

## Congressman LaHood to Give Law Day Address

The Young Lawyers Committee is pleased to announce that Congressman Ray LaHood will be the keynote speaker at the 2006 Law Day Luncheon to be held at noon on Friday, May 5, at the Hotel Pèrè Marquette. We appreciate Congressman LaHood's support of PCBA events over the years. As noted on the congressional website, he has led efforts to establish a higher level of civility, decorum, and bipartisanship in the House of Representatives. One small example of that effort was in 2002, when Ray assisted the Lincoln Memorial Banquet Committee in inviting Senator Richard Durbin to be the keynote speaker. We look forward to hearing Congressman LaHood's remarks at the luncheon.



Fifty-year plaques will be presented to James Cummings and Richard Molchan, Pro Bono Attorney of the Year and Firm of the Year Award winners will be announced, and middle school finalists in the Law Day Essay Contest will receive awards. Tickets are only \$25.00 per person, or a table of eight for \$200.00. If you or your firm would like to be a table host for this event, please contact Linda at the Bar office, (309) 674-6049 or [pcba@mtco.com](mailto:pcba@mtco.com). (Reservation form enclosed.)

## Meeting on New Supreme Court Rule 900



Judge Jerelyn D. Maher

The Honorable Judge Jerelyn D. Maher will be conducting a meeting with respect to the implementation and application of new Supreme Court Rule 900 dealing with the new mediation requirement in child custody proceedings. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 12:00 noon in the Hazen Room, lower level of the Associated Bank Building. All lawyers in the Tenth Judicial Circuit are invited to attend, and there is no cost involved. (*Feel free to bring your lunch.*)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Judge Maher (309) 672-6944, or Attorney Michael R. Hasselberg, Chairman of the Peoria County Bar Association Family Law Committee (309) 637-1400.



Michael R. Hasselberg

## Legal Aid 2006—Is this the final act?

The rumors are true, *Legal Aid 2006* may be the last public appearance by The Shysters. The event will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006 at the Par-a-Dice Hotel. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in making this the biggest and best event in the eleven year history as we say goodbye to this group of talented and generous musicians. It will be a party to remember - who knows, maybe we can change their minds. Tickets are now available and we will take reservations for tables of ten. In addition to the door prizes, we will be conducting a raffle for the following prizes: \$500 gift certificate to Grand Prairie, a \$300 gift certificate to Roger Burke Jewelers, and a \$100 gift certificate to Nena Hardware. You do not need to be present to win the raffle prizes. Please bring all your friends and join us for the eleventh, and perhaps final, appearance by the Shysters and "Let the Good Times Roll." Special thanks to our sponsors: the law firm of Addy, Bush & Associates and National City Private Client Group. For more information contact Sandra Crow at 674-9831 or via email at [scrow@pslegal.org](mailto:scrow@pslegal.org).

## Schedule of Events

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| April | 13  | Family Law Rule 900 Seminar—Noon— Hazen Room (Lower level, Associated Bank Bldg.)              |
|       | 14  | Good Friday – Courts & Courthouse Closed   |
|       | 28  | Legal Aid 2006 – Par-a-Dice Hotel—6:30 p.m.— Shysters  |
| May   | 5   | Law Day Luncheon—Noon—Hotel Pere Marquette—Congressman Ray LaHood                              |
|       | 17  | New Members' Luncheon—Noon—PCBA Board Room   |
|       | 18  | New Members' Reception—4:30 p.m.—Sullivan's  |
|       | 24  | Memorial Service — Peoria County Courthouse, Courtroom 210 — 10:30 a.m.                        |
|       | 29  | Memorial Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed  |
| June  | 17  | Chicago Cubs v. Detroit Tigers—Wrigley Field—Tickets still available; call Rick or Megan Russo |
| July  | 4   | Independence Day—Courts & Courthouse Closed  |
|       | 10  | Annual Meeting — Noon — Hotel Pere Marquette—Installation of Officers                          |
| Aug.  | 28  | Golf Outing — Country Club of Peoria   |
| Sept. | 4   | Labor Day—Courts & Courthouse Closed   |
|       | TBA | Diversity Luncheon   |
| Oct.  | 9   | CLE—Professional Responsibility Lunch Seminar—12:00—2:00 p.m.—Holiday Inn/Hamilton Rm.         |
|       | 9   | Columbus Day (Observed) - Courts Closed/Courthouse Open  |

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### PCBA NEEDS YOUR HELP...

As the fiscal year enters its final quarter, planning for the 2006-07 year shifts into high gear. Enclosed with this issue are two forms that are important for the business of the Bar: Committee Preferences and Nominating Petition. Please take a moment to fill out and return one or both of these forms to continue (or initiate) your work with the PCBA. If you're in a hurry, simply e-mail your committee preferences to Linda at [pcba@mtco.com](mailto:pcba@mtco.com).

## Committee Meetings and Reports

### April

3	Noon	Publications Committee
4	Noon	Membership & Memorials Committee
5	Noon	Real Property Committee
6	Noon	Pro Bono Committee
12	Noon	Budget Committee
18	11:45	Board of Directors
19	Noon	Lincoln Memorial Banquet Committee
25	Noon	Diversity Committee

### May

3	Noon	Real Property Committee (tentative)
15	Noon	CLE Committee
16	11:45	Board of Directors
19	Noon	Publications Committee (tentative)

**The Family Law Division of the Courts & Procedures Committee** will be holding a special seminar regarding new Supreme Court Rule 900. (See page 1.)

**The Diversity Committee** is seeking 5-year pledges totaling \$575 to complete the program which will provide for three, \$1,000 scholarships to minority students attending law school and planning to practice in Peoria. Contributions should be made payable to the PCBA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. The committee also reports that they are working with the ABA and the IJA to bring judicial interns to Peoria again this summer.

**The Local Continuing Legal Education Committee** is pleased to announce its plans for a fall seminar to fulfill the two-hour MCLE requirement in professional responsibility. This will be a lunch seminar held in the Hamilton Room of the Holiday Inn City Centre, from noon until 2:00 p.m. Peter Jenetten is chairing the seminar and further details will be announced as they become available.

**The Membership & Memorials Committee** is busy planning three activities in May. The first event will be the New Members' Luncheon on May 17. This is an

invitation-only event for new members. If you have joined the PCBA since November, 2005, you will be receiving an invitation soon. The second event for this committee is the New Members' Reception on Thursday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m. at Sullivan's. No reservations are necessary and there is no cost to attend this reception. (Informational flyer will be included with May newsletter.) The third event is the annual Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse, Chief Judge Barra presiding.

**The Young Lawyers Committee** has a few tickets available for the June 17 Chicago Cubs v. Detroit Tigers game at Wrigley Field. Questions? Contact Rick Russo at 673-1681 or Megan Russo at 637-1400. If you've made a reservation, please send your check to the PCBA office no later than Monday, April



Megan and Rick Russo, Bus Trip 2005

17. Total cost for round trip bus fare, game ticket and snacks and beverages on the bus is only \$79.00 per person. Also, remember to send in your reservation for the Law Day Luncheon on Friday, May 5. (See page 1 for details.) (Flyer enclosed with this issue.)

PCBA member Peter LaSorsa is also a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Technology and has an upcoming meeting with Microsoft regarding legal and technology issues. If you'd like answers from Microsoft to your technology questions, contact Pete at (309) 712-1145 or [pmllaw@yahoo.com](mailto:pmllaw@yahoo.com) or [www.lasorsalaw.com](http://www.lasorsalaw.com) regarding presenting those questions to Microsoft through the ABA committee.



Peter LaSorsa

## Women and the Law Committee to Hold Peoria Reception

The ISBA Standing Committee on Women and the Law is hosting a reception from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2006, at the Creve Coeur Club, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 186, Peoria. There is no cost to attend this reception. The Committee will be having their Business Meeting the following morning, April 22, at the Hotel Pèr Marquette at 9:30 a.m. Please join us Friday, April 21, for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and help welcome our colleagues from all over the state. RSVP required to [plester@isba.org](mailto:plester@isba.org) or call 800-678-4009.

Elizabeth L. Jensen, Committee Member

## Immediate Openings

**Coordinator—Paralegal Programs** (Part-time) Illinois Central College is seeking a qualified individual to serve as part-time Coordinator for the American Bar Association approved Paralegal Programs. The successful candidate will be responsible for: providing leadership in admitting and selecting students; assisting faculty with developing, evaluating, and modifying the program curriculum; establishing and maintaining relationships for and assisting with coordinating student internships; assisting with advising Public Services Program students; evaluating graduation petitions, and resolving problems; assisting in the recruiting of Public Services students; preparing, administering, and assessing program goals/objectives and program budget; maintaining accreditation requirements; acquiring library and audiovisual materials; working with faculty to develop and maintain adequate teaching facilities and equipment and development of tentative class schedules; and performing other duties as assigned. Part-time up to 29 hours per week, the schedule is flexible and depending upon needs at any given point in a semester or academic year. Qualified individuals may be able to teach part-time as interested or as the need arises.

Required qualification: Bachelor's degree and experience as a paralegal or a lawyer who has working experience with a paralegal. Desirable qualification: Graduate of an accredited Paralegal program. Qualified individuals interested in this position must submit the following: ICC professional application, cover letter, current resume, and copies of college transcripts. Initial screening begins immediately, and will continue until a successful candidate is selected. Send application materials to: Lee Ann Poits, HR/Employee Services - 339G, Illinois Central College, One College Drive, East Peoria, IL 61635-0001. A professional application can be downloaded from [www.icc.edu/hr/employment](http://www.icc.edu/hr/employment). Initial screening date: Immediately.

**Staff Attorney:** Prairie State Legal Services is seeking applicants for a staff attorney position in Carol Stream, Illinois. The successful applicant will participate in a full range of legal activities, including the preparation and conduct of administrative hearings and trials of cases for elderly and low income persons. Prefer applicants already admitted to the Illinois Bar, but will consider applicants who are taking

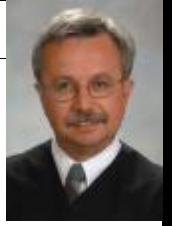
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# Courthouse News

The electronic recording system for Peoria County will become official by an Administrative Order effective Monday, April 17, 2006. The Administrative Order will be made available at least by Monday, April 10, if not sooner. Copies will be available in Court Scheduling and in each courtroom.

Attorneys are reminded to stand near a microphone before speaking, to speak clearly, and to identify themselves the first time they speak on a case.

Chief Judge John A. Barra  
Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois



## A Profession of Service

Photograph by  
Stephen J. Heine



This month we highlight two PCBA members, Karen Kendall and Tom Higgins, who are committed to the same cause—St. Jude. Tom and Karen are shown here (center) at the Tri County run in August of 2005, which raised over \$70,000.00 for the kids of St. Jude. The trek is a 56-mile route that leaves downtown Peoria at 6:00 a.m., crosses the Illinois River to East Peoria, back to Bartonville, across the river again, into Pekin, over to Morton, then to Washington. From Washington the group heads to Metamora, then back down 116 and across the river into Peoria. They then wind their way through Peoria and back to the Civic Center for the St. Jude Telethon. Karen, who has been running since 1982, and Tom, who was a novice last year, are planning to run again this August, and welcome other Bar members to join them. If you would like information on training for and running with the group, contact Tom Higgins at [Thiggins@icc.edu](mailto:Thiggins@icc.edu).

## Peoria County Pro Bono Plan



Sandra Crow

We continue to work on eliminating our divorce waiting list. To date only 40 people remain on the list for Peoria and Tazewell counties. We look forward to the day when the waiting list is a thing of the past, and that will happen this year. Thank you to all the firms and attorneys who have helped make this happen. And please remember that family law is only a portion of the cases referred through the Pro Bono Plan as we continue to refer consumer cases, expungement cases,

driver's license suspensions, real estate and foreclosure cases.

On behalf of our clients, we would like to thank the following attorneys and their staff who recently closed pro bono cases: SueAnn Billimack, Kirk Bode (2 cases), Blake Dunlap, Katherine Gorman, Theresa Hardesty, Sam Harrod (2 cases), Heyl law firm (2 cases), Peter LaSorsa, Donald Pioletti, and Brandon Sarff.

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

## Elder Abuse Symposium

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council is co-sponsoring an elder abuse symposium on Thursday, April 27, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn City Centre. Cost is \$30.00, which includes course supplies and lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, April 21, 2006. The featured speaker will be Paul Greenwood, Deputy District Attorney from San Diego, California. The afternoon panel will include PCBA member, Susan Dawson-Tibbits. For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Mary Taylor, Family Violence Coordinating Council, at (309) 672-6992, or via e-mail: [mtaylor@co.peoria.il.us](mailto:mtaylor@co.peoria.il.us).



## Walker to Address CIPA

Ed Walker will be the guest speaker at the Central Illinois Paralegal Association meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at Best Western Ashland House in Morton. Social hour begins at 5:45 p.m. Non-CIPA member attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries and students are cordially invited to attend. RSVPs welcome, but not required, to: [cipa@ciparalegal.org](mailto:cipa@ciparalegal.org)

## ISBA to Hold Civility Forums

Enclosed with this issue is a letter from ISBA President, Robert K. Downs, regarding a civility initiative of a joint committee of the ISBA, IJA and CBA. This is a topic which the PCBA addressed during the 1991-92 presidential term of Walter Winget, when a special committee on civility developed guidelines, which are still being distributed to our new members. The PCBA seeks volunteers to represent our bar association at one or both of the forums. Please contact Linda at (309) 674-6049 or [pcba@mtco.com](mailto:pcba@mtco.com) if you would like to represent the PCBA, or would like a copy of the guidelines.

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the next Bar Exam or are already admitted outside Illinois under Supreme Court Rule 717. Legal experience preferred, but not required. Salary starts at \$36,000, depending upon experience. Liberal fringe benefits. Indicate position location in cover letter and send resume, writing sample and three references to Michael O'Connor, Executive Director, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., 975 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103.

**Experienced Legal Secretary:** Small Estate Planning and Administration firm looking for energetic person with good computer and communication skills. North suburban location. Provide salary requirement and computer experience along with resume and references to Peoria County Bar Association, 411 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1618, Peoria, IL 61602, Attn: Newsletter Editor.

**Legal Secretary:** Full-time secretary for law office. Hours: 8:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday. Please send resume to: Essig Law Office, 135 Washington Square, Washington, IL 61571



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## DIRECTORY CHANGES

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### New E-mail

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Safford, West, Tornow & Jaeger, (Steve West, Medley  
Tornow and Phil Jaeger), [SWTJ@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SWTJ@sbcglobal.net)

### Name Change

Danielle Lippens f/k/a Danielle Groh

### ADDITIONS

Pat Houlf, Court Reporting Services Supervisor—Tenth Judicial Circuit, Peoria County—672-6990; Tazewell County-478-5887  
Assistant Court Reporting Services Supervisor—Donna Lee 478-5886

### Space Available Peoria

- Fully-furnished office space in the Associated Bank Building, 19th floor, available for sublease through December 2006. Reception area, large open office/conference room, storage room. Approximately 645 square feet, \$750 per month. Phone 453-5501 for more information.
- Boucher & Enright Bldg., 2708 N. Knoxville—2 room, 620 sq. ft. private suite. Newly decorated with hardwood floors, prominent signage on Knoxville Avenue (with traffic flow in excess of 30,000 cars per day), free parking lot, utilities. Common kitchen, conference rooms, reception area, elevator and handicapped accessible. \$950/month. Receptionist services, copier, fax available. Phone: 682-2717.
- Boucher & Enright Bldg., 2708 N. Knoxville—132 sq. ft. office with attached closet for files, storage. Newly decorated, prominent signage on Knoxville Avenue (with traffic flow in excess of 30,000 cars per day), free parking lot, utilities. Common kitchen, conference rooms, reception area,

elevator and handicapped accessible. \$500/month. Receptionist services, copier, fax available. Phone: 682-2717.

- Janssen Building – last available office – the best has been saved for last – 1500 sq. feet, luxury finish, never occupied. \$4,000 monthly gross rent. 676-2341
- Sub-Lease Available. 406 sq. feet including large conference room and attached professional space with two workstations. Conveniently located on the 17th floor of the Associated Bank Building in downtown Peoria, across from the Peoria County Courthouse. \$525/month. If interested, call Craig or Donna at (309) 676-6600.

### Tazewell

- 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. For further information or to see office space, contact Clay Moushon, 698-6627.
- Legal space for rent. Spacious office, large conference room and reception area available across the street from the Tazewell Courthouse entrance. For further information call Dale Thomas, 346-5297.

**Remember to submit  
any changes in your  
Attorneys' Directory  
listing by May 1.**

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- Committee Preference form
- Legal Aid 2006 flyer
- Nominating Petition for At Large Director Seat