases).

By: **Sandra Crow**  
Peoria County Pro Bono Plan Coordinator  
[scrow@pslegal.org](mailto:scrow@pslegal.org)



## IBF Awards Grant to Center for Prevention of Abuse

The Illinois Bar Foundation board voted April 16 to award grants totaling \$103,300 to 27 charitable programs throughout the state. The Center for Prevention of Abuse in Peoria will receive \$8,500 for a part-time court advocate to help violence victims in Tazewell County obtain orders of protection. Beth Jensen, who is a member of both Boards, abstained from the vote.

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admitted outside Illinois under Supreme Court Rule 717. Legal experience is preferred, but not required. Salary starts at \$32,500; depending upon experience. Liberal fringe benefits. Please indicate position in cover letter and send a resume, writing sample, and three references to: Joseph A. Dailing, Executive Director, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., 975 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103.

**Assistant Public Defender:** Starting salary \$40,000, may increase to \$50,000 in December. Attorney should be able to handle juvenile, misdemeanor, traffic and felony cases. Contact Jim Harrell, Knox County Public Defender, 200 S. Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61401, 309/345-3876 or e-mail at [kcpdo@grics.net](mailto:kcpdo@grics.net)

**Legal Assistant:** Two person law firm has an opening for legal assistant due to move. Must have familiarity with word processing – WordPerfect preferable but not required – and adequate typing skills. Will handle document preparation, small amount of dictation, scheduling, client contact, and summarizing depositions. Position requires oral and written communication skills. Send resume to Nicoara & Steagall, 416 Main St., Suite 815, Peoria, IL 61602-1103.

**Legal Secretary:** Law firm seeks experienced personal injury/worker's

compensation secretary. Must type 70 wpm. Excellent organizational and people skills required. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Benassi & Benassi, P.C., 300 NE Perry, Peoria, IL 61603.

**Paralegal:** Growing AVE-rated law office in Peoria is seeking a full-time paralegal with real estate and commercial litigation experience. Benefits available; salary commensurate with experience. Send inquiry and resume to: Law Office of Joseph B. VanFleet, L.L.C.: Attn: Office Manager, 207 Main St., Suite 500, Peoria, IL 61602.

**Paralegal:** One or two positions, full time for solo practitioner. Also, one **Clerical** position for general office duties, filing, reception, and one full or part-time **Receptionist**. Send resumes to PCBA, 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1618, ATTN: Newsletter Editor, Peoria, IL 61602-1104.

**Paralegal:** Respected small town law firm seeks two or four year degree paralegal. Starting salary \$25,000-\$35,000, depending on experience. Excellent benefits. Interested applicants may contact Attorney Chris Walters, Claudon, Kost, Barnhart, Beal & Walters, Ltd. P.O. 400, Canton, IL 61520 or email at [walters@ckbbw.com](mailto:walters@ckbbw.com)

**Secretary** for small law firm. Send resume to Michael Gifford, Brady & Gifford, 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1102, Peoria, IL 61602.