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Mission Statement

The mission of the Monroe County Bar Association is to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law, to cultivate social interaction among its members and to increase its usefulness in the administration of justice.

President's Message



The Bench Bar Conference was a huge success! We were excited to have Justice Debra McCloskey Todd representing the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania provide us with an update on the State of the Court. Many thanks to Chair Elizabeth Weekes and her extraordinary committee for their hard work in producing the event as well as to NCC for working alongside of us every step of the way. To the MCBA staff who executed the event so effortlessly, I applaud you. The cast of presenters provided us with programming that was diverse, relevant and timely. To our sponsors, we could not have offered programming of this caliber without you. I encourage all of our members to support those that support us. Finally thank you to those who attended! We hope you had an educational and enjoyable day.

This past quarter saw a number of initiatives moved through the development stage with official launches at the 22rd annual Bench Bar Conference. These include the Lawyer to Lawyer Network Program and the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program. These programs are designed to be both a benefit to members and the Association yet enhance our individual practices by strengthening our customer relations. I hope you take a few moments to learn about these programs and how they will assist you in your practice of law. Thank you to everyone who worked diligently to bring these programs to fruition.

Our committees continue to work hard for the organization. Our Children's Advocacy Committee produced a four hour interactive CLE on the numerous issues that touch families and juveniles in our court system. I appreciate all those that worked so hard on the project as well as those that took time out of their hectic schedules to attend the session. It shows your commitment to the community and to your craft as lawyers.

Since it's sometimes all about enjoying each other's company, there were no complaints when our second Social on the

Veranda ended up being inside due to one more rainstorm this summer. We also continue the Member Mixer / Trivia Nights as well. They are now held every other month with the next one being held on Thursday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Remember you can come for just a drink and some appetizers, just for trivia or both or just to catch up with each other in a much more relaxed atmosphere.

There is still much to do in 2018. Preparation for two more major events is underway – the Mock Trial Invitational which will be on Saturday, November 17th and the Holiday Open House on Friday, December 14th. There's an old saying, "Be there, or be square!"

Mark

Mark A. Primrose



**September 28, 2018 Bench Bar Conference
Members listen as ADR benefits and uses are explained .**

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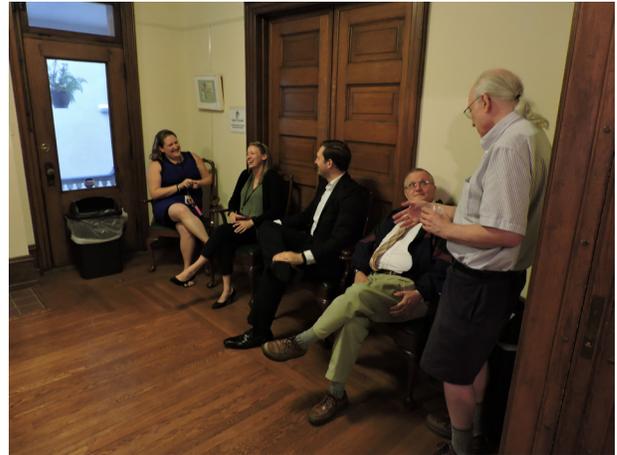
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION NEWS

The YLD continue to host the Member Mixers. Beginning this summer the mixers are now on alternating dates. Mixers will be held on October 25th and December 6th. We encourage all members to join us for either cocktails, trivia or both. Appetizers are on us!

Judge Zulick was our guest mentor at our September lunch. We are lucky to have time to meet with our judges and long-standing members to learn more about the practice of law in Monroe County.

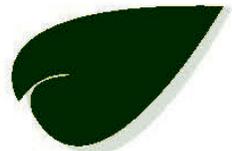
Our last meeting of 2018 will be held on Monday, October 22nd. At that time we will be electing our board for 2019. If asked, we hope you will consider serving.

As always, thank you to all those who continue to support the YLD!



Left to right, YLD members Jessica Jones, Emily Haslebacher and Justin Davenport and Longstanding members Jim Butz and Joe Rattman at the September Social on the Veranda

MONROE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION



This past quarter MCBF reviewed grant applications totaling over \$132,000. Based on our guidelines, which include the submission of a completed application and all supporting documents, the use of funds, the impact on the community as well as other guidelines, we approved over \$45,000 in grants. We are pleased to announce the following grants will be awarded in late October to:

- Devereux Advanced Behavior Health Pocono - \$5,000 for the Children's Behavior Health Service in Monroe County.
- Family Promise of Monroe County - \$5,000 for Project Safe Shelter
- Growing Place Child Care Center - \$9,000 for the establishment of a new child care center at the Stroudsburg Area School District Middle school.
- Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm - \$1,866 for Growing Goodness Healthy Living from Past to Present program for local school students
- Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corp - \$15,000 for the Emergency Feeding program
- Youth Employment Services - \$10,000 for the Project Success program

Welcome New Members!

Scott Brannan

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Scott Brannan is the newest member to President Judge Margherita Patti-Worthington's team. Brannan recently received his J.D. from Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. His primary interest lies in Labor and Employment law as well as Business law. Brannan attended Parkland High School before attending Kutztown University where he received Bachelor's degree in Finance. When Scott does have free time he can be found either playing or watching sports.

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Before moving east to attend William & Mary Law School, Attorney Davenport earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Texas in Austin. Justin is licensed in Washington DC with results pending from the Commonwealth of Virginia. While in law school, he was a staff member on the school's Business Law Review as well as the Production Chair for the school's a cappella group, Law Capella. In addition to singing, when time allows, Davenport enjoys reading and writing on a variety of topics with primary interests lying at the intersection of law and neuroscience.

Edward (E.E.) Keenan

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Attorney Edward Keenan focuses his practice on representing clients with their employment and labor related issues. Keenan is a graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Law School. In addition to being admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, E.E. is admitted in New York and Missouri. He and partner, Sonal Bhatia have offices in both New York and Missouri.

Danielle Travagline

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In January of this year Magisterial District Judge Danielle Travagline began her term as MDJ for the 43-3-01 district. Judge Travagline received her degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Scanton and her J.D. from the Kline School of Law at Drexel University. Licensed in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Judge Travagline has joined several committees at MCBA including the Children's Advocacy and Pro-Bono committees.

Richard P. White

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Attorney Rich White joined the Office of the District Attorney, Monroe County, in January of this year after working as an ADA for Allegheny County. After graduating from Misericordia University, Rich went on to earn his J.D. from the Duquesne University School of Law. While at Duquesne, White was a member of the school's Trial Advocacy Program where he was both a finalist and semi-finalist in two national competitions.

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Attorney Williams is an immigration attorney practicing in not only Monroe County but throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Ysabel is fluent in Spanish which is a benefit to the clients she serves.

Williams is the mother of James, an East Stroudsburg School District alumni. When not working she enjoys spending time with her son, Yoshi her Bichon and either gardening or running.

2018 Bench Bar Conference

This year's conference saw a few changes. For the first time attendees were able to earn five credits including one ethics credit if they attended all the presentations offered. This schedule change was a direct result of comments from prior surveys. We also introduced the "Sponsor Passport" which encouraged all members to stop by and meet all of the sponsors. Those who visited all the sponsors were encouraged to place their entry passport into one of two drawing boxes. Attorneys Steve Krawitz and Kimberly Cicci Tuin were the winners of the passport raffle prizes. A big "Thank You!" to all our sponsors. Once again we were able to keep the cost of the conference affordable for our members.

We were honored to have with us many special guests and presenters including Justice Debra McCloskey Todd who provided us with the State of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. President Judge Worthington provided us with an update on the State of the Monroe County Bench. Our courts continue to be the busiest in our county class size, which was confirmed with the approval of a seventh judge.

David Schwager, Pennsylvania Bar Association Secretary, was excited to join the conference and provide an update on the PBA. The PBA continues to work for the members working with the educational arm, PBI, and staying on top of legislative issues just to name a few.

Superior Court President Judge Emirates Correale Stevens and Senior Deputy Attorney General Bernard Anderson presented a program on "America's Fascination with Serial Killers" while retired Judge Thomas Blewitt and Attorney David Fitzsimons discussed the benefits of an Alternative Dispute Resolution program for Bar Associations. MCBA has formerly launched our new ADR program, with more information available on our website.

Attorney Michael Pierce, Past President of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, reminded us how we can become better leaders whether in our practice, in our service to the community and to our Bar Association. How immigration effects our practice was brought to light by Attorney Justin Mixon.

The Judges' Round Table provided insight into the status of the courthouse expansion. There was open discussion on security issues, how space might be used at the county owned building on Main Street, as well as how members of the Bar Association can support the project.

The day was capped off with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Northampton Community College once again provided us with excellent food and service. Rather than each attendee receiving a small gift for attending, this year the Bench Bar Conference Committee decided to mix things up. Attendees were entered to win one of several prizes. The only caveat was that the member needed to be present to win. Those who stayed, and won, were pleasantly surprised. The winners are:

Jacob Seip - Lifetime Membership to MCBA

Diane Dagger - iPad Mini with case and warranty

Ysabel Williams - \$200 Peppe's gift card

Andy Wolf - Keurig gift basket with coffees and mugs

Geoffrey Worthington - Wine gift basket with crystal wine bucket and glasses

Bill Reaser - \$50 Sarah Street Grille gift card

Joe McDonald - \$50 Yard of Ale gift card

Scott Brannan & Jamie Wagenhoffer - \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift cards

Don Gual & Michael Metzgar - \$25 Starbucks gift cards

Andrew Kroeckel & Domenic Sbrocchi - \$25 Kitchen Chemistry gift cards



2018 Bench Bar Conference



Reminders!

Holiday Open House
December 14th

Member
Meeting
November 8th

YLD Member
Meeting
October 22nd

Swearing in Ceremony
December 17th

Mock Trial
Invitational
Pocono Mtn
East
November
17th

Member Mixer &
Trivia Night(s)
October 25th &
December 6th

MCBA Closed
October 8th

MCBA Closed - November 22nd & 23rd, December 25th

Updates and Announcements

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MCBA MIXERS

TRIVIA



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Thursday, October 25, 2018
Thursday, December 6, 2018

- Mix ★ Mingle ★ Compete! -



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Complimentary Appetizers Courtesy of the YLD

Special Drink Prices from 5-6 pm

Tap Beer—Sangria—Well Drinks

RSVP's are encouraged by the Wednesday before the Mixer
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THE MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Is proud to announce the
**2018 MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL
TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Graciously hosted this year by
Pocono Mountain East High School
Swiftwater, PA

Volunteers Needed!

Competition Judges/Scorekeepers: On the day of the event we will need volunteers to preside over the competition trials and to track the timed rounds. Just a few hours of your time on a Saturday will be a great help to this event.

Attorney Advisors: For those of you that are interested in greater involvement with the program, being an attorney advisor to a team is an extremely rewarding opportunity. Mentoring the team through preparation for trial competition requires the most commitment yet it offers the most hands on involvement in the community and influence on our youth.

Trials begin at 9:00 am
Lunch 12:00 pm
Trials begin again at 1:00 pm

Light Breakfast and Lunch will be provided by the Association.

All volunteers will receive a "Free Lunch and Learn" voucher per half day session.
If you stay and help with lunch you will receive an additional "Free Lunch and Learn"

Please return this form to the Monroe County Bar Association by **November 5, 2018**, if volunteering, by email: info2@monroebar.org or by calling us at 570.424.7288.

I would like to volunteer in the

MCBA 2018 Mock Trial Invitational Tournament on November 17, 2018

Sign me up to be a: Judge Scorekeeper Attorney Advisor

I am available for the: AM Session PM Session All Day

Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

SAVE THE DATE:

Monroe County Bar Association 2018 Swearing In Ceremony Holiday Open House

Friday, December 14, 2018

Swearing in Ceremony

3:30—4:30 pm

**Monroe County Courthouse
Courtroom 1**

Followed by:

2018 Holiday Open House

Starting at 4:30 pm

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(First year program is for 15 months, not 12!)

2018-2019 MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Lawyer to Lawyer Program A MCBA Member Benefit Program – For Members Only –

We now offer to our members a section that lists members by their areas of interest. With this section, the website will serve to index members by area of practice to provide ease in referral cases between members.

PLEASE NOTE: Your first category/listing is \$100.00 with additional listings at \$20.00 each. Your check **MUST** accompany this form. ***To participate in the program for the remainder of 2018 and for 2019, the form with payment must be received at the MCBA no later than **October 15, 2018.**

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***This is a voluntary program. Annual renewal is required, including application and payment of fees. This program requires annual fees to participate. Members' dues must be paid currently to participate.*

Upcoming PBI Schedule at the MCBA Bar Center
Live-feed Group-casts & Video Replays
For more details or to register for any PBI seminar, go to www.pbi.org
or call 800.932.4637
Courses are subject to cancellation by PBI if a minimum number of attendees do not
pre-register.

[PBI: Land Use Institute 2018- Video](#)

10/04/18 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

[PBI: Family Law Update 2018 - Groupcast](#)

10/16/18 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

[PBI: Spotlight on Ethics Full Day Plus AM/PM option- Video](#)

10/23/18 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

[PBI: How the New Tax Law Impacts Real Estate 2018- Video](#)

11/1/18 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

[PBI: Post Midterm Election: Update of Legal Issues Surrounding the President - Groupcast](#)

11/28/18 12:30 PM – 3:45 PM

[PBI: Criminal Law Update 2018 - Groupcast](#)

12/03/18 12:00 PM – 4:15 PM

[PBI: Guardianship Practice and Procedure: The Rules have Changed-Groupcast](#)

12/07/18 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Please go to the MCBA calendar to confirm seminar - www.monroebar.org

Be advised that PBI will no longer be providing printed materials.

Committees Updates

Bench Bar Conference (BBC)

The Conference was held on Friday, September 28, 2018. The Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the conference including our members, presenters and guests. A special thank you to Justice Debra McCloskey Todd for taking time out of her busy schedule to provide us with an update on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. To our sponsors “Thank you!” Please remember these businesses. We encourage you all to sponsor those who sponsor us! Please watch for the survey which will be emailed to the membership in the next weeks. Take the few minutes to complete it provides us with valuable insight into what you as members would like to see in future conferences. Thank you to the Monroe County Judiciary, the BBC Committee and the MCBA staff for their time and efforts in making the conference a success!

Children’s Advocacy (CAC)

The CAC presented their CLE on July 19, 2018, delving into key issues in dependency, delinquency, and family law. The program entitled “Practice, Pitfalls, Protocols, Ethics and Evolving Issues in Family Law, Dependency and Delinquency”, was well received by all attendees. We were pleased to see some of our peers from Pike County attend as well.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Monroe County Courts have applied for and been approved for a facility dog thru Canine Companions. The application and approval process is intense but with the hard work of our President Judge and her team the courts will have a new team member within the next twelve months. Attorney Jessica Jones, Senior Law Clerk, will be the handler.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

MCBA will offer at least one more CLE credit this year in November. There are a number of PBI courses scheduled as well. You can find current opportunities on both the MCBA website calendar as well as the PBI’s website, www.pbi.org. MCBA hosts these for your convenience, saving you both travel time and expense.

Topic suggestions are always welcome. Please just contact Brian Jordan or Denise Burdge with your program ideas or if you wish to present on a current topic.

Fee Dispute

The Fee Dispute Committee has completed the revision of the dispute process. The revisions allow the Fee Dispute Panel to approach each dispute as a mediation, with the intention for both parties to work together toward a satisfactory resolution.

Government Relations

Each month the Government Relations Committee reviews and discusses the Legislative Summary as supplied by the AOPC. In addition to members of MCBA, Court Administrator John Goldner sits on the committee representing the courts. John’s insight on to what the judges are concerned with is invaluable to the group. The Committee recommends possible CLEs and forwards appropriate legislation to the Board for possible action.

Find a Lawyer (FAL)

Referrals remain consist with last year at over 3,140 through the end of September, up over 20 from 2017. Requests for assistance in the areas of family law and real estate continue to be the highest. This quarter requests for referrals in the ‘tort’ category exceed by wills and estates as well as criminal law.

Committees Updates (con)

Alternative Dispute Resolution

The ADR Committee officially launched the new MCBA ADR Program at the 2018 Bench Bar Conference. Members of MCBA who are certified mediators and arbitrators are available for hire for attorneys, individuals and business owners wishing to resolve cases and avoid the added expense of court. More information can be found on the ADR page on our website.

Pro-Bono

We are pleased to announce that the MCBA members once again voted to support North Penn Legal Services with a commitment of \$80,000 to be paid over their next fiscal year. The Committee encourages everyone to take at least one case from NPLS per year.

The Pro-Bono Committee will work closely with the Mediation Committee to develop the mediation/arbitration program for modest means clients. The program will focus on legal issues already within the scope of the Modest Means Program. The hope is that issues like landlord/tenant, employment and some family law situations will be resolved with the assistance of the courts.



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