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Meet Amanda Stein and Terrilyn Cheatham

The New Faces of Pro Bono

by Pamela Ferguson, Esq.

What the three-person Pro Bono Office lacks in manpower, it makes up for in dogged determination to help the indigent. Under the direction of Attorney David Millstein, newly hired Coordinator **Amanda Stein** and Assistant Coordinator **Terrilyn Cheatham** open Pro Bono's doors each day to help those who need, but can't afford, legal representation.



▲
Amanda Stein

No stranger to the Pro Bono Program, Amanda worked briefly for Pro Bono ten years ago, when the office was located on Maple Avenue. A job offer from Attorney Sandi Davis enticed her away. But now, after nine years with

DeBernardo, Antoniono, McCabe and Davis, eighteen months of Monday night classes pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Geneva College, and a brief stint as a recruiter, she's back.

While the need for pro bono representation was as great then as it is now, Amanda expressed surprise at how much busier it seems. She attributes the increase in demand to the change in location: "Having the office in the Courthouse makes it

more accessible to those who are in need of services and allows for better coordination between the office and family court."

Terrilyn's path to Pro Bono took her from her hometown of New Kensington to Clarion University, West Virginia University College of Law, and Georgia, where she became an Adjunct Professor of Business Law for Strayer University. She recently returned to Pennsylvania to sit for the Pennsylvania Bar Exam and is eager to tackle the demands of the sometimes crazy, but never boring, office on the fourth floor.

Amanda and Terrilyn admit that they have their work cut out for them, but claim they are ready to take on the challenge. Clearly, they're not just paying lip service, as they have already implemented new procedures to improve the efficiency of the office.

With an increase in the number of clients appearing in their office waiting to be screened for income eligibility, it became apparent, almost immediately, that the intake process needed to be more organized. Amanda initiated an intake program, requiring clients to complete an intake form relating to their legal concern, along with a brief income assessment before any services are provided.

The intake form has become an essential tool to quickly determine if the case should proceed pro bono or if the client qualifies for the reduced fee program. Once completed, Amanda

meets with each individual to discuss his or her options for representation. This makes for a very busy day.

Between phone calls, walk-ins, and scheduled appointments, there's little down time.

"Mondays are the busiest," Amanda said. "That's when the PFA office makes their most referrals." The other days aren't much lighter. With referrals coming from all offices in



▲
Terrilyn Cheatham

the Courthouse, the Pro Bono Office has become *the* place to send everyone in need of legal representation. In September, they responded to 191 phone inquiries and met with 115 walk-ins. From those 306 initial contacts, 65 new cases were opened. Based on those numbers, the rest of the year is expected to be just as busy as September.

Once a client is determined to meet the indigency requirements for pro bono representation, they are referred to a member of the Bar who has volunteered to accept pro bono cases. The office is grateful to those attorneys who will accept these pro bono cases when a call is made. For those who do not qualify for pro bono services, there are other options facilitated by the Pro Bono Office. If the client's residence is

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outside of Westmoreland County and/or his/her household gross income exceeds LSC's funding parameters, but is below 200% of the poverty level, a referral can be made to the reduced-fee program.

"Clients come to us with issues from all areas of the law: divorce, custody, PFAs, bankruptcy, debt collection, landlord-tenant, evictions, unemployment, tax claims, sheriff sales, and wills and estates," Terrilyn explained. "We have a list of attorneys willing to work for the reduced fee of \$40 per hour from each area of the law that we can refer clients to." That list includes fifteen family law attorneys, eight consumer attorneys, eight unemployment attorneys, seven landlord-tenant attorneys, nine offering civil defense, five offering collection defense, five bankruptcy attorneys, and thirteen wills and estates attorneys. More than half of the clients appearing in the Pro Bono Office are reduced-fee referrals.

There is also a third pro-bono-funded option available. For clients who have custody issues, the Pro Bono Office hosts attorneys from the Westmoreland Bar Association Custody Program's five-member panel several days a month. The assigned attorney meets with between nine and eleven clients that day to determine if representation should be offered. For those who qualify financially, the assigned attorney will represent them at the custody conciliation in an effort to reach an amicable resolution. If no resolution is reached and a praecipe for a pre-trial conference is requested, the client will be required to retain a reduced-fee attorney, private counsel, or proceed *pro se*.

Between fielding initial inquiries, meeting with clients to determine financial eligibility for representation, and hosting custody program days, David, Amanda, and Terrilyn have a lot on their plates. But they're not complaining. As each day passes, what works and what doesn't becomes more apparent, allowing them to implement procedures to improve office efficiency. With the Pro Bono, reduced-fee, and custody programs in place, the goals of providing legal representation to those who cannot afford it and reducing the number of parties proceeding *pro se* are within reach. However, as Amanda pointed out, there are still individuals falling through the cracks.

The divorce program is one area that has been identified as needing improvement. Unfortunately, there are no simple solutions. Currently, only no-fault divorces qualify for pro bono representation. All other divorces are referred

to reduced-fee attorneys. Despite the availability of attorneys willing to offer their services for a reduced fee, most clients, primarily dependent spouses, cannot afford even a significantly reduced retainer because their assets are tied up in the marital estate and won't be disbursed until after equitable distribution. Amanda looks forward to meeting with members of the family law committee to discuss ways to overcome this obstacle.

Another group of clients that falls through the cracks are those who have criminal charges, but are not facing incarceration. The Public Defender's Office currently represents only those individuals whose criminal charges might result in their incarceration; the Pro Bono Office does not accept criminal clients for either pro bono or reduced-fee representation. Thus, those clients who have criminal charges but are not facing jail time will more than likely have to represent themselves.

While wanting to provide free or reduced-fee legal representation to everyone who needs it is an admirable goal, the mere fact that our county has a pro bono office and offers the services described is something David, Amanda, Terrilyn, and all of the members of our Bar who volunteer their services pro bono or for a reduced fee should be extremely proud. There is always a need for more volunteers and reduced-fee attorneys. If you're interested, please contact Amanda at Amanda.probono@comcast.net or Terrilyn at Terrilyn.probono@comcast.net. 🐾

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Remembering Robert J. Milie

Editor's note: Robert J. Milie passed away on Friday, July 4, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Josephine; a son, Mark, and his wife, Lisa; two daughters, Roberta, and her husband, Anthony Delazio, and Marie, and her husband, Cameron Jones; and a cherished granddaughter, Alexandra Delazio.

Born to Italian immigrants, raised in Vandergrift, and settled in Greensburg, Bob Milie was the quintessential “lawyer’s lawyer” as recalled by Judge Donetta Ambrose. “He found joy in the everyday details of practicing law and took great pride in doing a good job.”

“As a new and rather young judge back in 1982,” says Judge Ambrose, “I learned a great deal from watching Bob in court and I always noted how prepared and honest he was about his cases. These were lessons I have carried

with me for many years. He knew that practicing law is a profession and that reputation and integrity are the most important assets an attorney possesses.

“**Bob is the only person with his picture in the dictionary twice: once next to the word ‘class,’ and again next to the word ‘gentleman.’**”

His reputation and integrity were stellar.”

Judge Gary Caruso commented that Attorney Milie is the only person with his picture in the dictionary twice: once next to the word “class,” and

again next to the word “gentleman.”

Reminiscing about his years as a young lawyer in the 1970s, Vince Quatrini spoke about working in the Law and Finance Building on West Pittsburgh Street across from Bob’s law office. “One of my fond memories,” says Vince, “is walking out the front door and watching Bob saunter—to walk in a slow, relaxed manner, without hurry or effort—up the sidewalk toward the courthouse. Bob’s demeanor, affability, and Dean Martin persona oozed with a relaxed warmth that always made you feel that, at that moment, in his presence, you were the most important person he knew.”

Bob served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps in the Army in Korea after graduating from Pitt Law School. Upon his discharge, he practiced law for fifty years as a sole practitioner and served as solicitor for Derry Area School district and Eastern Westmoreland County Vo-Tech. He also served as President of the Westmoreland Bar Association in 1975.

“Above all, Bob was a family man,” concludes Judge Ambrose. “Despite his busy professional life, he always made his beloved wife and children his first priority. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and had the privilege to work with him.”

Bob Milie passed away on July 4, of pneumonia at the age of 84. His widow, former WBF Trustee Jo Milie, resides in Cranberry. 🐾



▲ Robert J. Milie

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Reminder: New Pennsylvania CLE Rules for 2015

by Mark A. Kearney, President,
PA Bar Institute

The April and August compliance deadlines for CLE credits have passed and attorneys with those deadlines may have put their CLE requirement out of mind for another year. Recent changes to the CLE Rules make that a bad strategy.

In January, the Supreme Court made these two changes:

- Attorneys are now required to have at least two ethics credits every year;
- Attorneys have permission to use up to six distance education credits to satisfy the annual 12 credit requirement.

Both changes became effective for CLE compliance periods beginning May 1, 2014, which means that the increased ethics requirement will be enforced for compliance periods ending on April 30, 2015.

Beware! After 20 years of satisfying the requirement with one ethics credit, it will be easy for attorneys to find



themselves out of compliance with the ethics credit responsibility next April and through the remainder of 2015. The full CLE requirement of 12 credits annually has not changed, only the minimum number of ethics credits as part of those 12 credits.

Many CLE courses include one hour of ethics training related to that field of practice. PBI offers a group of one-hour ethics courses near the end of each compliance period under the title Ethics Potpourri. Keep the new rule in mind to avoid getting an unpleasant reminder and possible fine after your 2015 deadline.

The distance education changes offer 24/7 convenience in meeting the CLE requirement, but there is a nuance in that change, too. “Distance

education” credits, as defined by the CLE Rules, do not, like other credits, carry over to subsequent years. For example, an attorney who viewed six hours of CLE from PBI’s Online Campus before her deadline in 2014 will not be able to count two of those credits toward either her 2014 or 2015 requirement.

PBI simulcasts to bar associations and other facilities around the Commonwealth are not subject to this “cap” on distance education credits. They combine the convenience of local programming with quality instruction by statewide experts. Time spent in these seminars will help satisfy your full 12 credit requirement and can be carried forward to two future years.

Live webcasts, viewed on an attorney’s own computer at his office or home, on the other hand, are subject to the six credit cap. CLE “bundles” available from some national online providers may offer so many credits that will not be available to satisfy the Pennsylvania CLE requirement. 🌿

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Spotlight on Melissa Guiddy

Editor's note: Melissa Guiddy is the new Editor of the Westmoreland Law Journal. A WBA member since 1998, and a Case Editor since 2001, Melissa takes over from Gerald W. Yanity, who was sworn in as a Workers' Compensation Judge in August. Melissa is a partner with King & Guiddy in Greensburg.



Q WHAT JOBS DID YOU HAVE BEFORE BECOMING A LAWYER?

A I worked as an administrative assistant and waitress during the summers. I also had numerous internships and served as a research assistant during college and law school.

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

A One time when I was presenting an out-of-county motion, the judge asked me if I was an attorney. When I said yes, he explained that he thought someone was trying to have a secretary present the motion because he thought I was too young to be an attorney.

Q WHAT QUALITY DO YOU MOST LIKE IN AN ATTORNEY?

A Honesty.

Q WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

A It would be a toss up between traveling to New York City or San Francisco.

Q WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

A I would not call it a regret, but I wish that I had taken a year off between college and law school.

Q WHO ARE YOUR HEROES IN REAL LIFE?

A My parents.

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

A Try to return phone calls and e-mails within 24 hours. Your clients and opposing counsel will appreciate it.

Q WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU EVER GOT?

A Take time to listen to what someone has to say.

Q WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

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A Any time that I obtain successful results for a client who really needs someone to help him or her.

Q WHEN AND WHERE WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

A I am happiest when I can spend time with my two-year-old son, Brady. He is the bright spot to even the worst days.

Q WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

A Brady is not really a “possession,” but he is who I treasure the most.

Q WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

A Arrogance and people who talk over you.

Q WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

A My husband would probably say purses.

Q WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

A Musical ability. I think I was the only seventh grader who did not make chorus.

Q WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS?

A Being genuine and supportive.

Q WHAT PROFESSION, OTHER THAN YOUR OWN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

A Pediatric physician assistant.

Q WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

A Everything happens for a reason. ☘

JURY TRIAL VERDICTS



BY BETH L.F. ORBISON, ESQ.,
SHANE M. SARVER, ESQ.,
AND EMILY SHAFFER, ESQ.

Of seventeen cases listed for the September 2014 Civil Jury Trial Term, five settled, ten were continued, one was dismissed, and one resulted in a jury trial.

DONALD SMODIC, AND DORY SMODIC, HIS WIFE
V.

ALLIED SYSTEMS, LTD.
NO. 11107 OF 2007

Cause of Action: Negligence—Motor Vehicle Collision—Loss of Consortium

At approximately 9:00 a.m., on January 9, 2006, Plaintiff Donald

Smodic was operating a Chevy Silverado on Route 376, in the vicinity of the exit for Wilkinsburg. At that time, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant’s employee was operating a truck typically used for transporting new vehicles. Plaintiff’s vehicle was stopped in traffic when he was struck from behind by Defendant’s vehicle.

Plaintiff alleged that he suffered various injuries, including a concussion, mild traumatic brain injury, and post traumatic concussion syndrome, as well as loss of income. As a result, he and his wife, Dory Smodic, sought monetary damages from Defendant. Defendant denied that all of the injuries complained of by Plaintiff were related to the 2006 collision and maintained Plaintiffs should not be awarded monetary damages.

Trial Date: September 2-9, 2014

Plaintiffs’ Counsel: Richard C.

Levine, Pgh.


Defendant’s Counsel: Patrick M.

Carey, Erie, and Paul A. Custer, Pgh.

Trial Judge: The Hon. Anthony

G. Marsili

Result: Verdict in favor of Plaintiff-Husband in the amount of \$97,495.00. No damages were awarded the Plaintiff-Wife. ☘



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AlterEgo: The Hon. Richard E. McCormick, Jr., President Judge Dick McCormick, SummerSounds Committee

by Pamela Ferguson, Esq.

Before the sun set on this year's successful season of SummerSounds, Greensburg's "Concert in the Park" series, President Judge Richard McCormick was already searching for next summer's performances. As a committee member, booking agent, and program editor for SummerSounds, his work



▲
The Hon. Richard E. McCormick, Jr.

begins months before the first musician takes the stage.

"It's the end of August and I'm already searching music sites and booking for next year," he explains, unable to contain his excitement at the thought of starting the process all over again.

Despite a full court calendar and added responsibilities as our President Judge, Judge McCormick relishes his involvement with SummerSounds and describes it as a labor of love. While most would balk at the workload and politely decline the request to volunteer, the judge was more than happy to jump on board when Gene James, SummerSounds' founder, asked him to get involved eight years ago. "I've always enjoyed all kinds of music and it seemed like the perfect fit," he says.

A love of music isn't all he had to offer. As a sophomore at Duquesne University, Judge McCormick wrote music reviews for the school newspaper, *The Duquesne Duke*. The position was one he created. "It was a common practice for record companies to send free albums to college newspapers in the hopes that they would be reviewed and promoted on campus. When I

asked the editor if anyone was doing anything with the free albums they were receiving, he said 'no' and offered me the position. I gladly accepted the position—and the free albums!"

After years of searching music web sites, viewing artists' videos, and cultivating relationships with talent

agents, the judge's ideal summer lineup began to evolve. Initially, artists were booked solely from the Pittsburgh area, but, with the explosion of YouTube and instant access to live performances through audiences' iPhone videos, national acts became the focus.

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But not just any national act: the search was on for acts balancing on the precipice of national acclaim. He cites Delta Rae, Steep Canyon Rangers, and Lake Street Dive as examples.

In the same month Delta Rae—an Americana band featuring siblings Ian, Eric, and Brittany—sang on the St. Clair Park stage, they appeared on *Late Show with David Letterman* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*. Later that year, they signed with a major recording label and released their first album, which included their hit single, “If I Loved You,” featuring Lindsey Buckingham of Fleetwood Mac.

Steep Canyon Rangers went from a group of college friends, “who liked to jam together,” to a Grammy-award-winning bluegrass band, whose first album, *Nobody Knows You*, produced by Larry Campbell (Bob Dylan’s producer) caught the attention of Steve Martin. In 2011, they collaborated with Steve Martin on *Rare Bird Alert*, which was nominated for a Grammy. Later that year, they won the International Bluegrass Music Association’s Entertainer of the Year Award and have

since been featured on *Austin City Limits*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, and the *TODAY* show.

Booking Lake Street Dive was described by the judge as “a real coup.” Their Motown/60’s soul/jazz sound, described by *Rolling Stone* magazine as an “unexpected showstopper,” piqued T. Bone Burnett’s interest, who tapped them to perform on the “Another Day, Another Time” concert at NYC Town Hall for Showtime. They’re currently planning a European tour and are selling out venues across the country.

When searching for acts to book, Judge McCormick tries to stay loyal to the current demographic of seniors and families, while appealing to a younger age group. This year’s summer schedule did just that. The lineup included a contemporary pop artist from



▲ *One of the most popular shows of the 2014 SummerSounds season was The Glenn Miller Orchestra.*

Brooklyn (Nicole Atkins), an *American Idol* contestant singing soulful R&B (Gideon Luke and the People), three cellos and a drum kit performing rock classics (Cello Fury with Joy Ike), a rock ‘n roll band (Leroy Justice), a tribute band (The Idol Kings) a southern rock band (Hollis Brown), a Grammy-winning group whose musical origins are Cajun/zydeco/jazz/bluegrass (Beausoleil Avec Michael Doucet) and The Glenn Miller Orchestra. If you couldn’t find something you liked from that lineup, then music just isn’t your thing.

If music *is* your thing, then St. Clair Park is where you should spend your Friday nights next summer. Thanks to Judge McCormick and the other SummerSounds volunteers, our community has the privilege to expand our musical horizons while congregating with old friends and new acquaintances in a lovely park setting free of charge. (Although, if you’re inclined to do so, donations are appreciated!) As the introductory page of the program states: “SummerSounds is all about being a small-town concert series with a big heart.” Big is certainly the defining word, as that is what this series has become.

“It’s not about merely spotlighting talent,” Judge McCormick explains. “We have a lot of talent locally. It’s more about spotlighting the talent that will become the next act everyone is talking about.” 🌟



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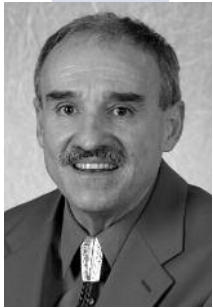
bookmark What Have You Been Reading?

by Jeff Pavetti, Esq.

It's good to be back in "Bookmark." My first column in this series was published in *the sidebar* in October 2002. These days, I find myself reading more fast-paced fiction, but history, biography, and outdoor adventures

remain as personal favorites. The suggestions of other readers and book reviews are my primary source of ideas for new books to explore.

Here is a sampling of some recent books that I found enjoyable:



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Jeff Pavetti

▲ **A MEASURELESS PERIL** ❖ by Richard Snow ❖ The battle for the Atlantic Ocean was the longest of World War II—beginning with American assistance in the Lend-Lease program (when our forces also protected the shipping lanes) right up to V-E Day. The author recounts the story of war production under the leadership of entrepreneurs like Henry Kaiser, who was a leading (and self-taught) shipbuilder. Of particular interest is the evolution of the aircraft carrier, which significantly changed the means of engagement.

▲ **BLOOD, BONES & BUTTER** ❖ by Gabrielle Hamilton ❖ The author is the owner of famed New York City eatery Prune. This memoir traces her career in the food service industry, as well as her journey through life. An exceptional book that is a bit hard to explain—but incredibly enjoyable.

▲ **WE, THE DROWNED** ❖ by Carsten Jensen ❖ This book explores nearly a century of seamanship, through the prism of the people (both those who sign on to travel the seas and the families that they leave behind) of Marstal, Denmark. The characters are beautifully developed and the novel has a timeless perspective.

▲ **TOO MUCH HAPPINESS** ❖ by Alice Munro ❖ A wonderful collection of short stories by the 2013 Nobel prize winner. Munro has worked exclusively in the short story genre. At one point, she pokes fun at herself, describing a short story writer as [an author] "... who is just hanging on the gates of literature, rather than safely settled inside." Her observations are at times playful, but always poignant and profound.

▲ **EAT & RUN** ❖ by Scott Jurek (with Steve Friedman) ❖ Jurek is an ultra marathoner (holding the American record of 165.7 miles in 24 hours). Jurek gets us into the runner's head and helps us to understand "the zone" that one experiences in leading up to a Zen-like awareness of the present. Along the way, the offbeat Jurek (who is a vegan who revels in cooking) offers recipes and pithy observations about competition, personal excellence, and life.

▲ **GHOSTS OF CAPE SABINE** ❖ by Leonard F. Guttridge ❖ The true story of an 1881 American Arctic scientific expedition gone wrong.

Poor leadership, pathetic planning, and incredibly bad luck led to mutiny, deprivation, starvation ... and perhaps cannibalism. This tale reads like a suspense novel. After three horrendous winters, only six of the 26 members of the expedition were rescued to return home.

▲ **THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN** ❖ by Garth Stein ❖ Enzo, the narrator of this story, is a dog. Well, to be more precise, he is a well educated dog (self-taught by watching television shows, videotapes, and listening carefully to humankind). Enzo is at the end of his life, and he shares his beautiful observations about his human family, life, love, and (the art of) living in the present, in anticipation of being reincarnated as a human. The type of book that is just as enjoyable and inspiring the second or the third time around. Yeah, I'll admit it; I shed a few tears reading this book.

▲ **L.A. REQUIEM** ❖ by Robert Crais ❖ Crais has written a whole series of novels set in present-day Los Angeles in the detective noir style, a la Raymond

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Chandler (an all-time favorite of mine). The book is as much a thriller as a mystery, so put it on your beach-reading list. Other works of Robert Crais that I have particularly enjoyed include *The Last Detective* and *Demolition Angel*.

BORKMANN'S POINT ❖ *by Hakan Nesser* ❖ Another serving of crime (best read in the long winter months) includes this series of Swedish detective novels that have a dark Scandinavian undertone. One favorite is *Borkmann's Point*, the second in this series that stars Chief Inspector Van Veeteren. The Chief Inspector is a chess-playing lone eagle who enjoys food, libations, and classical music. The murders he investigates tend to be multiple murders of the most depraved sort. To quote Van Veeteren: "People never forget an evildoer. Statesmen, artists and much admired performers disappear in the mists of time, but nobody forgets the name of a murderer."

SPIES OF THE BALKANS ❖ *by Alan Furst* ❖ Furst has written an outstanding series of historical fiction novels set in the darkest hours preceding World War II in Europe. We meet Constantine "Costa" Zannis, who is pulled into the Resistance both as a Greek soldier and as a player in moving Jewish emigrants to freedom. I enjoy a novel where we know who the good and bad guys are just as much as those post-war spy novels where right and wrong are a bit murkier. The dialogue and historical and geographical detail found in Furst's work is simply outstanding. Some critics have described him as a modern-day Graham Greene.

THE AGE OF EDISON: ELECTRIC LIGHT AND THE INVENTION OF MODERN AMERICA ❖ *by Ernest Freeberg* ❖ The author explores the significant changes in American life that accompanied the invention of electrical light. In many respects, this development transformed the business

and culture of America just as much as the personal computer would a century later.

I offer two final squibs on works with roots in western Pennsylvania. My hometown hero, Dave Carey, wrote an inspiring book entitled **THE WAYS WE CHOOSE: LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM A POW'S EXPERIENCE** based upon his 5½-plus years in captivity as a Prisoner of War in Viet Nam. His work is an utterly honest and unembellished accounting of those days of his life.


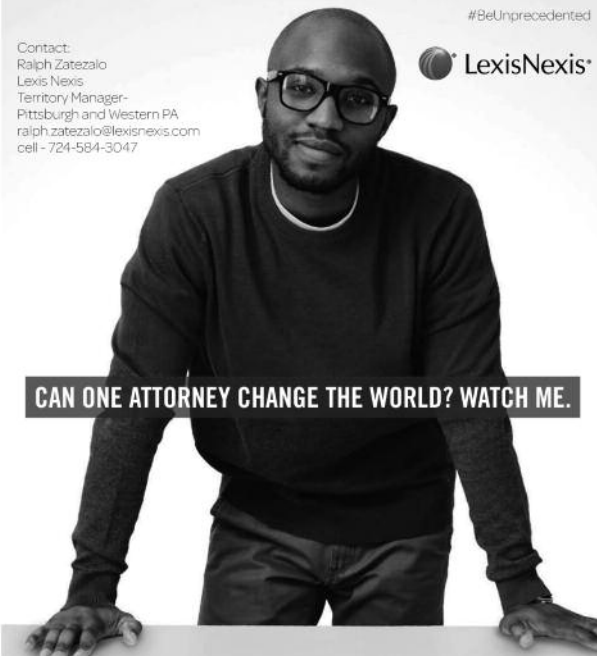
Book reviews and discussions about authors with other folks who enjoy reading have helped me to get outside of my reading comfort zone. **COAL HOLLOW**, by Tawni O'Dell, fits into this category. I probably would not have picked it up but for the recommendation of another "bookie." O'Dell resides in Indiana County and her work is powerful. It moves with the twang, pace, and rhythm of western Pennsylvania. 🍷

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To-Wit: Sonny Boys

by S. Sponte, Esq.

Despite the fervent yearnings of many of my colleagues to the contrary, I have indeed lasted long enough to reach the twilight of my career. It is a phase of my professional life both blessed and accursed: I have more knowledge inside my head than ever before but I don't always know where it is, and I have more answers than ever before provided you consider "huh" to be an answer.

But this stage of life has other blessings as well, six of them being my grandchildren. Quite recently, one of those blessings climbed up onto my knee to ask me a question.

"What do you do for a living, Grumps?" he inquired, his face still aglow with a cherubic incandescence not yet eradicated by experience. (He calls me "Grumps," don't ask.)

Despite the ever-increasing propensity of my memory to take leave of its senses, I instantly recalled that time, some forty years ago, when I had the exact same conversation with my own son. It went something like this:

"What do you do for a living, Daddy?"

"I'm a lawyer, son."

"What does a lawyer do, Daddy?"

"I help people get divorced, I help them sue other people over money and property, I help them get out of jail, I help them evict other people from their apartments, I help banks take customers' homes away, things like that, son."

"Is that why no one will sit next to us in synagogue, Daddy?"

Oh, I would have loved it so if one or more of my children had wanted to become a lawyer, maybe even go into practice with me, but they did not. My son was particularly dead set against it,

and I can't help but wonder if by that early conversation I had kind of inadvertently soured him on the whole idea of lawyering. It had been, after all, a pretty grim narrative; truthful, yes, but grim.

And now, *mirabile dictu*, it seems as if I had been given a second chance. Maybe it wasn't too late after all. Maybe all I needed for this grandchild to join me in practice was to craft a more tactful, alluring response—and to live fifteen years beyond the actuarial tables.

"I'm a lawyer," I started, "like on TV."

But before I could regale him with some glorious and instantly fabricated stories of valor, he went on.

"Do you know Judge Judy?" he asked.

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“No, I don’t.”

“What about Judge Brown?”

“No.”

“What about Judge Wapner? Do you know him?”

“Nope,” I replied, sensing my opportunity wane just like the passengers on the *Titanic* must have sensed their chances of rescue diminish.

“Have you ever been on TV, Grumps?”

“No,” I told him, “never,” and now there was nary a life preserver in sight.

“Oh, too bad,” he offered, and with that, he precipitously scurried down my knee to head for his next, likely more fulfilling adventure.

I was certain I had lost him, but what happened next was nothing less than Divine professional intervention. He toddled right over to his Playtown set where he began with glee to repeatedly crash a dump truck into a crowd of pedestrians standing innocently on the sidewalk.

“Hey, kiddo,” I called out, hoping against hope, “are there any lawyers in that there town of yours?”

He turned to me and smiled. There was still a chance. 🍷

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Morrison F. Lewis, Jr., was honored as a Distinguished Alumni by the Jeannette School District. The award is presented annually to an outstanding alumnus. Moe is a lifelong resident of Jeannette, and a long-time member of its school board. Appointed to the board in 1964, Moe took a nine-year hiatus starting in 1971 to work for the District Attorney's office. He returned to the board after leaving the DA's and has been serving ever since. Over the years, Moe has been extremely active in his community as a member of the Jeannette Jaycees, the Kiwanis Club, and Sacred Heart Church, among others. 🍷



David S. Pollock, partner of family law firm Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, continues his tenure as treasurer of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML). David was re-elected treasurer, a post he has held since 2006, at the July meeting. The AAML advocates policies that promote the rights of children and families facing divorce. AAML membership is limited to those recognized by judges and attorneys as prominent family law practitioners with a high level of knowledge, skill and integrity. There are currently only 1,600 members amongst 50 states. David is a fellow with the AAML, a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a member of the Duquesne University School of Law Dean's Advisory Board and editor-in-chief of *Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*, the official publication of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section. 🍷

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Westmoreland Revisited

Anne Royall, A Common Scold Part II

by The Hon. Daniel J. Ackerman

Editor's note: When we left Anne Royall in our September 2014 issue, she had decided to earn her living as a writer, after losing a will contest in court, and had just embarked on a tour of the east coast and mid-Atlantic states in order to gather material for and sell subscriptions to her work, Sketches of History.



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The Hon. Daniel J.
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From Baltimore, Md., Anne Royall's tour next took her to Albany, N.Y., where she persevered in obtaining an interview with the governor, DeWitt Clinton, who had become famous by championing the construction of the Erie Canal. An announcement of her visit published in an Albany newspaper, and likely paid for by the Masons, touted her offerings. *Letters from Alabama* could be purchased for a dollar; a novel (universally panned by critics), *The Tennesseans*, for \$1.25; and a subscription for the yet-to-be-written *Sketches* for \$1.50. The ad also took the unusual turn of using pity as an advertising tool. It declared:

"The author is a female of respectability...the widow of an officer of the revolution. This lady, by one of those unforeseen misfortunes common to the human family, has fallen into distress and appeals to the human and benevolent citizens of this great and patriotic city for patronage. These Works, we find, are patronized by the most distinguished men of the United States...Subscriptions will be received at the Bookstore of Messrs. Webster and Skinner..."

As she traveled through New England, Anne would meet many prominent persons, including ex-president John Adams, as well as another Webster, Noah, who himself was struggling to sell his own book, the first *American Dictionary*.

Anne's efforts and persistence, however, were rewarded when *Sketches* was published. The first run withheld her name on the cover, simply designating the author as "A Traveler," but reviews, which ranged from fawning to scathing, left no doubt as to the writer's identity. One reviewer seemed to sum up her work accurately when he wrote: "She marches on speaking her mind freely, and unpacking her heart in words of censure or praise, as she sees fit." *Sketches* was received in controversy, and controversy sold books.

DRAWING THE BATTLE LINE

At the time, the public intolerance *du jour* was anti-Masonry. Freemasonry had enjoyed public esteem at the time of the country's beginning, and many of the founding fathers, including Washington and Franklin, were Masons; yet, by the 1820s, rumors and suspicion surrounding the order's secret rituals had some articulating the extreme and unsupported view that the brotherhood was plotting the overthrow of the government.

The evangelical churches, notwithstanding the fact that Masonic teaching inculcated a belief in God and the Bible, joined in the chorus. In 1821, a Presbyterian conclave meeting in Pittsburgh condemned the Masonic institution as unfit for Christians.

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where in the world IS THE WBA MEMBER?



Janice and Dick Galloway (center and right) celebrated with their granddaughter, Megan Monzo (daughter of Jeff and Lisa Monzo), after her West Point Junior Softball team won the Junior League World Series Championship in August. "It was a whirlwind, once in a lifetime

experience!" says Lisa. "I honestly don't think it has fully sunk in yet that they won the WORLD series!" West Point beat Mexicali, Mexico, 6-2, to win its first Little League World Series title in program history. The league is for girls ages 12 to 15. Megan, playing at third base, had two RBIs in the final game. Jeff is one of the team's coaches.

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Methodists and Congregationalists followed suit with denunciations, which decimated Masonic membership roles.

Anne's praise in her book for her Masonic benefactors was beyond the pale as far as the churches were concerned, engendering scorn for both her and her work. All this coincided with the religious revival known as the Second Great Awakening; and, riding that tide, some church leaders were proposing the formation of a Christian Party to participate in the political process.

Anne belittled such thinking, calling it a ploy by the clergy to take over the state and federal governments, with a view toward amending the Constitution and ultimately establishing a national religion. She described proponents of such a party as "blue-skins"—"blue" being a term of derision dating back to the 17th century referencing both rigid moral codes (hence the "blue laws") and those who followed them.

As far as Anne and the churches were concerned, the battle line had been drawn.

ANNE MARCHES ON

Her tour next took her to Boston, her favorite city, where she renewed her acquaintance with John Quincy Adams. Now the president, Adams wrote in his diary: "Mrs. Royall ... continues to make herself noxious to many persons, tolerated by some, and feared by others." Surprisingly, during

these travels, it was her custom to attend church on Sundays, perhaps to keep an eye on the opposition, but she often had kind words to say about services conducted by the Baptists, Unitarians, and Universalists, whom she didn't classify as "Missionaries."

“She marches on speaking her mind freely, and unpacking her heart in words of censure or praise, as she sees fit.”

As Anne moved through New England, her reputation preceded her, which was not always to her advantage. In Waterbury, Vt., an innkeeper asked her not to stay at his tavern, as he "had been warned against her." And in Burlington, Samuel Hickok, from whom she sought a subscription, pushed her out of his house with such force that she fell down the front steps onto the snow-covered street, breaking her leg and dislocating her ankle. Her tort claim against him was settled for an undisclosed amount, and her injury would bother, but not deter her, for the rest of her life. After a period of recuperation she moved on.

All her encounters were not so fearsome. Back in Washington, she was greeted by an admirer and subscriber,

the congressman from Tennessee, Davy Crockett, whom she referred to as "one of the best tempered men in the world."

Still somewhat lame, Anne continued her journey through Pennsylvania, generating the usual mixed reaction to her visits. On her arrival at Carlisle, Dickinson College locked all its doors and windows against the visitor's entry.

In Pittsburgh, she was aghast at the "volumes of smoke, fires, thundering steam factories, and the fumes of furnaces." "Ladies," she noted, "were continually washing their faces," and there was "no such thing as wearing white." But she found the inhabitants more hospitable, and in two weeks of touring manufacturing houses and foundries, she was impressed by the work force among which she "never saw an instance of intoxication."

A side trip from Pittsburgh took her back to the bluff across the river from Saltsburg to be united with her younger sister, Mary—now Mary Cowan. The reunion was rather cool. Mary may well have been somewhat embarrassed by her controversial sister, and Anne found Mary "a mighty pious Methodist."

Returning east, Anne stopped in Harrisburg where the Senate and House held a banquet in her honor. There, according to her biographer, she rose and offered a toast: "Blue-skins—may all their throats be cut."

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PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

In March 1829, upon returning to Washington, Anne splurged, spending \$2 for a new dress to wear to Andrew Jackson's inauguration.

About the same time, whether by chance or design, she took quarters in a building adjacent to the city's engine house which was used Sunday mornings—with the permission of the district and the fire company—by a congregation for worship and Sunday school. On one such morning, children from the congregation began throwing stones at Anne's window. When Anne ran out and confronted the parents, who apparently knew who she was, her complaints were brushed off and the churchgoers simply replied that they would pray for her.

That night, and for several thereafter, a group stood under her window praying for her conversion and salvation. When Anne had had enough, she gave the crowd a colorful, obscenity-laced rejoinder. Her callers were either shocked, or got what they came for; shortly, a grand jury handed

down indictments charging her with “being an evil-disposed person, a common slanderer, and disturber of the peace and happiness of her quiet and honest neighbors,” along with two counts of being a common scold.

Her lawyer was successful in having the charges reduced to one count of being a scold; and this count, he argued, should also have been dismissed, as the penalty for this gender-specific common law crime (applied only to women) called for immersion on a dunking stool—a punishment which was now obsolete in England, and had never been applied in the present jurisdiction. The judge credited the argument, but found it was within his power to disregard such a penalty and impose a fine or imprisonment.

At trial, Anne attempted to summon President Jackson as a character witness, but he “was very properly excused.” In his stead, he sent his Secretary of War, John H. Eaton, who related that Mrs. Royall always conducted herself like a lady when she came to his office seeking interviews. To rebut the ten

witnesses called by the prosecution, Anne was permitted to address the jury, to which she rambled on, contending that her prosecution was, among other things, part of a conspiracy on the part of the “blue and black-hearted Presbyterians,” who, along with others, wished to kill freedom of speech.

Jury deliberation lasted but a few minutes, and she was found guilty. The judge imposed a \$10 fine and a \$100 bond to ensure that she would keep the peace for a year. Anne wailed that she was unable to pay, but supporters immediately provided the necessary funds. All this sounds like political theater, and while Anne lost the case, she left the courthouse with the thing she cherished most—publicity.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Post-trial, Anne started off on a new southern tour, and indeed, she found that that the sale of her books had dramatically increased. At various stops, Anne was still alternately met

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by admirers or agitators, and always by the curious.

On her way back, a clerk at a Pittsburgh bookstore was so incensed by her presence that he bloodied her head by striking her multiple times with a piece of cowhide. When the clerk pled guilty to the assault, his lawyer argued that he should be subject only to a nominal fine because of the bad character of the prosecutrix. To Anne, the \$20 fine imposed by the judge was “a farce.”

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

She returned to Washington in 1831, where the political talk centered on President Jackson’s run for a second term. That year saw the formation of the first nationally organized third party, the Anti-Masonic Party, which named William Wirt as its candidate (Jackson won in a landslide over Henry Clay; Wirt carried the state of Vermont).

In December, Anne, who decided to become a publisher, put out the first edition of her newspaper, *Paul Pry*, a four-page tract which was gossipy and filled with the publisher’s spirited opinions. Of its goals, she said, “We shall expose all and every species of

political evil and religious fraud, without fear or affection . . . We shall advocate the liberty of the press, the liberty of speech, and the liberty of conscience.” Also in every issue was an attack on the Anti-Masons.

Needless to say, as with her books, the newspaper drew controversy. A Connecticut journalist in an editorial referred to her as “The Old Hag.” In Hollidaysburg, a canal boat was christened the “*Ann Royal*.” Of this honor she wrote, “We beg leave to remind the gallant captain to give us another L. Our name is Welsh.”

Her paper also acknowledged the need for corrections when they were called for, as when she wrote: “Speaking of Attorney General B. F. Butler, we were made to call him a ‘detestable reptile.’ It ought to have read ‘detestable hypocrite.’”

The economic depression of the 1830s gave impetus to the rise of trade unions, which was welcomed on the pages of *Paul Pry*, and Anne wrote favorably of the creation of a Massachusetts weekly, *The Female Advocate and Factory Girl’s Friend*, but while Anne was generally pro-labor, no one cause ever owned her. When

typographers went on strike and resorted to violence, she wrote, “Those midnight ruffians call this ‘defending their rights.’ We hope the court may make an example of them, and learn [sic] them what it is to invade the rights of others.” She warned both sides: “Oppression on one side will beget resistance on the other, and the stronger party, which is beyond doubt, the working class, will become tyrants and usurpers in their turn.”

By our standards, Anne was now a celebrity. Phineas Taylor Barnum, who was serving a 60-day jail sentence for libeling a church deacon, began a correspondence with Anne, and Barnum, who would become a famous impresario using his initials, P.T., asked Anne to tour with his troupe to lecture on government. She declined.

In 1836, *Paul Pry* printed its last issue and Anne began publication of a new paper, appropriately named *The Huntress*, which relied upon a novel source of income—advertising.

Through the presidencies of Van Buren, Harrison, and Polk, her cynicism continued to be honed. She saw no statesmen. “Too much politics, too much President making,” she wrote.

It would have been hard to predict which side of an issue Anne would take. Despite her traumatic childhood experience at Hanna’s Town, she found American policy toward the Native Americans harmful and unfair. She had come to oppose slavery, but deplored the ranting of the abolitionists. She had no use for the idea of women’s suffrage, and could not support the admission of the Republic of Texas into the union because it would add another slave state.

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THE PRICE OF FAME

Unlike today, fame in the 19th century did not necessarily translate into riches. Anne’s political independence caused her newspapers to lag financially behind those who were

beholden to one of the national political parties. There were times when it was a struggle to meet the \$6 a month rent (equal to \$150 in today's currency) on her "frail old shell of a frame-house which lets in the wind, the rain and the snow, but takes good care not to let them out," where she and her faithful long-time employee, Sally Stack, and several orphans whom Anne had taken in, put out *The Huntress*.

But then, in 1848, when Anne was 79 years old, a long-sought, but by then unexpected event took place—Congress passed a pension bill for the widows of Revolutionary War veterans, which provided Anne the considerable sum of \$40 a month.

Despite her age and continuing problem with her leg, she still did her own reporting. She attended the inauguration of President Zachary Taylor, visited her old friend, John Quincy Adams, and received callers at home. One of her callers, whose friendship trumped their political differences, was the former Senator

from Mississippi, who had returned from the Mexican War, Colonel Jefferson Davis. The issue of slavery was now beginning to test the fabric of the Republic, and Anne was particularly pleased when she heard in Taylor's inaugural address a pledge to devote his greatest effort to conciliation of sectional differences.

Taylor was not the last chief executive Anne would know. Shortly after her 85th birthday, Anne attended a levee hosted by President Franklin Pierce. By then her health was in decline and her one-woman crusade finally came to an end on October 1, 1854, with her passing.

ANNE ROYALL'S LEGACY

Shrill and coarse in her denunciations, Anne Royall was consistent in her effort to point out corruption and incompetence wherever she found it, and to debunk, sometimes with humor, the fraudulent.

While it is the fashion of our day to decry political polarization, Anne seemed to see it as one of the essential

ingredients for a vibrant democracy and would deplore a public mind that was completely uniform. 🐾

Author's note: I would not have had the pleasure of learning about Anne Royall had it not been for Lisa Hays, Executive Director of the Westmoreland County Historical Society, who told me about her and shared with me her notes from a PowerPoint program she created about Anne.

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Actions of the Board

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- Accepted Membership Committee report as presented: Jason McConnell, Shane Sarver, Emily Shaffer, participating.
- Voted to have the current vacancy in the Vice President position addressed by regular election, in accordance with the Bylaws, at the next Annual Meeting; directed the Planning Committee to explore all options and make recommendations to the Board concerning the best Bylaw structure for filling future vacancies.
- Circulated accountant's review to the board via e-mail. Questions from the Treasurer were submitted to the accountant.
- Reappointed Jim Kopelman to the Investment Committee for a four-year term to expire in 2018.
- Learned that Fall Quarterly Meeting will occur on October 29 with social media as topic. Members will vote on resolution for Senate Bill 76.
- Learned that two new employees have been hired for Pro Bono: Terrilyn Cheatham and Amanda Stein.
- S & T Bank's closing paperwork on real estate sales is of concern to the Real Estate Committee. Board agreed to authorize the committee to approach S & T bank leaders on behalf of the association.
- Mr. Noble reported that Supreme Court Justice Baer is pushing for mandatory custody mediation.
- Learned that the Prothonotary is hoping to launch e-filing in January 2015.
- Voted to allow up to \$2,500 for sponsorship of a summer swim party; Young Lawyers must submit receipts up to \$2,500 to the WBA for payment.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

- Mike Passalinqua from Private Wealth Advisors reported, along with the Investment Committee, on the WBA investments which have a current balance of \$1.5 million. The original IPS was previously amended to allow for purchase of individual stocks.
- Accepted Membership Committee report as presented: Theresa Stones, Tim Leonard, participating.

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TIMOTHY J. LEONARD has joined the WBA as a participating member. Tim earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Washington & Jefferson College, and his juris doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He is practicing with his father, WBA member Jeff Leonard, in Greensburg.

SHANE M. SARVER has been admitted as a participating member of the WBA. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and his J.D. from Duquesne University. Shane is a law clerk for The Hon. David A. Regoli.

CHUCK E. WASHBURN has rejoined the WBA as a participating member. He earned a degree in Public Administration from Slippery Rock University, and his J.D. from Ohio Northern University. Chuck is an Assistant District Attorney in Westmoreland County. 🐾



- Treasurer DeDiana confirmed that he spoke with the accountant and resolved his questions concerning the 990.
- President Lazzaro reported that he appointed Charles Conway to the Nominating Committee.
- Fee Dispute Committee Chair remains open and the board was asked to make recommendations to fill this position.
- Agreed to send Fee Dispute Committee Chair Harvey Zalevsky a thank you for his years of service and leadership on that committee.
- Voted to accept Judge Smail's resignation as President-Elect of the WBA due to his appointment to the bench and the restrictions of the bylaws regarding judges serving on the WBA board.
- Heard report on the changes in staffing and procedure with the Pro Bono office. Number of clients served is tremendously increased and attorney involvement is up.
- Heard report that the WBF will be looking to fill some openings on the trustee board and that any members that the board would like to refer would be greatly appreciated. 🐾

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*All committee meetings and activities will be held at the WBA Headquarters unless otherwise noted. Visit www.westbar.org for more information about activities and CLE courses, or to **register online**.*

DECEMBER

- 3** Bankruptcy Committee, Noon
- 6** Holiday Dinner Dance and Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m. to Midnight, Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree
- 9** Ned J. Nakles American Inn of Court, 5 p.m.
- 10** [CLE] Bridge the Gap, 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
After-Work Holiday Party, 4:30 p.m., The Rialto, Greensburg
- 16** Family Law Committee, Noon
Santa Party, 5:30 p.m.
- 17** [CLE] Video Compliance Period Seminar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Membership Committee, Noon
- 25** Courthouse closed in observance of Christmas

JANUARY

- 1** Courthouse closed in observance of New Year's Day
- 14** Real Estate Committee, Noon
- 19** Courthouse closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 20** Family Law Committee, Noon
- 21** Elder Law & Orphans' Court Committees, Noon
Membership Committee, Noon

LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS CORNER

- The 12-step recovery meeting, exclusively for lawyers and judges, is in downtown Pittsburgh every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. For the exact location, call Pennsylvania Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers at **1-800-335-2572**.
- LCL has a new website at www.lclpa.org. Attorneys and judges will find information on how LCL can help them, a member of their family or a colleague who may be in distress. It is confidential and easy to navigate. Visit it today.
- Lawyers Confidential Help Line: **1-888-999-1941**. Operates 24 hours a day.



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**Open enrollment NOW
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The LRS is the #1 place where courts, county offices and social services send clients seeking lawyers!

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#4

Increase case numbers and increase income!



#2

Our friendly trained staff screens the clients for YOU!

#1

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* Registration and payment due on
Monday, December 29, 2014.

Registration Form 2015

Attorney's Name: _____

****Complete attorney information only if this has changed in last 6 months.****

Primary office address* _____

City* _____ Zip _____

Primary Telephone Number* _____ Cell phone number: _____

Additional Office Telephone Numbers: _____

Email address (required for participation in the 2014 program) _____

Branch Office information (if applicable) _____

Licensed to practice in these states: _____

Geographic Restrictions - Please specify counties where you would be willing to handle cases: _____

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I hereby verify that the statements made in the attached application are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein made are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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SIGNATURE: _____

Payment Information

Registration Deadline: Monday, December 29, 2014

Send completed application and VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

COVERAGE to: Lawyer Referral Service, 129 North Pennsylvania Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601

- I enclose a check for \$125 (made payable to WBA).
- I choose to pay my 2015 LRS Membership in the amount of \$125 by credit card as indicated below:

Charge my credit card: Master Card Visa Card # _____

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*LRS rules and regulations can be found at www.westbar.org

**Panel selections will be emailed to you upon receipt of this form.

**Wednesday,
December 10, 2014
9:00 am - 1:15 pm
WBA Headquarters**

Seminar Fees:

PRE-REGISTRATION:

(Must be prepaid & received at the WBA
office by 12 pm December 9, 2014)
CLE Credit

WBA Members- \$30 per credit hr.
Non-Members - \$50 per credit hr.

Non-Credit
\$10 Flat Rate
Waived for Young Lawyers
(practicing 10 years or less)

WALK- IN:

CLE Credit
WBA Members- \$40 per credit hr.
Non-Members - \$50 per credit hr.

Non-Credit
\$20 Flat Rate
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Pizza and Soda will be provided.

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As a courtesy of the Westmoreland Bar Association, this seminar is being offered **FREE** to **newly admitted attorneys** who are required to complete the Bridge the Gap program by their first CLE compliance deadline.

The program also serves as a great refresher for any attorney admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.

PROGRAM FORMAT

This four hour program produced by the PA CLE Board consists of the following sections.

- ◆ Introduction from the Chief Justice
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Practice Management
- ◆ Fiduciary Requirements
- ◆ Overview of the PA Supreme Court Disciplinary System
- ◆ Outreach Programs & Resources

Four (4) ETHICS Credits are available toward your annual CLE requirements.

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Bridge the Gap — December 10, 2014

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EAT Drink and BE MERRY

Join us at the After-Work Holiday Party!

*In the Spirit of the Holidays, the WBA invites you and your guest
to an afternoon of Good Cheer and Good Food.*

Wed. December 10th, 2014

from 4 - 7 pm

Rialto "Back" Bar

North Pennsylvania Ave.

..... Celebrate the Season

RSVP to the WBA by December 12th.

724.834.6730 or westbar.org@westbar.org

Santa Claus is coming to town!



Tuesday, December 16

5:30 to 7 p.m. • WBA Headquarters

All attorneys—and staff—are invited!

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews for some last-minute one-on-one time with Santa before the big day.

Child-friendly foods and activities are planned.

Please RSVP to the WBA at 724.834.6730 or westbar.org@westbar.org by Tuesday, December 9, so we know how many to plan for.

Wednesday

December 17, 2014

WBA Headquarters

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Seminar Fees:

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Lunch will be provided.

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Session 1 — 2 Substantive Credits

9:00 am – 11:00 am (Video from 4/23/14)

2014 Personal Injury and Auto Law Update

- ♦ Significant developments in case law
- ♦ Subrogation issues including the SMART Act
- ♦ Development of post Koken procedures and guidelines in UM and UIM cases

Speaker: Michael D. Ferguson, Esquire
Ferguson Law Associates

Session 2 — 2.5 Substantive Credits

11:15 am – 1:45 pm (Video from 6/12/14)

My Cousin Vinny

The film deals with two young New Yorkers traveling through rural Alabama who are put on trial for a murder they did not commit, and the comic attempts of a cousin, Vincent Gambini, a newly minted lawyer, to defend them.

Attorney Panelists: Maria Altobelli, Timothy Andrews, Ned Nakles Jr., Joyce Novotny-Prettiman

Session 3 (Video from 6/13/14)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

1 Substantive Credit

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1 Ethics Credit

Family Law Mediation

Panelists:

The Honorable Michele G. Bononi
The Honorable Meagan Bilik-DeFazio

Attorneys:

Gary A. Falatovich
J. Douglas Farrell
Timothy B. Kinney
John M. Noble
Margaret A. Tremba

Five and a half (5.5) SUBSTANTIVE and One (1) ETHICS Credits are available toward your annual CLE requirements.

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December 17, 2014 Video Compliance CLE

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Sign me up for:

- Session 1 – 2 substantive credits no credits
 Session 2 – 2.5 substantive credits no credits
Session 3 2:00 - 3:00 pm 1 substantive credit
 3:00 - 4:00 pm 1 ethics credit
 no credits

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