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2019 Bench/Bar Location Narrowed to Five Finalists

When the WBA board announced that next year's Bench/Bar Conference would be held within the county and that the board would institute a bidding procedure among the municipalities to host the longstanding and prestigious event, there were numerous skeptics who believed that it would come to naught. Surprisingly, thirteen municipalities came forward with a positive response. Greensburg, however, which is saturated with lawyers on a daily basis, was the first of several to announce that it did not wish to be considered.

Of the thirteen which presented plans touting their advantages, the WBA pared the list to five finalists: West Leechburg, Sutersville, Derry Township, Seward, and Hunker. Accommodations, location, outdoor activities and proximity to restaurants and pubs were among the most cited attributes. Seward, West Leechburg and Sutersville noted that they would appeal to our members' sense of adventure as they bordered and hence were accessible to the nightlife and allure of Indiana, Armstrong and Allegheny counties; while Hunker boasted the lyrical sound of its name, along with the promise to hire a second solicitor.

All bets seemed to be off, however, when it was reported that Derry Township was in line for a mini-casino



Will attendees get lucky at the 2019 Bench/Bar Conference? Sources say it's a sure thing.

which would house 750 slot machines (roughly one-and-a-half machines for each WBA member) and 30 table games. Add to this the views of Chestnut Ridge from Cokeville Heights, two pizzerias, and a Chinese restaurant, and you have, according to some, the guarantee of another successful conference. Behind the scenes, it is rumored that the Bench/Bar Committee is negotiating with the casino's developer for the construction of an on-site district magistrate court with valet parking.

While some municipalities have offered incentives to bring gambling establishments into their communities such as tax breaks, road improvements, and construction of local dog parks, Derry supervisors have been mum as to whether incentives have been promised

in the present case. Rumors of the construction of a six-lane highway between Bradenville and Torrance have been labeled as "foolish" by the county commissioners who have been ardent supporters of bringing the gaming industry into the county with its anticipated 764,000 new jobs, of which it is estimated that at least 10% will be held by professional counselors, therapists, and aides to treat addicts who find that they are unable to pry themselves away from the flashing lights and seductive din of the slot machines.

There may also be downsides. Lotto lines at the Giant Eagle will be down, which likely will result in some loss of business for the locally based food retailer; area bars and taverns may

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President's Message

On Courtesy

by Harvey Weatherwax, Esq.

Can you believe one whole year has passed since I ascended to office? Hard to imagine, isn't it? It's been an interesting year, and although my critics might say nothing got done, I respectfully disagree. Oh



sure, there was that little contretemps I had with staff over everything they did, but listen, I swear to God they were eating my strawberries. And while I had no proof other than the fact that

my strawberries had disappeared from the mess hall, at least one other board member agreed with me that both discharge and sterilization were appropriate sanctions.

Missing strawberries were only the tip of the chicaneries. I also knew that money was missing from our bank accounts. Yes, I know, no, we couldn't find any missing money, but if we had found it then it wouldn't be missing, now would it? And since we didn't find it, it's still missing. I rest my case and leave it to my successor to fire everyone.

Now let's talk about courtesy. Every WBA president has written at least one message about courtesy, universally extolling its virtues. Really? REALLY?? I mean, this is an adversarial profession, remember, emphasis on the word "adversarial." When we win we make more money than when we lose. So when an adversary tries to take money out of my mouth, I say courtesy be damned. Have you any idea how expensive country clubs have become?

Courtesy, oh contraire. A swift kick to an opponent's family jewels or jewelry case is a surprisingly effective litigation technique. So too are such gambits as taunting, spilling hot coffee "accidentally" on opposing counsel during depositions, laughing at an adversary's disparate sexual orientation, refusing to consent to anything, propelling paper clips by rubber band to the backs of the heads of opposing counsel during their closings, oh, it's all such effective fun.

And just remember, who's driving that sexy, new Jag now?

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Young Lawyers Committee to Establish Pet Day Care Center

Responding to both the latest trend and growing need for therapy pets among professionals in stressful careers, the Young Lawyers Committee of the WBA plans to open a pet day care center this spring in the currently unused basement of the WBA Headquarters. The center, to be called “Standard of Care,” will accept any WBA member’s pet of any kind, including but not limited to dogs, cats, reptiles, chickens¹ and/or goats (preferably miniature breeds).

The kinds of pets to be cared for is far broader than other such services offer, as the YL Committee strives for the day care to be as inclusive as its insurance policy will allow in order to fit the apparent demand for such services among WBA members.

One young lawyer purchased baby chicks last spring on a whim, but only recently realized the benefits of his purchase. “I’ve found that if I eat eggs for the majority of my meals, paying my student debt has become much more manageable,” he said. “Now, with the availability of chicken day care, I can take them to work with me and have free eggs for lunch, too.”

¹ Any and all eggs laid by any hen while at Standard of Care will become the sole property of the WBA for the exclusive use and consumption of and by the Young Lawyers’ Committee. Aggressive roosters should be left in the coop.



commands like “sit,” “stay,” and “show up.”

A Family Law Committee member is equally thrilled for her pit bull, Bully, to finally socialize with some other animals. However, she stated that Bully will be permitted at the day care for no more than two hours per day and only on the third Saturday of the month.

The day care will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by members of the Young Lawyers Committee. While the fee for pet care is included in the WBA membership, tips are both welcomed and encouraged.

Members who have no pets of their own are also encouraged to visit and de-stress during their lunch hour by playing with or exercising the pets. One public defender noted how much nicer it will be to be surrounded by quiet, less aggressive creatures who have the ability to follow basic

All YL members who will be staffing the center will have completed their Pet Care Certification classes and look forward to adding this experience to their résumés.

An Open House will be held on April 1, 2018, and all WBA members are encouraged to stop by to see the newly renovated basement and to receive some freebies, including an assortment of poo bags—an always-useful item for lawyers to have on hand whether they have pets or not.

A sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to help with “cleanup” will also be available at that time. 🍷



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Vacancies Arise in Civil Court

Of the three judges with civil assignments, two have obtained permission to transfer to family court and the third has not been seen since the lunch break on Wednesday. All three had agreed to sit as a court *en banc* to hear post-trial motions in the case of *Price v. Neal*.

You may well recall reading about this much-publicized piece of litigation, brought here on a motion for a change of venue, as it wound its way through the courts. While the amount in controversy is not much, it is—as we are wont to say—the principal which matters.

The litigation has received wide coverage by the media due to the unusual fact that over 200 years ago, the great-grandfathers of the two present litigants were engaged in a similar action before the King's Bench. The emigration of their descendants to America has not healed the animosity between their successors, who intentionally recreate similar facts and then litigate the same issue over again in different jurisdictions, each hoping to find a definitive ruling in their favor.

With the fortunate exception of an execution, the facts cannot be better stated than what appeared in the seminal case, set forth in 97 Eng. Rep. 871 (1762) with some modernization of the language:



“John Price (plaintiff) agreed to pay any drafts, called bills of exchange, that Benjamin Sutton drew on Price. Sutton drew two drafts on Price, which were indorsed by several people before being acquired by Edward Neal (defendant). Neal presented the first draft to Price for payment, and Price paid the first draft. The second draft was presented by a third party to Price for acceptance. Price wrote, ‘Accepted, John Price,’ on the draft and wrote an order to his bankers on the back of the draft to pay the draft when it was presented to the bankers for payment. The third party then endorsed the draft over to Neal. Neal obtained payment on the draft from Price’s bankers. [IF YOU ARE STILL WITH US, now here is the good part]. Price later discovered that Sutton had never drawn or signed the drafts. Sutton’s name had been forged by an individual named Lee, who was later hanged for forgery. After learning of the forgery, Price brought suit against Neal for return of the payments on the drafts. The jury reached a verdict in favor of Price.”

An online poll conducted by the WBA suggests that there will be no judicial candidates to fill any judicial vacancies. 🎉

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New Confidentiality Policy in Full Swing



It's been three months since Pennsylvania's new uniform public access policy for trial and appellate court records took effect, making it a great time for an update in *the sidebar*. Those unfamiliar with the new policy might reference a press release by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) issued on January 6, 2018, the same day the new policy took effect.

According to the AOPC, the new policy "for the first time," i.e., since December 12, 1787, "establishes uniform standards for all appellate and trial courts in responding to requests from the public for case records ... and delineates what information will be safeguarded." With respect to the filing of safeguarded information, the policy provides that the same "cannot be included in court filings, but instead must be identified to the court on a separate form, called a Confidential Information Form (CIF) ..." Furthermore, "certain documents ... must be filed with a Confidential Document Form (CDF)."

The Clouds of the AOPC notwithstanding, county prothonotary offices now demarcate the frontline for implementation and adherence to the new policy. In a nearby metropolitan county, on the first day the new policy took effect, a veteran clerk was

confronted with the first of such a filing. Fear rushed across her face as she mouthed something with the faintest whisper (like the surreptitious prayer to a police officer who happens upon an active hostage situation). "I don't know what to do with this," she said. The filing attorney, clearly bemused at 8:30 a.m., mustered the only response that made sense, "I'm sorry?" Without warning, a black-clad supervisor appeared, forcefully and ceremoniously presenting the weary counsel with yet another form, a "Certificate of Compliance," for what seemed to be his seventh signature.

It seemed possible that the dirge-like atmosphere witnessed in the metropolitan county might be different elsewhere. Local filing clerks might have a different perspective. Indeed, they do. Through clenched smiles, several of the hard-working women (and man) of the Westmoreland County Prothonotary's Office described how ensuring compliance with the new policy had thoroughly impacted

personnel efforts at finalizing e-filing in the County. "It was just a campaign promise, so it's not like anyone expected it to occur, right?!" exclaimed one clerk, a discomfiting twinkle dancing in her eyes.

These interviews were punctuated by the pleas of a pro se custody litigant, a pregnant mother of five, who, having just finished a twelve-page, handwritten petition for emergency relief as her children screamed, was told she would need to start over. Apparently, she had indicated the names and dates of birth of her many children, among other things, within the petition. "But they are right next to me in a public place! I brought them with me, you can see them!" she cried. "Oh, of course, thank you ma'am," said the custody filing clerk. She continued, "you'll need a separate form for each physically-present child, with an additional form when the last child is born. Now, please also ensure that you only identify the children as John Doe or Jane Doe within the Petition."

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Lawyers Will Find New Tax Code Hard to Swallow

While there are many who fault the newly enacted tax code for doing little for the middle class wage earner, if you are a lawyer, and we assume you are, be prepared to face some harsh realities which may make the complaints of the middle class look trivial. If you haven't met with your tax advisor, here are a few of the less publicized provisions that are a must for any serious discussions.

EXPENSING VEHICLES. If you or your firm leases a car, of course it is claimed as a business expense, for otherwise, how could you possibly get to the office or courthouse; and driving around in a luxury vehicle has its advantages—comfort, dropping the brand name at parties, and creating the impression among your colleagues and neighbors that there goes a successful lawyer. But don't be quick to lease that \$1,900-a-month Maserati Gran Turismo, even if it looks like a bargain—at least not this year.

Unbeknownst to you, while Congress, or at least half of it, was debating the tax bill, there were those who advocated the elimination of the vehicle business deduction, especially for lawyers, as few clients, if any, ever get to ride in them (and to be honest you don't even want your clients to know where you park).

Those favoring the deduction first suggested that to warrant the



deduction there would have to be at least one client in the back seat every time the car took to the road,

but that would mean you would have to instruct the client on how to dress when you went to the bar association Dinner Dance.

Rather, the bill in its final form provides that there will be no tax deduction for leasing luxury vehicles, because the Congressional Budget Office has pointed out, such deductions last year added 0.000012 of one percent (or \$765,000,000,000,000.57) to the deficit.

One exception was allowed, however, for the lease of more modest and practical vehicles, which have a market value not exceeding that of what the code refers to as a “baseline vehicle” for the tax year. The baseline vehicle will

change annually, to keep pace with inflation. This year's baseline vehicle is a 1974 Datsun.

CONTINGENT FEES. This year contingent fees will be taxed in five different categories; regular income, irregular income; taxable interest and disinterest income, and capital gains. Plaintiffs' lawyers will be required to file form NRK-14 along with a copy of their state gambling license. Attorneys who lose all their cases in a taxable year (a lot of you) will be subject to the new Alternative Minimum Tax based upon monetary offers your clients have turned down.

DOUBLING THE STANDARD DEDUCTION. The benefit of the new tax code was succinctly expressed by one of your colleagues at a recent CLE who noted, “It will allow me to appear more generous than I am. I can take the standard deduction, yet give less than I did last year—wow!” Now you, too, can cut back on donations to aid the less fortunate and use the savings to buy video games and some of the more exotic desserts at The Cheesecake Factory. 🍰



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Law Journal to Publish First Legal Opinion in Six Years

The WBA office was abuzz, for an email arrived Monday with an attachment containing a judicial opinion. One of the newer employees, who was the first to see it, said, “I thought it was a mistake, and then I thought, oh my gosh, maybe we’re being sued or something!”

The Law Journal, which has won statewide awards for its outstanding coverage of notices pertaining to sheriff sales and fictitious name registrations, once published on a regular basis scholarly opinions from our courts, which outlined in precise fashion the factual history of a case in controversy, the legal issues involved, and the court’s detailed explanation of the reasoning behind its decision. The new opinion, the first to be published since January 3, 2012, is expected to appear in print sometime this fall.

Mercedes Bends, a member of the bar, who was on her way to the second floor to attend a CLE—“Representing the Disagreeable”—stopped into the bar office and with some urging told us, “Well, I don’t know if I’m the one to talk to. I was admitted in 2015, so I don’t know a whole lot about opinions, but I remember my father enjoyed reading them when I was growing up. He told me, but I only have a faint memory of it, that when my brother and I were toddlers, he would bring the journal home and read them to us at night to help us go to sleep. I do have vivid memories of him saving the issues containing the opinions of one particular judge, and bringing them out on Halloween, and reading them in a very theatrical fashion; and my brother and I would race around the room, laughing and screaming, ‘Stop. Stop!’ Dad said later that back then there were only five judges on the bench, but they wrote enough opinions that every week, the committee had a hard time deciding which one to publish.”

As to the cause for the decline in opinions, some say that a few of the younger judges are announcing their decisions on Twitter. There was the ridiculous rumor that the law clerks had unionized and gone on strike; but of course, none of this is true, and we may never know the reason; but the sad fact is that once issues began to

be published without opinions, no one claimed to have noticed and, surprisingly, subscriptions increased.

In anticipation of the publishing of an opinion this year, the WBA is planning an afternoon tea at the bar office on the Thursday before the publication, featuring selected readings from past issues. 🍵



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A Reminiscence

Avoiding The Bends

by The Hon. Douglas J. Applebaum

I'd call it decompressing. After a couple decades in practice and a stint of more than two terms on the bench, I think the word "retirement" sounds somewhat inadequate to explain the sense of relief accompanying the last "all rise." Life at the law was, without a doubt, fulfilling, enjoyable, challenging, exciting (well, a couple times) and a decent way to make one's living, especially if you lack the dexterity to be a surgeon or a welder, both of which pay a little better, but have crummy pension benefits.



Like sandhogs and divers, however, emerging from the depths of the law should be done slowly lest we become disoriented by our new environment. Yet, it is not completely new, for once we were accustomed to it prior to taking the LSATs. The measured ascent back to a place where law was not a subject of study or discourse is accomplished by the judiciary in the office of senior judge. It is a win-win situation most of the time, where decades of experience are not cast aside, but applied to public

service, allowing the judges to retain a connection to the professional life to which they are accustomed.

While taking senior status precludes becoming a mediator and making lots of money, or moving full-time to Florida to enjoy at least six months of humid 90° weather, one enjoys the occasional contact with members of the bar, who though they have forgotten your name (as you have theirs) uniformly seem surprised at how good you look.

Returning to your home courthouse on a regular basis to preside over a list of twenty or more hearings which are disposed of with assembly-line efficiency before lunch is nice; and as a bonus you see some of your old cronies, though there are fewer of them each year, as they too, for the most part, have departed from under the dome.

If this sounds dull, one can, at the call of the AOPC, take to the road in search of more cerebral forms of litigation. While there is nothing so grand or comfortable as 2 North Main Street, the reception the senior judge receives in other counties is often similar to that afforded monarchs and visiting heads of state: fresh flowers in your chambers; a law clerk or two; a driver to take you to lunch; and a manservant to help you on with your robe. The visiting judge does need to be on guard if the welcome, is to any degree, greater than this, for trouble may await. For example, when court opens and you see every seat is taken by people with crossed arms and pursed lips, it is a pretty good indication that all of the judges on this court and in the four surrounding counties have recused themselves, citing the fact that sometime soon, perhaps even in seven or eight years, they may have to stand for retention.

Those good times are in the past now, and there is a new outlook which I'm surprised to say is pleasing. It began with a slow disinterest in the law itself. The "jealous mistress" has found another suitor and you don't miss her demands and occasional tantrums. Injuries to others are met with sympathy without thought of actions or verdicts. There is no need for a sense of relief when a particularly gruesome multiple slaying is assigned to someone else's docket. Pro-se litigation is simply the right of individuals, no matter how ill-advised, not a prospect for disrupting the order of your day. War stories from the legal battlefield seem irrelevant, and opinions, which once were guiding stars, have been set aside for good as you search for the next offering on the Kindle. When one reaches this state, there is only one answer—you've returned home. 🏠

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To-Wit: LawyersOnly.com

by S. Sponte, Esq.

So, long after the game is over I'm still blankly staring at the television screen, trying against all reality to psychologically ingest how my team could possibly have lost to that team. Next thing I know there's this man with a straw hat on, he's sucking on a stalk of hay and stroking his dog, there's this barn in the background, and he's bragging about the enhanced richness of his previously barren love life, something he attributes exclusively to his signing up on FarmersOnly.com.

For all you city slickers out there, FarmersOnly.com is a dating site intended just for the farming set, and if the ad is to be believed, there are many, many farmers out there who are lonely, and who, though very desirous of finding their forever mate, are having no luck at all off the farm.

Now just because I chose the law as a career doesn't mean I can't recognize a good thing when I see it, and I done seen it. Many of my colleagues, though longing for a permanent relationship, are unattached, some because death did

“When it comes to such things as love and its couplings, we must be restricted to naught but collegial hoo-ha; no one else should have to suffer on our account.”

them part, some because they couldn't stand to wait that long, and still others, like insurance defense counsel, because the strictures of their specialty obliged them to have their hearts excised early on. So then, I ask myself, why not a dating site for lawyers only?

The first thing some of you may ask is why a dating site specific to lawyers? Such a question demonstrates you haven't been admitted to practice yet and don't know any. The practice of law is, remember, an adversarial profession, full of conflict and contention, awash with human misery and all the malefactions of the human psyche that cause it. Habitual professional exposure to greed, jealousy, anger, pettiness, stupidity, and elected officials has its consequences, and few of us remain unscathed. Thus, my initial hypothesis is that sooner or later most lawyers become characterologically infected, and when it comes to such things as love and its couplings, we must be restricted to naught but collegial hoo-ha; no one

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Though I am convinced of the viability, not to mention the profitability, of this dating site concept, I nonetheless am at my core a pragmatist. I didn't want to launch such a venture without something more than my instincts to rely on. After all, it was those selfsame instincts that caused me to represent a colleague in extensive litigation without any money up front, and I bet you all can guess how that turned out.

So, I created a beta site to gauge its true potential. It was by design intended to reach only a small, select market, and for that I needed a purposed search engine. Yahoo seemed the obvious choice, and my prescience in that regard was right on target. Within hours many of them started signing up and posting "ads." What follows is a sampling of the responses.

LONELY IN LAW LAND—Single male, 24, married only twice, specializing in admiralty law, ISO female colleague, 24-60. Religion, weight, health, intelligence, sense of humor and appearance are unimportant. Heiress to controlling interest in major oceanic shipping company is,

however, a must. True love is true love, but business is still business.

AUNTIE TRUST—Sherman Act specialist, female, 73, looks 47, never married, ISO gentleman colleague, 35-36, for friendship, companionship, romance, marriage??? A quiet dinner, a moonlight stroll along Boardwalk or Park Place? Oooh, oooh, restraint of trade is greatly overrated. No game players, please.

SILVER-TONGUED DEVIL—Experienced tort litigator, 61, single yet again but still looking for the one great love of my life. Sixth time's gotta be the charm, right. If you enjoy good-humored taunting and tongue-lashing adversarial confrontations without objections, you could be the one. I look better than my picture.

YURHONOR—Retired male judge ISO young, drop-dead gorgeous female ever so slightly beyond the age of consent in her state and mine, I'm not making that mistake again. If you look innocent as hell but are willing to commit all the guilty pleasures, please write me. I have several sentences you might enjoy.

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW—Hugely successful, female, divorced divorce lawyer, 42, sort of

kind, sensitive and gentle, considering my occupation. Currently suspended because apparently you can't charge a contingency fee based on the amount recovered by way of a marital settlement agreement. It's some kind of ethical thing, I guess, but, like, how was I supposed to know that. ISO age-appropriate male colleague with Disciplinary Committee expertise for what I hope will be a loving and wonderful short-term relationship.

Gauging by the quantity of postings, I think I got a good thing here. So, if you're alone, or if you're plotting to be alone soon, or even if you just want to act like you're alone, this could be right up your alley. All I need now is a good advertising jingle and it's a go. I'm working on it, but I still need a word that rhymes with "lawyer." So far, I've only come up with "destroyer," and I'm not sure that one sets the right mood. ■

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(Free to all male members of the WBA. Most of you fit that definition.)

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APRIL 1 TRIAL TERM

Of the three thousand four hundred and fifty-three cases listed for the April 1 trial term, three were tried to verdict, three thousand four hundred and forty were settled for a pittance, one reluctantly agreed to mediation, and six had been nothing but shots in the dark.

LUCIUS DOE
V.
CLARENCE ROE

Plaintiff commenced this action as a result of a physical assault upon his person by Defendant in the Gilded Goose Saloon, where he and Defendant had conversed for several hours and had reached a point where the topic turned to wagers and dares. In short, Plaintiff dared Defendant to eat, in the presence of their friends and other patrons, a raw piece of protein, which Plaintiff would cut out for him from a piece of road kill, to-wit, a not-so-recently deceased opossum, which was easily accessible on the public right-of-way in front of the bar; and that upon completion of that gastronomical task Plaintiff would give Defendant his deer rifle. To the surprise of no one, Defendant, who considered the challenge a matter of honor, dispatched the proffered morsel in two swallows without gagging. Plaintiff, however, failed to relinquish the gun (hence the breach).



Plaintiff's Counsel: Jon Sleeve, North Braddock

Defendant's Counsel: Wilmot Crane, Somerset

Trial Judge: The Hon. Lester Pop

Result: Verdict against all concerned, with a recommendation of deportation.

WABBIT
V.
FUDD

On May 1, 2014, Plaintiff was peacefully chowing down in what he thought was a public carrot garden when he was accosted by Defendant. Defendant claimed it was his property and that Plaintiff's devouring of his most prized examples willy-nilly most certainly might deprive him of his third straight "best in show" at the upcoming county fair's Carrotpalooza. Defendant then opened fire with his shotgun, knocking off a piece of tail and causing Plaintiff grievous emotional distress.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Melanie Blank, Laughlontown

Defendant's Counsel: Bryan Q. Arthur, Elmer City

Trial Judge: The Hon. J. Granny

Result: Jury awarded Plaintiff more tail and a bushel and a peck, apparently disregarding Defendant's contention that Plaintiff's conduct was clearly a case of *quare clausem karret*.

FERNANDO
V.
12 UNNAMED LLAMAS

In a case of first impression, Plaintiff brought suit against livestock to recover damages resulting from their destruction of his ancestral sombrero. Because Plaintiff, a naturalized citizen, had not yet fully mastered the English language, his testimony was delivered to the jury by a translator. Defendants, having no language skills at all, threw themselves on the mercy of the jury, an act that might have engendered more empathy had they bathed prior to trial.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Swede Hill

Defendants' Counsel: Pro Se

Trial Judge: The Hon. U. Luke Marvelous

Result: Verdict in the amount of \$8.37 against four of the defendants, the other three having obtained from Plaintiff a joint llamafeasor's release. 🐫



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Law Day Subject Announced

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAW DAY COMMITTEE

Early May brings out the best in lawyers who participate in public forums at schools, civic associations and correctional facilities intended to enhance the public's understanding of the role the law plays in their everyday lives. These programs sponsored by the PBA have become traditional in the observance of Law Day, which was originally designed as a counterweight to the May Day celebration of brute force displayed in countries commemorating the Bolshevik Revolution. Since its founding in 1946 the United Nations has scored these competing events, and while the Eastern Bloc countries amassed a substantial lead over the first six decades it is notable that the American lawyers have prevailed over the past three years running, mainly due to your eager participation.

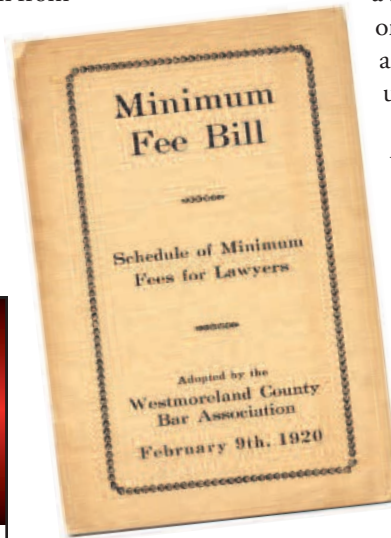
Last year's Law Day topic was the Fourteenth Amendment which continued a series of high-minded and esoteric topics, helpful to the public, but which didn't do a whole lot for the bar. This year's celebration is aimed at a corrective course beneficial to both.

The 2018 Law Day topic is titled **A Case for the Minimum Fee**. The programs are meant to correct the misunderstanding, created by twenty years of television advertising, that lawyers are to be paid nothing unless the client leaves their office with a satchel full of cash. Our bar association typically receives about a dozen phone calls a week from irate clients angered by brazen lawyers charging them for deeds, wills, and even for something as

insubstantial as advice, causing the bar's fee dispute committee to sacrifice many of their own billable hours to address the committee's 89-case backlog.

A minimum fee bill was published by the bar association well into the late 1960s and was kept at the ready in most law offices to pull out to present to a balking client to prove that while the fee to him looked somewhat egregious, it was, alas, the bare minimum that you, as his lawyer and friend, was permitted to charge. Courts (which don't earn fees) intervened, ruling that minimum fee bills were a restraint on commerce, or something like that, and held such practices unconstitutional.

But now we live in times where the unexpected is taken as normal, so why should some nit-picking opinion interfere with our right to protect ourselves from uninformed lawyers, who may be charging too little? On Law Day we are counting on you to get out there and do your part. 🙏





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where in the world IS THE WBA MEMBER?

Shirley Ugest is currently doing a tour of duty in Uzbekistan. "It wasn't my first choice of a vacation spot," Shirley writes, "but it was the only way I could get my hands on an M-16. I hope to keep it when I'm done killing here, purely for home defense."



UZBEKISTAN

Spotlight on Arnold S. Slick

Editor's note: Arnold Slick is a relative newcomer to our bar, though he has years of experience in other jurisdictions across the country, the most recent being in the Dry Tortugas. His new office in Greensburg features a luxury waiting room, with a cash bar and sauna. He is pleased to say that he now feels right at home.

Q WHAT JOBS DID YOU HOLD PRIOR TO BECOMING A LAWYER?

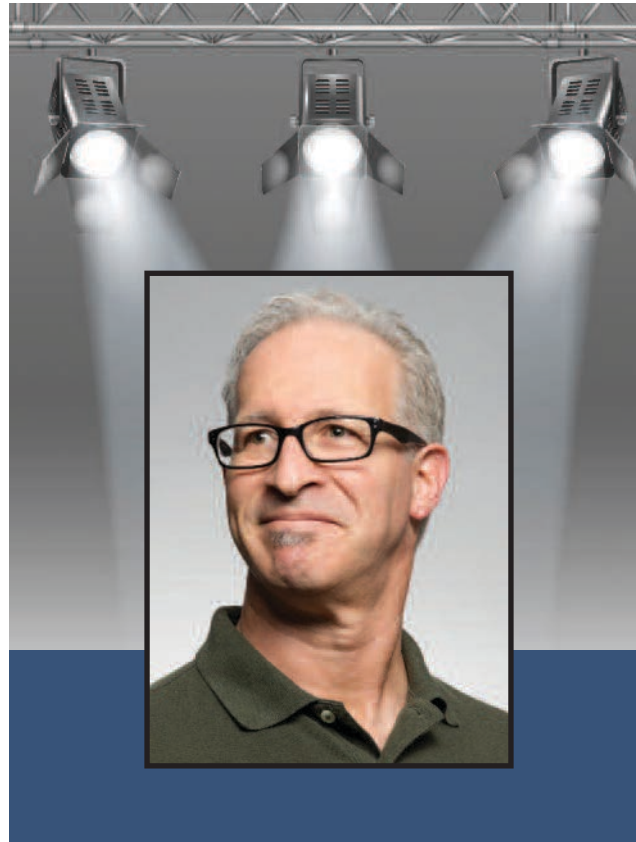
A During law school, at the urging of my parents, I lived with my aunt and uncle in Tupelo, Mississippi, where I did field work on a time and motion study of chain gangs for the Department of Corrections.

Q WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU AS AN ATTORNEY?

A Being mistaken for a supreme court justice at Caesar's Palace.

Q WHAT IS THE QUALITY YOU MOST LIKE IN OTHER LAWYERS?

A That's a tough one. I suppose it's a toss-up between gullibility and



stupidity; without one or the other I wouldn't have been able to settle most of my cases.

Q WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

A That would be frequent trips to the bank; I never tire of it.

Q WHO ARE YOUR HEROES IN REAL LIFE?

A I think he is dead, but does Benito Mussolini count? He made the trains run on time, and I like that a lot.

Q WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO LAWYERS NEW TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW?

A Never give a sucker an even break.

Q WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

A A get out of jail free card, I have it framed on the wall behind my desk, it's a continuing inspiration.

Q WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

A It's either my fifth Lamborghini, or the couple hundred bucks I gave to charity last year.

Q WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

A Having my initials monogrammed on the cuffs of my shirts.

Q WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

A It is better to have and not need, than to need and not have.

Q WHAT ARE YOU PROUD OF THAT OUR READERS MAY NOT KNOW?

A I graduated 57th in my class of 58 at Turtle Creek High School after my father bet my uncle a case of beer that I'd finish last. 🍺

LawSpeak

"It is the nature of humankind to be contentious, argumentative, cruel, murderous, and deceptive. Let us give thanks."

Abraham Lincoln, Litigation Proclamation, 1866



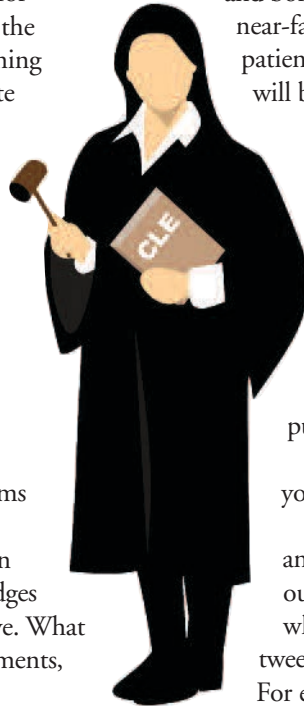
BEFORE YOU'RE DEAD

Anyone out there gonna die soon? If so, now is the best time to think of leaving money to the Westmoreland Bar Foundation. You won't feel any better because you won't be feeling anything at all. You will, however, be helping someone else, and that's something you probably could never do when you were alive. So, hurry up before it's too late and leave us some money. We can put it to good use, whereas you will just fritter it away on tombstones and such. Call 666-666-6666 if you need any assistance in drafting a will. Our intern will be pleased to assist you.

CLE for Judges Now Mandatory

In 2017, after eight hundred years of Anglo-American jurisprudence, the Supreme Court announced a mandatory continuing education program for judges. It got off to a somewhat bumpy start as the requirements were announced prior to determining the instructors and when and where the requisite seminars were to be held. Most judges were initially left in the dark even as to whether the mid-winter and annual sessions of the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges Association would provide qualifying classes. When it was disclosed that they would, attendance at these meetings swelled beyond the capacity to accommodate all applicants, leaving latecomers scrambling to find other venues, and at least a dozen judges had to fly to Guam to obtain the necessary credits.

Assurances have been given that those problems have been cured and this year not only have the venues been increased but new courses have been added to the curriculum to accommodate all judges regardless of the division in which they may serve. What follows is a partial list, with accompanying comments, compiled by the education committee.



BASIC ANGER MANAGEMENT: Long-term exposure to unprepared lawyers, frivolous reasons for continuances, long and boring closings and judges meetings may lead to near-fatal levels of stress which may try the judges' patience. Coping methods, including chair yoga will be discussed.

ADVANCED ANGER MANAGEMENT: (This course will not be offered until September, when a firearms instructor will be available.)

PUNCTUALITY: How to maintain it; how to enforce it. Avoid the numerous pitfalls which prevent you from taking the bench until crowd control becomes an issue for the sheriff (bring your own alarm clock). Also learn the use of politically correct put-downs to cast upon late arriving lawyers.

REMEDIAL SPELLING: A must for when your law clerk goes on vacation.

TWEETING FROM THE BENCH: Don't be an old fogey, written rulings and opinions are out of fashion and are strictly for losers—and why bother with submissions to the law journal; tweet your decisions without pulling punches. For example, consider something like this:

Lightweight attorney (insert name) seeks my recusal just because the defendant is my brother ... crybaby ... his motion is strictly DENIED. There is no fairer judge than me and the outcome of this case will be totally beautiful, wait and see!!!!

MEMORY CALISTHENICS: Reserved for judges who have served more than two terms.

Early registration for all judges is encouraged, as the costs of a flight to Guam are now nearly prohibitive. 🙏

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New Member Sketches

The following new members have been approved by the Membership Committee.

However, admission of two of them has been held up by the WBA Board because, in the view of the president, one of them “had an attitude” and the other was decidedly too tall.

DONALD T. DUQUE graduated first in his class at the Fred E. Duque School of Law at the University of Pennsylvania and was the recipient of the prestigious VSG Medal. Donnie hopes to establish himself as the most smartest lawyer in the county. “I’m rich, I’m handsome, and I’m very, very smart,” he wrote on his application for admission, “and I can grab any judge I want to by his or her gavel. They let you do it when you’re rich and famous and handsome, like me.”

SARDON ICK, a recent graduate of Slovenian University School of Law and Auto Mechanics, decided Westmoreland County was the ideal place for him to hang out his shingle.

“I got cousins up the wazoo here,” he explained. He and his wife, Tunguska, have just closed on their home in Hunker and are awaiting the birth of their first child, whom they will name “Kali” regardless of gender.

BESSIE MAE MUCHO has joined as a conditional member, as she thought the term “participating member” was both degrading and too titillating. Destined to always be a sole practitioner, she has rented garage space near the courthouse and is eager to start her practice the very minute she gets a client.

SHIRLEY UGEST is a recent graduate of the Antonin Scalia School of Law. “Matriculating at ASS Law was a dream come true,” she recalls. “Everyone was matriculating there all the time. My goal is to live, act, think, dress, and fantasize just as they did in the 18th century—that was when America was really America, pure and white as the driven snow, and no one had to think much about anything.” 🎉

New Confidentiality Policy In Full Swing *continued from page 5*

Using average lawyerly happiness as a benchmark, attorneys are also pleased with the new policy. At least one attorney, exactly one, who asked to remain anonymous in solidarity with most of his clients after January 6, was pleasantly surprised that the multipage forms he had always used in his practice could now be filed, largely in-blank, along with the one-page CIF or CDF. “It’s easy to transport all of that data in a small space, so it definitely won’t fall into the wrong hands,” he bragged.

Reception to the new policy was initially warm among former criminal defendants, laboring under the belief that this once-in-230-years vigor for confidentiality would allow them to engage in life’s simple pleasures, such as gainful employment and basic civil liberties.

Whatever their thinking, practitioners and pro se litigants would do well to mind any incredulity over the new policy when appearing in court. Under the new policy, “[an angered judge] may require a party to file two versions of every document with the court” – redacted and unredacted, and “may impose sanctions, including costs necessary to prepare a compliant document for filing ...”

The judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for their part, have maintained a stoic silence on the subject of confidentiality, unless you happen to walk into their chambers at the wrong time. 🎉

2019 Bench/Bar Location Narrowed to Five Finalists

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also see a turndown in business; and without question the mini-casino may spell the end of the county’s once thriving Bingo trade, creating vacancies in more than a few fire halls. A resident of New Derry, who asked not to be named, expressed a common sentiment, saying, “I just don’t get it. My uncle, Ernie, used to book numbers out of his shop where he repaired radios and TVs; you know, you gave him a buck or two and three numbers, maybe you’d box them, and then you’d stop back in a few days to do it again, or pick up the eight or nine dollars you won. A nice social pastime, and for this he once got 30 days in the county slammer! Now the commissioners are inviting gaming people in—maybe because they’re in suits instead of overalls.”

A spokeswoman for the bar foundation denied that at a recent meeting a member proposed, based upon a recent dream, that the foundation put the remaining funds in its scholarship account on “13 red.” She said that such a suggestion was “preposterous—and besides, it was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3.”

Notwithstanding the reservations of some, the WBA, always anxious to improve the public image of its members, predicts a record turnout for the 2019 Bench/Bar. In the event that the casino is not finished on schedule, the conference will be held at one of the two runner-up sites: the now-vacant Gander Mountain Building or the Ligonier Dairy Queen. 🎉

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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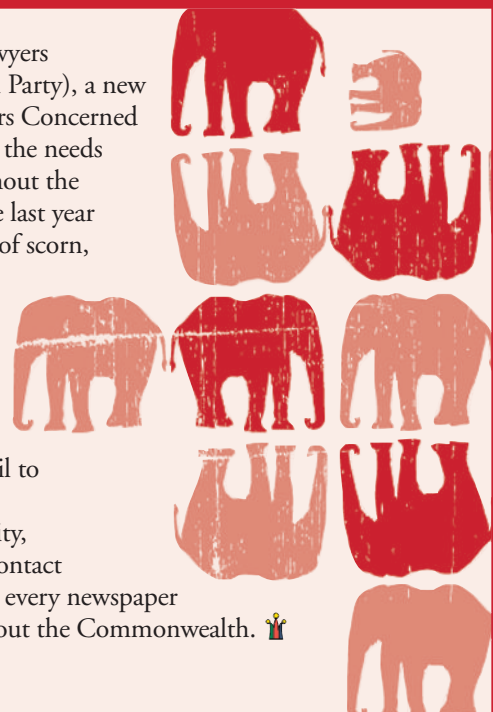
- 1** *the sidebar* euphemistically scheduled to arrive
- 3** Editor's son's 48th birthday
- 8** [PBI CLE] The Pros and Cons of Gender Equality, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Basement
- 11** Elder Law Committee Lunch and Learn: Double Billing The Alzheimer Client
- 12** Solo Practice Committee – Discussion – “Someone To Blame – The Benefits Of A Fictitious Partner”
- 20** Courthouse closed because the Commissioners have rented it out for the Stein bar mitzvah
- 30** Young Lawyers' Alcohol Binge to celebrate the end of another month

APRIL 25—LAWCRAP (Lawyers Concerned for the Republican Party), a new subcommittee of LCL (Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers) created to service the needs of Republican lawyers throughout the Commonwealth who, over the last year or so, have become the object of scorn, vulgar diatribes, and in at least one instance, tar and feathering, will hold its first meeting at the End of Days Motel in Intercourse, Pa.

Anyone interested in attending may register by email to OMG@wtf.org.

In order to facilitate cordiality, LAWCRAP will publish full contact information of all members in every newspaper of general circulation throughout the Commonwealth. 🙌

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Do students today need civics education? Should students be taught about good citizenship? How courts really work? What the role of lawyers are in our society? Why we need laws?

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Interested? If so, register below and we will provide lesson plan ideas, student giveaways and Dos and Don'ts for handling classroom visits.

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Wednesday

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Treatment and Recovery for Chemical Dependency

- *Navigating Levels of Care
- *Medication assisted treatment
- *Drug Testing
- *Helping addicts

Speakers:

Daniel Garrighan
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1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Video from 4/11/17)

Adventures in Medicare

Provide a general overview of Medicare and how the Medicare system works with up to date information on Medicare changes.

Speaker:

William McKendree, J.D.
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Session 2— 2 Substantive Credits

10:45 am – 12:45 pm (Video from 5/12/17)

Mental Health Impacts on Children and Adults

The “Mental Health Impacts on Children and Adults” training will cover several areas of focus around how mental health can have an impact on the families served through the Family Court Dependency and the Child Welfare systems. This panel style presentation, will include local experts in the area of mental health.

Speakers:

- *Marie Wolf-Hatalowich, LSW, King and Associates, Inc.
- *Dr. Paul Niemiec, LPC
- *Laurie Barnett Levine, LSW

Session 4 — 1 Ethics Credit

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm (Video from 06/16/17)

PA Disciplinary Board Primer: Who Picks Up After You

This CLE will review what happens to deceased attorney’s, or disbarred/suspended attorneys practice when there is no responsible successor.

Speakers:

- *Angelea Allen Mitas, Esquire
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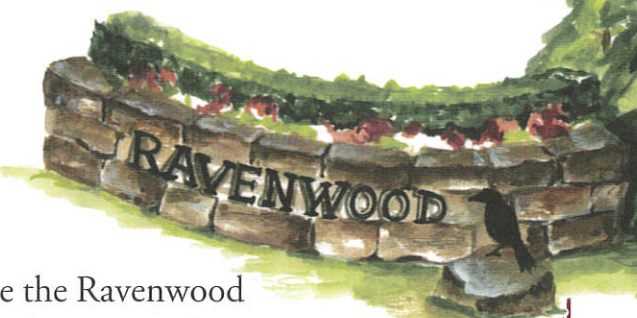
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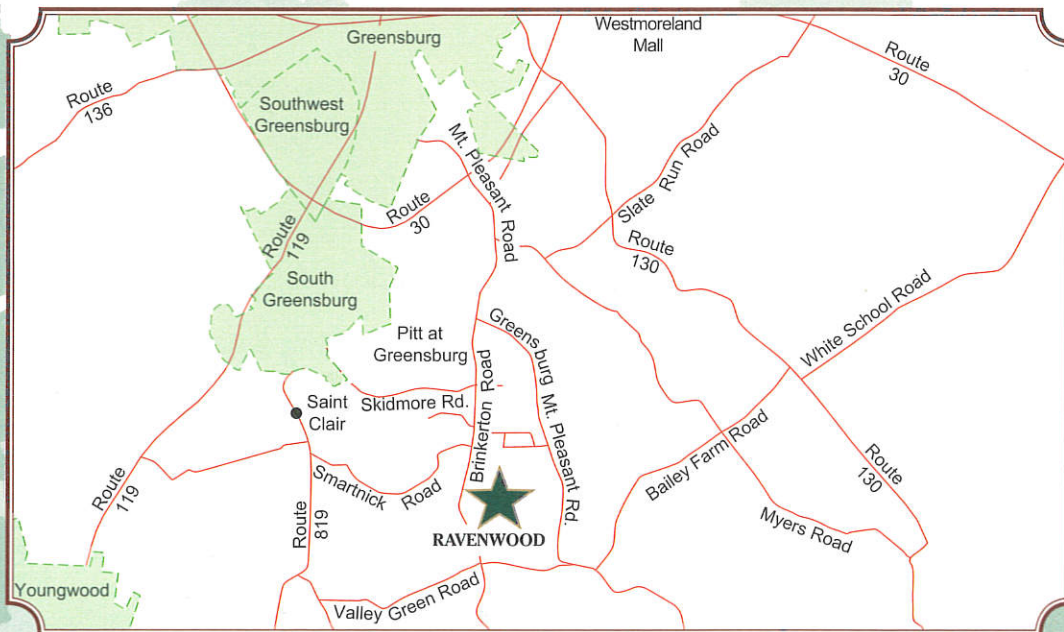
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