

## A Message from PCBA President-Elect

Dear Colleagues:

Plans for 2005-06 are underway. At this time of year we usually request nominations for the PCBA Distinguished Community Service Award. This year we will be requesting those nominations in November or December, and plan to present the award at the 98th Lincoln Memorial Banquet.

Also, as most of you know, the work of the Association is accomplished by committee members, and the "Committee Preferences" form is included with this issue of the newsletter. Last year a description of the work of the various committees was added in an effort to assist you as you made your committee choices. This year we have added a new section on the back of the form regarding community involvement. There is a vast amount of good work performed each year by attorneys that goes unrecognized. Please take a moment to share this information with the bar association. Each month one or more members will be featured in the newsletter.

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.



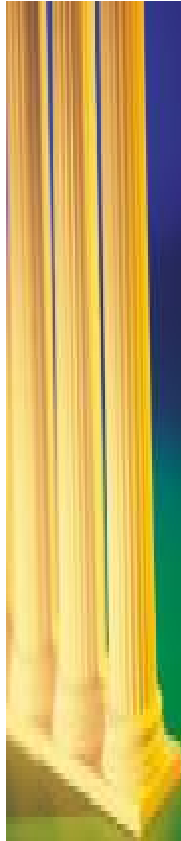
Rex K. Linder, President-Elect

## "Pillars of the Bar" - Golf Outing and Nominations

The Illinois Bar Foundation and the Peoria County Bar Foundation have undertaken a joint fundraising effort this year by co-sponsoring the PCBA annual golf outing. For many who have inquired, this golf outing is the PCBA's regular golfing event, only with a "twist" this year. It will be a fundraiser for the two foundations, who will split the profits realized by this year's event.

**Background** – Established in 1951, The Illinois Bar Foundation is a public foundation that serves the people of Illinois by contributing to programs dedicated to improving the administration of justice and sustaining and enhancing the ideals of the legal profession. The IBF accomplishes this goal through three main programs: a grants award program, a scholarship program and a subsistence program.

The Peoria County Bar Foundation was formed in 1970, "...with a view toward the advancement of the science of jurisprudence, the promotion of the administration of justice, the encouragement of a thorough legal education, the upholding of the honor and dignity of the Bar and the perpetuation of the history of the profession and the memory of its members...."



The Golf Outing will include presentation of the "Pillars of the Bar" awards. The awards will honor those who have exemplified the Foundation's goals. The qualifications and nomination information is as follows:

**Qualifications** – Candidates must have practiced law in the Peoria area for at least 25 years, must be a member of the PCBA, and have demonstrated a commitment to one or more of the Foundation's goals. A Pillar may be nominated posthumously within one year of his or her death.

**Nominations** – Pillar nominations are by written submission. The Nomination should contain:

1. Full name and address of nominee
2. Name of firm
3. Complete biographical information
4. Statement of reasons for nomination
5. Name and address of nominator
6. Limited number of references (no more than five personal and five professional)

Complete Pillar nomination materials must be received **no later than June 15, 2005**, and should be sent to the **Peoria County Bar Association, ATTN: Pillar Nomination, 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1618, Peoria, IL 61602-1104.**

## Schedule of Events

Apr.	<b>6 Brown Bag Lunch Series – PCBA office – noon – Collection of a Judgment–Mick Hall</b> <b>28 Law Day Luncheon–Hotel Pèr Marquette–Speaker: Hon. Michael M. Mihm</b>
May	<b>11 New Members Luncheon – PCBA office – Noon – 1:00</b> <b>19 New Members Reception – Sullivan’s – 4:30 – ??</b> <b>25 Memorial Service – Peoria County Courthouse – Courtroom 210 – 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>30 Memorial Day (Observed) - Courts &amp; Courthouse Closed</b>
June	No holidays; no events scheduled.
July	<b>4 Independence Day – Courts &amp; Courthouse Closed</b> <b>11 Annual Meeting of the Membership – Hotel Pere Marquette – Noon</b> <b>13 IBF/PCBF Joint Golf Outing – WeaverRidge Golf Club</b> <b>18-29 PCBA Office Closed for Vacation</b>

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**Justice Mary W. McDade**

## WILL SEARCH

Anyone with information on the Last Will & Testament of **Marcella Knight** a/k/a **Mrs. Edward Knight**, please contact Joyce Hallam at 309.263.7363

*Thank you!* Special thanks to the following firms and individuals for assistance with delivery of the March *Legal-Ease*:

•Dane Pudik and Quinn, Johnston, Henderson & Pretorius, Chtd., and  
•Andrew Havran and Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen.  
Thanks also to **Dex Gruber** for heavy lifting at the PCBA.

## April

5 8:00 a.m. Pro Bono Committee  
7 Noon Nominating Committee  
8 Noon Publications Committee  
11 Noon Diversity Committee  
13 Noon IBF/PCBF Golf Committee  
14 Noon Young Lawyers Committee  
15 Noon Officers' Meeting  
18 Noon Real Property Committee  
19 8:00 a.m. Board of Directors

## May

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16 Noon Real Property Committee  
17 8:00 a.m. Board of Directors

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The **Membership & Memorials Committee** has three events coming next month. The first event

is the New Members' Luncheon on Wednesday, May 11. Members who have joined (or applied for membership) since November should be receiving their invitation in the next week or so. The New Members' Party on Thursday, May 19, at 4:30 p.m. at Sullivan's is open to all members, as we give an official "Welcome!" to all the new members this year. Finally, the annual Memorial Service will be held on **Wednesday, May 25, at 10:30** in Courtroom 210 of the Peoria County Courthouse. This is a heartwarming service as we honor those members who have passed away in the last year. We hope you will mark your calendar now to attend.

The **Young Lawyers Committee**. Be sure to send in your **Law Day Luncheon** reservation. Deadline: April 24.

## In Memoriam



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On March 18, 2005, **Robert G. Day, Sr.**, passed away at the age of 91. He was born in Peoria, graduated from the University of Illinois School of Commerce in 1936 and the University of Illinois Law School in 1938. Mr. Day was Mayor of Peoria from 1961 to 1965 and was elected state representative in 1966 and served in the Illinois General Assembly until 1974. He practiced law in Peoria for over fifty years, last practicing with his son, Robert Day, Jr., at Day & Day.

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A memorial card for the PCBA Foundation is included with this newsletter. The PCBA has contributed \$100 to the Foundation in memory of **Robert G. Day, Sr.**

## Immediate Openings

**Instructors** needed for the ABA approved Paralegal Programs at Illinois Central College. Lawyers or Bachelor Degreed Paralegals.

•**Administrative Law**. Desired Adjunct Faculty member would have practice experience in Administrative Law, preferably Worker's Compensation with a working knowledge of Social Security Disability or other administrative law practice areas. This course is offered in the Fall semester each year on Wednesday evenings.

•**Real Estate Law**. Desired Adjunct Faculty member would have practice experience in Real Estate Law and present a 4 week portion of our Real Estate Law course, presenting practice based learning experiences to Paralegal students and working in conjunction with the lead instructor for this course. This course is offered both Fall and Spring semester on Thursday evenings and this commitment would be for the final 4 Thursdays of each semester.

Qualified individuals should send resumes with letter of introduction to Tom Higgins: [thiggins@icc.edu](mailto:thiggins@icc.edu)

**City Attorney**: The City of Urbana is seeking a City Attorney. The City Attorney serves as chief legal advisor and is responsible for the legal affairs of the City including litigation, prosecution, and a wide variety of municipal issues. Strong knowledge of municipal law is highly desired. To obtain an application packet go to [www.city.urbana.il.us/jobs](http://www.city.urbana.il.us/jobs) or call (217) 384-2458.

**Senior Associate**: The Peoria office of **Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP**, a leading law firm with over 400 attorneys nationwide, is seeking a Senior Associate with 4-5 years of litigation experience to join its growing practice. We are a diverse, progressive law firm

seeking a strong team member with excellent credentials. The firm provides an excellent work environment and full benefits package. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Please submit your cover letter, resume and writing sample in confidence to: Paula Goldberg, Legal Recruitment and Development Manager, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, 222 N. LaSalle St., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60601-1081, fax: 312-704-3001; e-mail: [pgoldberg@hinshawlaw.com](mailto:pgoldberg@hinshawlaw.com); website: [www.hinshawlaw.com](http://www.hinshawlaw.com) Only candidates contacted for an interview will receive a response. EOE.

**Attorney**: Respected small town law firm seeks attorney for general practice. Competitive benefits available. Salary \$30,000-\$50,000 depending on experience. Send resume, reference list, letters of recommendation, cover letter, salary requirements, writing sample and law school transcripts to Gary Barnhart, Bruce Beal or Chris Walters at Claudon, Kost, Barnhart, Beal & Walters, Ltd., 121 W. Elm St., P. O. Box 400, Canton, IL 61520; e-mail: [walters@ckbbw.com](mailto:walters@ckbbw.com)

**Attorney**: Five-attorney law firm with statewide practices in insurance defense, insurance coverage, and appellate representation seeks Illinois-licensed attorney with two to six years experience. Full-time position involves all aspects of client representation in litigation matters before state and federal trial courts in Illinois. Excellent writing skills and experience in insurance defense litigation required. Salary commensurate with experience. Send cover letter, resume, references, law school transcript and writing sample to Barbara Snow Mirdo at Thielen, Foley & Mirdo, L.L.C., 207 W. Jefferson St., Ste. 600, Bloomington, IL 61701.

**Attorney**: Looking for attorney with minimum 5

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# Courthouse News

## TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS Tazewell County Courthouse

FROM: PRESIDING JUDGE J. PETER AULT  
DATE: MARCH 16, 2005  
IN RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER VACANCY

Effective June 1, 2005, there will be an opening for the position of Tazewell County Public Defender.

The person holding this position is expected to administer the office of the Public Defender for the County of Tazewell, to work with the presiding judge and the county board, to recommend appointments for the approval of the Circuit Judges of this Circuit to the position of Assistant Public Defender, and to represent indigent defendants.

Applications for this position will be accepted at the office of the Presiding Judge of Tazewell County, and should be submitted no later than May 1, 2005.

Applicants should include with their application a current resume outlining their experience in criminal defense work or juvenile work and all other legal experience.

The Court thanks **John Bernardi** for his many years of dedicated service as Public Defender.

## REMINDER

The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts will conduct the 2005 Court Reporting Services Seminar on **Friday, April 22**. Please be advised that there will be no court reporters available that day.

There will be one court reporter present in Peoria County and one in Tazewell County for EMERGENCIES ONLY, i.e. detention hearings or post indictment felony matters, etc.

## Peoria County Pro Bono Plan

If you have pro bono cases that have been completed, but you have not sent back the Final Report by Volunteer Attorney, please make an effort to do so as soon as possible. I am in the process of tabulating the pro bono hours for the year and the Pro Bono Committee will be choosing the Attorney and Law Firm of the Year, who will receive an award at the Law Day Luncheon. We want the hours for the year to be as inclusive as possible.

On behalf of our clients, we would like to thank the following attorneys and their staff who recently closed pro bono cases:

**Joe Borsberry, Sumner Bourne, Paul Gilfillan  
and Robert Muir (2 cases).**

*Sandra Crow, Peoria County  
Pro Bono Plan Coordinator, scrow@pslegal.org*

## 2005 PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

One of the functions of the **Public Relations Committee** is to work in conjunction with Illinois Central College and their annual People's Law School. This year's program includes: Family Law - **John Vespa**, March 10; Wills and Estates - **Jack Boos**, March 24; Landlord/Tenant and Small Claims - **Lori Luncsford**, March 31; Workers' Compensation - **Art Kingery**, April 7; and Employment Law -



*Vespa*



*Boos*



*Luncsford*



*Kingery*



*Williamson*

**Nile Williamson**, April 14.

We thank John Vespa, as Chair of the Public Relations Committee, for his work organizing this year's program, and these participating attorneys for contributing their time and talent.

## Unrath to Address CIPA



**Craig L. Unrath** will be the guest speaker at the Central Illinois Paralegal Association meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Bennigan's, 500 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. (on your own and order from the menu). Mr. Unrath will speak following dinner.

The topic will be Appellate Practice. Mr. Unrath's biography can be found at [www.hrva.com/attorneys/clu.htm](http://www.hrva.com/attorneys/clu.htm)

Non-CIPA member attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries and students are cordially invited to attend. RSVPs welcome, but not required, to: Martha Ross, Secretary, 309.766.6249 or e-mail: [cipainfo@aol.com](mailto:cipainfo@aol.com)

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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:** Immediate opening for a business attorney with 1 to 4 years experience. Strong academic credentials essential. Send resumes in confidence to John S. Elias, Elias, Meginnis, Riffle & Seghetti, P.C., 416 Main St., Suite 1400, Peoria, IL 61602.

**Paralegal:** Respected small town law firm seeks four year degree paralegal. Competitive benefits available. Salary \$25,000-\$35,000 depending on experience. Send resume, reference list, letters of recommendation, cover letter, salary requirements and writing sample to Gary Barnhart, Bruce Beal or Chris Walters at Claudon, Kost, Barnhart, Beal & Walters, Ltd., 121 W. Elm St., P. O. Box 400, Canton, IL 61520; e-mail: [walters@ckbbw.com](mailto:walters@ckbbw.com)

**Paralegal:** Full time for solo practitioner. Send resumes to PCBA, 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1618, ATTN: Newsletter Editor, Peoria, IL 61602-1104



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Kelly, Dana M., 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1300, Peoria, IL 61602; Phone: 678-5290; Fax: 688-3857

McCall, Christopher, 2708 N. Knoxville, Peoria, IL 61604; Phone: 682-2717; Fax: 682-6207 (Effective 4/29/05)

Ross, Jamie L., Cusack, Fleming, Gilfillan & O'Day, LLC, 415 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria, IL 61602; Phone 637-5282; Fax: 637-5788; e-mail: [jross@cfgolaw.com](mailto:jross@cfgolaw.com)

## Firm Name Change & Relocation

(Effective May, 2005)

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Facsimile: 309.673-7319**

**Michael A. Hall**  
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## Firm Relocations

(Effective March 26, 2005)

### The Mathis Law Firm

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**J. Michael Mathis**

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(Effective May 2, 2005)

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**Sean M. Anderson**

## For Sale

Office moving May 1. For Sale: transcribers, dictation machines, small book shelf, multiple line telephones, coffee table, tables, Brother portable typewriters ML100, office chairs, Bindertec two-hole binders (various colors, 2" and 3"), chairs (various colors), table lamp, and other office furniture. Contact Loretta or Kristin, 309.680.8888, fax 309.680.8060 or [llg@sutkowski\\_andrhoads.com](mailto:llg@sutkowski_andrhoads.com) for detailed listing.

## Space Available

•Newly carpeted office and luxury finish throughout; never rented; 1,536 square feet, 12 outside picture windows, view of Courthouse and Twin Towers; \$3,500.00 monthly – utilities paid; no extra charges. Janssen Building – 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. Contact Mike Nordwall 691-9985.

•Office space available immediately. Attorney office and plenty of secretarial and file cabinet space outside of it. Use of kitchen and refrigerator included. Contact Robert Strodel, 676-4500.

•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.

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