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## **Westmoreland Bar Association Executive Director Announces Upcoming Retirement**

### **Diane Krivoniak served as the association's administrative leader for three decades**

GREENSBURG (July 19, 2019) – Diane Krivoniak has announced her plan to retire from her role as executive director of the Westmoreland Bar Association (WBA). Krivoniak has served as the association's administrative leader since August of 1989.

“For an unprecedented stretch of 30 years, Diane's enthusiasm and energy have propelled our association forward,” said Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, WBA president. “Among a very long list of accomplishments, Diane is known for her dedicated service to our members and for developing excellent relationships. Diane also has managed a calendar packed with activities that includes continuing legal education sessions as well as numerous board and committee meetings – all with the highest level of professionalism.”

In addition to her role as WBA executive director, Krivoniak organized the 1991 founding of the Westmoreland Bar Foundation (WBF), a nonprofit charitable organization that works to improve public awareness of the legal system, to enhance the administration of justice and to provide funding supporting the delivery of legal services to low-income county residents. In addition, WBF has managed county programs and awarded scholarships to high school and law school students.

Novotny-Prettiman said that Krivoniak has not announced a specific retirement date because Krivoniak plans to support the association's board of directors with its search for WBA's next executive director.

“The WBA board is thankful that Diane is willing to remain with on board with us during this period of transition,” said Novotny-Prettiman. “Her insights will be invaluable to us during the interview process and during the start of the new executive director's tenure.”

In 2012, Krivoniak was presented with the 15th annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award, which is presented by the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Conference for County Bar Leaders to a county bar executive who demonstrates professional excellence, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association, and who significantly enhances the stature of his or her bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, the PBA's county bar services director who retired after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

During 2009, Krivoniak served as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives, which provides a forum for executive directors to share ideas about the administration of organized bar activities, to support the use of current office management and business administration methods and to assist with coordination of activities by Pennsylvania's bar associations.

Krivoniak is also active in her community. She travels to Jamaica, Oklahoma and Appalachia for mission work to restore shelter for those in need. She is a volunteer with CASA and the Food Bank and she and her husband moderate local Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes. She is currently Secretary of the board of the YWCA of Westmoreland County, where she previously served as President.

She is an honors graduate of Penn State University.

The Westmoreland Bar Association is among the oldest, continuous professional organizations of lawyers in Pennsylvania. The voluntary association is comprised of approximately 500 attorneys who practice law primarily in Westmoreland County. The association's mission is to continue a longstanding tradition of fostering excellence in professional service by its members to their clients and to the general community while engendering respect, civility and camaraderie among the members of the bench and bar.

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Editor's note: A photo of Diane Krivoniak is available by contacting Joyce Novotny-Prettiman at the contact information above.

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