

Campaign for Legal Services Donor Recognition and Kick-Off Luncheon



Diana Charlton



Michael Keeton

Please remember that all are cordially invited to attend the Campaign for Legal Services Donor Recognition and Kick-Off Luncheon to benefit the Peoria office of Prairie State Legal Services. The luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, December 8, 2004, at noon, at the Packard Plaza Building** in Peoria and is sponsored again this year by **South Side Trust & Savings Bank**. We will be recognizing those law firms, individuals and businesses who have supported Prairie State Legal Services in 2003-2004; announcing the goal for the 2004-2005 Campaign, and recognizing lead gifts. The 2004-05 co-chairs of the Leadership Committee are **Diana Charlton** and **Michael Keeton**. Please make reservations for the luncheon as soon as possible. If you would like to make a pledge or lead gift to the 2004-2005 Campaign or have any questions in regard to the 2004-2005 Campaign for Legal Services, please feel free to contact Lisa Wilson at (309) 674-9831 or any member of the leadership committee listed above.

*Lisa Y. Wilson, Managing Attorney
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The Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee, in its memorandum of November 4, 2004, gives notice that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at 160 N. LaSalle Street, Room C-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. The public hearing agenda and the text of the proposed rules are posted on the Supreme Court website at www.state.il.us/court To view the proposals, select "Supreme Court of Illinois" and then select "Supreme Court Committees/Commission." The proposals are under the subsection titled "Public Hearings." To obtain hard copies of the proposals by mail, please call Michelle Cunico at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at (312) 793-7275 or FAX your request to Ms. Cunico at (312) 793-0775. The Supreme Court Rules Committee invites public comments on the proposals. Written comments should be submitted by January 10, 2005, to: Supreme Court Rules Committee, c/o Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Anyone wishing to be scheduled to testify at the public hearing should advise the Rules Committee in writing at the address noted above not later than Monday, January 17, 2005.

Schedule of Events

- Dec. 8 Campaign for Legal Services Donor Recognition and Kick-Off Luncheon—Packard—noon
9 Holiday Party – Hotel Pèrre Marquette – 5:00 social hour; 7:00 dinner; 8:00 skits
23&24 Christmas Eve / Day (Observed) - Courts & Courthouse Closed – Peoria County
24&27 Christmas Eve / Day (Observed) - Courts & Courthouse Closed – Tazewell County
31 New Year's Day (County observed) - Courts & Courthouse Closed
- Jan. **15 CLE: Civil Practice Update – Packard Plaza – 8:30–Noon**
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed
22 CLE: Municipal Law – Packard Plaza – 9:00–Noon
29 CLE: Family Law – Packard Plaza–8:30–12:30
- Feb. 11 Lincoln's Birthday (Observed) – Courts Closed/Courthouse Open
12 CLE: Law Office Automation – Packard Plaza – 8:30-Noon (or 1:00)
19 CLE: General Practice – Packard Plaza – 8:30 – Noon
21 President's Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed
25 Legal Aid 2005 – Par-A-Dice Hotel —Tenth Anniversary Celebration
- Mar. 25 Good Friday – Courts & Courthouse Closed
TBA Brown Bag Lunch Series – topics TBA
- Apr. **28 Law Day Luncheon–Hotel Pèrre Marquette–Speaker: Hon. Michael M. Mihm**
- May 30 Memorial Day (Observed) - Courts & Courthouse Closed

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John P. Nicoara
Justice Mary W. McDade

December

- 6 6:00 p.m. Skit Committee – Lowe & Groezinger
 - 7 8:00 a.m. Pro Bono Committee
 - 13 Noon Diversity Committee
 - 14 Noon ADR Division of Courts & Procedures
 - 15 Noon Young Lawyers Committee
 - 16 Noon Lincoln Memorial Banquet Cmte
 - 20 Noon Real Property Committee
- No Board Meeting in December*

The **Entertainment Committee**. Wondering if the Skit Committee found out what you did last summer? Dying to know which committee member will face judicial excommunication? You can only find out by attending the Bar Christmas Party! Reservations due December 3.

(Reservation form included with this issue.)

The **Local Continuing Legal Education Committee** would like to remind the membership to register for 2005 series. The cost to PCBA members remains at only \$35 per session and there is still a discount for registering for all five courses, i.e., buy four get the fifth course for free. This is an exceptional value for some of the highest quality continuing legal education courses in the state.

(Registration form included with this issue.)

The **Membership & Memorials Committee** held its New Members' Luncheon on November

10. Please see the enclosed report on the luncheon, as well as an introduction of the PCBA's new members.

The **Young Lawyers Committee** held its fall party on November 18 at Sullivan's. **Sully, Scott** and the guys behind the bar did their usual superb job of pleasing a hungry and thirsty group! This year the party had a purpose, to help The Center for Prevention of Abuse. Two full baskets and a number of boxes filled with toiletries, along with monetary contributions of \$100.00, were presented to **Mary Springer**



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O'Neal filled in for YLC Chair Jennifer Connelly in making the presentation to Ms. Springer. *(Please see the full committee report enclosed)*

This month we are pleased to introduce the Board's Directors-at-Large:



Linda S. Ficht
PCBA Member since 1997. Linda has been a member of the Family

Law Division of the Courts & Procedures Committee for several years. She also has participated on the Continuing Legal Education Committee, chairing the Family Law Section in 2004 and initiating a very successful all-day seminar, the first of its kind. She has also served on the Pro Bono Committee and Law Library Committee.

Linda received her law degree from Southern Illinois University and currently practices family law with Hasselberg, Rock, Bell & Kuppler. For more information, visit www.hrbklaw.com



Susan Dawson-Tibbits
PCBA Member since 1979. Susan has served on

eighteen committees, having chaired the Membership Committee in 1993-94 and Women Lawyers Committee in 1991-92. She has served on the Family Law Division of the Courts & Procedures Committee for over fifteen years. Susan was a PCBA officer and became the first woman president of the Association in 2002. She practiced with Prairie State Legal Services for 19 years before opening her own office in January, 1999. Susan's practice concentrates in Elder Law and Family Law Mediation. She may be contacted at susan@sbglobal.net



John P. Nicoara
PCBA Member since 1976. John has served on eighteen committees, having

chaired CLE in 2001-02 and 2002-03, Lincoln Banquet in 1993-94 and Entertainment in 1982-83 and 1992-93. He has served on the Civil Division of the Courts & Procedures Committee for over fifteen years. John was President of the Association in 1996-97 and a Director for over ten years. John received his A.B. from the University of Michigan in 1970 and his J.D. from the University of Illinois in 1975, after having served with the U.S. Army from 1971-73. He is a partner at Nicoara & Steagall, www.nicoaralawfirm.com



Justice Mary W.

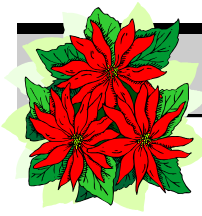
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PCBA Member since 1986. Justice McDade has served on the Law Day, By-Laws, Professional Standards and Diversity Committees. She has also served on the CLE Committee and the Civil Division of the Courts & Procedures Committee for over eight years. At the 2004 Annual Meeting she received the PCBA's Distinguished Community Service Award. Justice McDade received her J.D. from the University of Illinois in 1984 and in 2000 was elected for a 10-year term on the Illinois Appellate Court, Third District. She may

Thank you!

Special thanks to the following firms and individuals for assistance with the delivery and production of the November *LegalEase*

- ◆ **Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen** and **Carmen Decouto**;
- ◆ **Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick** and **Lauren Shadid**; and
- ◆ **Quinn, Johnston, Henderson & Pretorius** and **Claire Craig** for her editorial assistance.



Peoria County Pro Bono Plan

The staff of Prairie State and the Pro Bono Committee wish a Happy Holiday Season to all of you who have given of your valuable time to help someone less fortunate. This type of work is always difficult, and the clients are not always as appreciative as they should be – but they always are most definitely less fortunate. Hopefully we have made the lives of many people better this year through our efforts.

On behalf of our clients, we would like to thank the following attorneys and their staff who recently closed pro bono cases: **Kenneth Black, Sumner Bourne** (2 cases), **Burt Dancy, Kenneth Eathington, James Kane, James Putnam** and **Robert Muir**.

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

Member News

Laura A. Petersen is a recipient of *InterBusiness Issues'* 2004 "40 Under Forty" award.

Laura received her B.S. *summa cum laude* from the University of Illinois in 1995 and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1998. She is a Partner with Quinn, Johnston, Henderson & Pretorius. Her practice concentrates in health care law, professional negligence, appellate



practice, premises liability, automobile negligence and municipal tort liability.

Laura has been a member of the PCBA since 1998 and continuously active with the Young Lawyers Committee. She has chaired the committee's Blood Drive and Project Angel Tree, and in 2003 was Committee Chair.

Congratulations, Laura!

HONOR THE FALLEN WWI & WWII

Send Contributions to:
Peoria County World War I & II Veterans Memorial Committee
 324 Main Street
 Room G-02 • Peoria, IL 61602

Jeffery S. Poss, Architect

I want to again thank the Bar Association and report that as a result of the article in the August *LegalEase*, our WWI and WWII Veterans Memorial Project has received approximately \$2,200.00. We will put that amount in donations from Judges and attorneys or their families. Thanks again for allowing me to solicit donations through the Bar Association on this worthwhile project and thanks to the members of the Bench and Bar who generously provided those donations.

*Bruce Thiemann
PCBA Member*

Immediate Openings

Associate Attorney: General Practice Firm has an immediate opening for an attorney with 2 plus years experience. Strong academic credentials. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Qualified applicants please send cover letter, resume, writing sample and transcript to: Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick, P.C., c/o Mary Pillow, 301 SW Adams St., Peoria, IL 61602 or e-mail: marypillow@ksswf.com

Associate Attorney: Peoria AV-rated law firm seeks associate with 1-4 years experience. Real estate, title examination and business law experience preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume, writing sample and transcript to Thomas R. Davis, Miller, Hall & Triggs, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602.

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.

Attorney: The Office of the General Counsel for Country Insurance & Financial Services has an opening for an attorney in our Bloomington, Illinois home offices. The duties include working with a broad range of corporate clients in areas such as commercial law, real estate, investments, trusts, securities law, regulatory issues, environmental matters, insurance, corporate documents, employment law, agricultural law, contracts and litigation. The position requires a law degree, 2-5 years experience, admission to practice in Illinois and excellent interpersonal skills for extensive client contact. Trial experience is preferred. Qualified applicants please submit cover letter and resume to: jobs@countryfinancial.com, Corporate Human Resources, Employment Department, 1701 Towanda Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701; Fax: 309-820-5462.

Associate Attorney: Immediate opening for a business attorney with 1 to

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Associate Attorney: Sole practitioner in creditor's rights seeks associate attorney or possible partner with 2+ years experience in litigation. Compensation commensurate with experience. Send resume in confidence to C. Edwin Walker, 411 Hamilton, Suite 1520, Peoria, IL 61602 or e-mail: EWalker627@aol.com

Paralegal: RLI is seeking a full-time paralegal with two or more years of experience in a similar paralegal position to review proposed and enacted insurance regulations to determine relevancy to lines of business written by RLI, research and respond to assigned special projects, and assist counsel with monitoring actual and potential litigation, among other duties. Qualified candidates should be a graduate of a Certified Paralegal Program (Bachelors Degree preferred) with a 3.0/4.0 cumulative GPA from the last school completed. Excellent verbal and written communications skills in addition to demonstrated knowledge of legal terminology and research techniques is needed. We offer a competitive salary, bonus, and an outstanding fringe benefits package, including major medical, dental, vision, disability, life, and profit sharing (ESOP). For confidential consideration, please apply at www.rlicorp.com, by e-mail to katielumberry@rlicorp.com or mail to the following address: RLI, Attn: Personnel Administrator, 9025 N. Lindbergh Dr., Peoria, IL 61615.

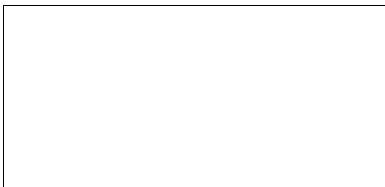
Clerk: Clerk needed for growing transactional and commercial litigation oriented law firm. Experience a plus but not necessary. Strong communication, management and grammatical skills are essential. Competitive wages and benefits to be commensurate with experience. Please submit resume in confidence to Gregory A. Hunziker at Hunziker & Walton, L.L.C., 416 Main St., Suite 1600, Peoria, IL 61602



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Telephone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same.

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Space Available

•Luxury suite in Janssen Building: 1 or 2 attorney executive office with 1,400 square feet of first class finish throughout including storage, formerly occupied as private office of manager of Baird, Inc. Contact **Jay Janssen** – 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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*Wishing all a safe and
happy holiday season!*