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

President's Message

Hello members! We made it to summer! Now that my children are out of school, I plan to enjoy the less hectic mornings and evenings and spend time with them outside. We like to go for bike rides and swim, and I am looking forward to these activities after a winter that felt like it would never end! I hope that you seize the new season, maybe even take a vacation, and are able to spend time with your friends and family doing the activities that make you happy.



CLE Deadline Approaching

The deadline to complete your CLE for attorneys in the first half of the alphabet is at the end of this month. As a member of the PCBA, you have access to approximately 10 hours of free CLE through the Brown Bag series. Contact Stephanie to obtain access to the courses. Don't miss out on this benefit of membership! You can also buy additional CLE courses through the PCBA website, if you are looking for more hours.

Also, did you know that you can easily track your CLE credits on the Illinois MCLE Board website, www.mcleboard.org? Once you log in to the site, you can see a personalized chart of the credits reported during your reporting period. This is an easy way to see all of your credits, from whatever source, in one place.

Dues Notices

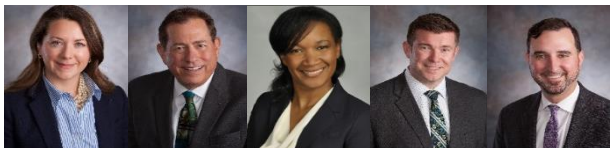
The PCBA's current fiscal year is winding down. Later this month you will be receiving a PCBA dues notice for membership in 2022-2023. Remember that in addition to the networking and CLE, a benefit of membership is being in the know: the PCBA disseminates information directly from the Chief Judge and the Courthouse to our membership, along with providing opportunities such as the webinar with newly appointed Justice Lisa Holder White. I appreciate your membership and participation in the PCBA, and I look forward to another great year!

Court News *By Chief Judge Katherine S. Gorman*



1. Congratulate Judge Wilson on her appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court as Way Vice-Chair of the Supreme Court of Illinois Judicial College Board of Trustees! Way to make the Tenth Judicial Circuit look good!

Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception



Left to right: Emily Wilburn, Michael Fleming, Aliesha Graves, Joshua Herman and David Wiest.

The **Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception** will take place on **Thursday, July 28 at Obed & Isaac's**. We will honor Emily Wilburn for her year of service as President, and welcome Mike Fleming as incoming President, along with Aliesha Graves and Joshua Herman as President-Elect and Second Vice President, respectively. We will also vote on the Nominating Committee's motion to approve David Wiest as incoming Secretary-Treasurer. This will be a **FREE** event, open to all attorneys and

judges and will include food and drinks. Registration can be done online by clicking on the event calendar, or by clicking [here](#).

Registration closes at Noon on Thursday, July 21.

June

6-13 PCBA Office Closed

16 Pro Bono Social at Obed & Isaac's at 5:00 p.m.

July

4 Independence Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed, PCBA Office Closed

28 Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception – Obed & Isaac's at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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

1	Real Property (Z)	16	Diversity (Z)
2	YLC (Z)	21	Board of Directors (Z)
15	CLE (Z)	22	Fitness, Health & Wellness (Z)

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.

Communications & Technology

Without any delays, the Attorney Pictorial Directory should be available at the end of July. An email will be sent to the membership once it's available!

Diversity

Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship

Applications for the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship are being accepted! Please share the link below with anyone you know in law school.

Eligibility: The applicant must be one of the following for the 2022-23 academic year:

- 1) an entering first-year law student;
 - 2) a second-year law student; or
 - 3) a third-year law student.
- The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America.
 - The applicant must have a four-year college degree or be expected to obtain a college degree by the end of the spring 2022 semester.
 - The applicant must have been accepted to or have an application to law school pending.

Submissions are due by Friday, July 22, 2022. [Application Link](#)

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 on July 1. Mark your calendars now!

Fitness Health & Wellness by JD VanRheeden, committee member

For many of us, achy and painful joints are unfortunately a reality that limits motivation and ability to participate in certain types of exercise. BUT, those achy knees don't have to keep you couch bound! There are a number of low impact exercises that can help keep you active, but comfortable. See the attached link for recommendations on low impact exercises that won't inflict pain upon your joints. <https://www.healthline.com/health/fitness-exercise/low-impact-exercises>.



Local Continuing Legal Education

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.

Membership

We have received an application for membership from Judge Paul Bauer and Alicia VanRheeden. Judge Paul Bauer is a Judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit, currently residing in courtroom 214 in Peoria, and Alicia is an attorney with Quinn Johnston. If there are no objections, their names will be presented to the Board in August for approval.

Pro Bono

The Pro Bono Committee would like to invite you to a social on Thursday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the Obed & Isaac's Beer Garden. This is a no obligation or commitment event. The committee is looking forward to sharing all the different ways you can participate in Pro Bono work in the community! Cash bar & hosted appetizers.

Young Lawyers' Committee

Below you will see a photo collage from the Annual Law Day Luncheon held on May 4th at The Warehouse on State. Thank you to Kevin Sheahan, Bradley Barber and Shane Mahoney for their hard work in making this a great event!

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).

2021-22 Board of Directors

Emily H. Wilburn – President
Michael A. Fleming – President-Elect & Budget
Aliesha N. Graves – Second Vice President
Joshua D. Herman – Secretary-Treasurer
Ambrose V. McCall – Past President & Nominating Chair
Heather J. Russo – By-Laws
Katherine G. Legge – Communications & Technology
Yolanda J. Riley -- Diversity
Nathan R. Bach – Entertainment (Golf)
Dennis E. Merkley – Entertainment (Holiday Party)
James D. Van Rheeden – Fitness, Health & Wellness
Ann R. Pieper – Government & Public Interest Law
Carol J. Perkins – Lawyer Referral Service

Mitch M. Gilfillan – Lincoln Memorial Banquet
Katherine L. Swise – Local Continuing Legal Education
Thomas A McConaughay & David B. Mueller –
Membership & Memorials
Kerrianne L. Waters – Pro Bono
Seth A. TeBeest – Public Relations
Kyle M. Tompkins – Real Property
John G. Dundas – Substantive Law
Kevin O. Sheahan – Young Lawyers
William B. Loeffel – Director at Large
Norman L. McGill – Director at Large
Nicole D. Meyer– Director at Large
Christopher A. Nichols – Director at Large



50 Year Honorees (left to right): Dennis Triggs, Robert Potts, Robert G. Day, Jr. and Kerry Cordis. Honorees not pictured: Robert Dewey and Nile Williamson



Keynote Speaker, Gregory K. Harris, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois



Law Day Essay Contest Winners (left to right): 1st Place Emmitt Stevenson, 2nd Place Isabelle Hosein and their teacher, Holly Rocke from Peoria Academy



Gregory K. Harris and YLC Chair, Kevin Sheahan