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We Want You to Commit to the New Pro Bono Program

by David DeRose, Esq., Chair,
Westmoreland Bar Foundation

We need your help! The Westmoreland Bar Foundation and the Westmoreland Bar Association are working together in an effort to revitalize and restart a pro bono program in our county. To have any chance of creating a successful program, we need our members, you, to volunteer your services and expertise at least one time per year or perhaps for at least one case per year.

It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment to our profession, the judicial system, our Bar Association, and to those citizens in need to support a pro bono program. It is the intention of the Westmoreland Bar Foundation to maintain a pro bono office in the Courthouse and to do so in a fiscally sound manner that will meet the growing need for legal assistance in this county that Laurel Legal Services and some other programs are unable to fulfill. The Bar Foundation's mission requires that we provide assistance and education to those less fortunate than ourselves and it recognizes that in this county, there is no shortage of need.



To be successful, we need a **strong commitment** from our attorneys who are willing to volunteer and participate in a new program.

As many of you may recall from the past, individual attorneys dedicated a half day of their time or volunteered to handle a few pro bono cases in a program that was administered by Iva Munk. We moved away from that model and were fortunate for several

years to have the assistance of David Millstein, Esq., and George Miller, Esq., heading our pro bono efforts. Last August, the Bar Foundation had to suspend the program's operation due largely to the lack of participation of member attorneys who were willing to provide these services.

As I announced at the annual meeting, there is a ray of hope!

The County Commissioners will continue to provide space in the Courthouse and are willing to consider assisting the program by providing an administrative employee to help run the office. However, we need to provide the "attorney power" to make this pro bono model work. The goal is to have at least 100 attorneys volunteer to get this effort up off the ground. To date, we have 50 attorneys who have volunteered.

A registration form can be found in this issue. I ask you to sign and return it to Alahna at the WBA office as quickly as possible. If you have already volunteered for this program, I thank you. If you are on the fence, I would urge you to please volunteer, and we would hope to be successful in beginning a new program sometime in the fall of this year.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. ■

President's Message

An Eye Toward the Future

by Eric E. Bononi, Esq.

The past two years have tested our Bar Association in ways not seen before. The entire legal industry has faced extraordinary challenges, and, from my observations, the Westmoreland Bar Association



has risen to address this unique set of circumstances. As I begin my presidency, I am struck by the Westmoreland Bar Association's reach, influence, and importance to the careers and lives of attorneys.

As all of us continue to navigate through the pandemic, the Westmoreland Bar Association has assembled useful new resources to help the legal profession transition

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beyond the pandemic. As the mechanics of how we serve our clients evolve, the Westmoreland Bar Association is committed to providing new ideas which will help us to navigate these waters.

The Westmoreland Bar Foundation is becoming the leading champion for legal aid funding through the support of the Westmoreland Bar Association. The Foundation will endeavor to

provide access to justice with free legal advice and services to low-income people. I am hereby requesting that every member accept representation in at least one case from the Foundation this year to help those in need.

Every member of the Bar should have an eye toward the future, with a goal of maintaining the integrity of our noble profession. Our Bar Association provides a forum for experienced attorneys to mentor the younger generations of our membership. I would encourage each of you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Thank you for joining me as an integral part of this professional association.

Sincerely yours,

Capital Campaign: Going, Going, Almost Gone!

by Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, Esq., and David DeRose, Esq., Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chairs

At our annual meeting we were excited to announce that we had met our fund-raising goal of \$250,000. At the present time, our pledges stand at \$266,650 and 69.5% of the pledges have been paid to the WBA. We will now strive to achieve a stretch goal of \$300,000.

We want to sincerely thank all of our WBA members who have generously supported this effort. It is inspiring to see what we can do when we all work together! As we see pledges of all sizes combine and build toward our goal, we are making a huge dent in the debt we have taken on to bring our plans for a new building into reality.

The new building is a place where our members can gather to network

and learn, as well as a location that members can meet clients, hold depositions, arbitrations, and mediations and otherwise use this facility to access technology that may not be available in all law offices. Our new location is also easily accessible to the Courthouse and makes our association more visible to the general public. As we reach out to support community efforts in the future, we will have a facility that we are proud to use and which is also user-friendly.

On June 30, 2022, the Capital Campaign will come to a close. This has been a successful effort by our committee, especially during these challenging and uncertain times. We thank each and every committee member for their dedication and support.

If you have not become a part of this effort, you still have time to do

so. Please seriously consider joining with your colleagues to support the WBA Capital Campaign. A few quick facts:

- Pledges can be made over a five-year period and our window to accept pledges may be extended due to concerns regarding the pandemic.
- All gifts will be recognized and gifts of \$1,000 or above will be prominently acknowledged at the new building in proportion to the size of the gift.
- Gifts may be made in honor of or in memory of someone special to you.

By helping alleviate the burden of the debt for our new building, we free up funds to continue to move forward to help each and every WBA member better serve their clients and become more accomplished as practitioners. We are stronger together! ■

Remembering Patrick H. Mahady

Editor's note: Patrick H. Mahady passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. He is survived by Beverly Rudeen, his love of 32 years; his sons, Matt Mahady, of White Plains, N.Y., and Ryan Mahady, and grandchildren, Luke and Henry Mahady, of Boston, Mass.; sisters, Suzanne Mahady and Sally Mahady, both of Latrobe; and a brother, Dave Mahady, of Derry. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice in his memory.

by Suzanne J. Mahady, Esq.

One of our judges noted, "Pat's passing marks not only the loss of an experienced and capable member of our bar, but also the loss of his wit and gentle humor which made any encounter with him a day-brightening experience." Of course, I agree with that and I imagine many of you will as well. My brother, Pat, was articulate, witty, and had the Irishman's gift of gab—all valuable tools for a successful lawyer, particularly for one who appears in court as Pat did beginning in his early years as an assistant district attorney.

During his Latrobe childhood, he was characterized by family and friends as "spunky," and while it wasn't a nickname, it suggested a positive attitude that he carried throughout his life. In high school he developed an interest in unusual automobiles, and under the tutelage of Jim Eddins, undertook restoration work on a Model A Ford which he painted an eye-catching robin's egg blue. It was the first of many atypical vehicles that fascinated him, including his red Triumph, a Citroen, and a Renault, all of which occurred prior to his later Mini Cooper phase.

Pat earned a bachelor's degree from Villanova, followed by a law degree

from the Dickinson School of Law. His extracurricular interests varied during these years. At Villanova, under faculty supervision, he worked upon an Aid for Mexico project; and while, after all these years, the word "athletic" doesn't automatically spring to mind in reference to him, he ran and completed the Boston Marathon with his fellow law school classmate, George Carroll, now a practicing lawyer in Beaver County.

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When later pursuing an MBA at Pitt, he could be found at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena at midnight on Saturdays playing hockey with his classmates, where, after one game, he was put in the awkward position of explaining to the mother of one of his friends just how her son happened to lose some of his teeth. In later years, he coached and served as a fund-raiser for the



Harlequin Rugby Club, an organization supported by the law enforcement community that helped at-risk boys earn self-esteem.

All of this suggests a spirit of adventure which was vividly brought home early on to family and friends when after graduating from Villanova, to the chagrin of his parents, he embarked on a six-week tour of Europe on a motorcycle. But his energies were not solely directed to fun and games.

After the passing of one of his mentors, President Judge David H. Weiss, with whom he frequently attended Pittsburgh sporting events, he was instrumental in creating the David H. Weiss Memorial Scholarship program. He was active on the local board of the American Red Cross, and other local charitable organizations.

Older students at the Westmoreland County Community College benefited from Pat's organization of a paralegal program, and he did exploratory work for the Bar which sought to establish low-cost legal services for eligible members of the community.

Personal benevolences weren't uncommon. Despite the distance

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involved, he immediately came to the aid of a friend and employee who lost her leg in an out-of-state motorcycle accident; and when the children of a friend were abandoned by their father, Pat committed himself to attending their school functions, graduations, dances, and other activities, forming a special relationship with them as a surrogate father figure.

The prior generation of our family included five siblings: Regis, Paul, Henry (our father), Jane, and Tom—all of whom practiced law together in Westmoreland County. Any child who follows a parent into a profession feels both pride and pressure—the pressure of living up to the parent's example. Pat gracefully managed to balance the two. After his admission to the bar, he had the pleasure of

working in an office with his father and uncles, and at the time of his death, he was the senior partner of Mahady and Mahady, where he practiced with me, George A. Butler, and Robert H. Slone.



As it should be, family life took precedence over the office and his family took pleasure in sharing his interests of skiing, biking, and golfing

at Seven Springs where he owned a cabin. Thanksgivings, Christmases, and the first day of trout season were celebrated there, and there, 32 years ago, he met Beverly Rudeen with whom he fell in love and who

became an integral part of the family.

His sons, Matt and Ryan, and his grandsons, Luke and Henry, were a major part of his life and he lovingly followed their interests and pursuits.

As for me, I will always remember his twinkling blue eyes when he was amused, and how proud I was to be his sister.

My brother loved life and often said, “Do what you want to do now—life is not a dress rehearsal.”

We all do as we continue to miss him. ■



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Remembering B. Earnest Long

Editor's note: B. Earnest "Ernie" Long passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. He is survived by his wife of almost 34 years, Patricia L. Long; two children, Wesley T. Long (Patricia) and Kristie E. McGonigal (John); seven grandchildren, Adam (Christen), Ashlee (Kevin), and Cassandra (Paolo) Long, and Kara, John, Mark (Lindsey), and Amy McGonigal; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Tim McAnallen (Eve), Shawn McAnallen, and Kelly Cook, and their four children; and sister-in-law, Lois Dick (Jim). Memorial contributions may be made to the JM Hall Trust FBO Borough of Export.



by Wesley T. Long, Esq., and Adam J. Long, Esq.

Barrett Earnest "Ernie" Long was born August 4, 1929, in Export, Pa., as the fourth and youngest child of George and Anna (Earnest) Long. Ernie had the rather unique distinction of his three names being the last names of prior generations. Barrett was the maiden name of his maternal great-grandmother while Earnest was the maiden name of his maternal grandmother. He was not particularly fond of the name Barrett, hence the "B," however he moderated slightly after one of his grandsons was given that name.

As most know, the heritage of Export Borough is coal exportation

from the substantial coal mines that dominated the region. Ernie grew up in the Depression quite poor and used to lament that when one Christmas he received a little red wagon he knew something was up. As it turns out, the wagon was not a present, but to allow him to walk down the train tracks picking up lumps of coal that fell off the trains leaving Export.

Unfortunately, Ernie was orphaned at an early age, his mother having died when he was 13 and his father just three years later when Ernie was 16. This unfortunate set of circumstances, including being raised in the Depression, instilled in him an intense work ethic that he would display throughout his life. To the chagrin of his law partners, it also caused him not to bill or invoice

clients for legal services rendered, often saying in the process, "They don't have much." In fact, our departed brethren, Tom Godlewski, would often tell the story that he and his wife, Karen, were at a restaurant where he eavesdropped on a conversation from an adjoining table where the gentleman said to his friends, "You should hire my lawyer, Ernie Long, because he never sends me a bill for anything."

Ernie graduated from Export Borough High School in 1947. He played basketball for Export, not because he was good, but because they had only six boys in his class. Ernie obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1951. Following graduation, Ernie served in the Army for exactly two years, and as stated in his obituary, "not one day more." He did take one thing from his time in the Army: an absolute hatred of standing in lines. Ernie loved going out to dinner, but if there was a line, he left. He never grasped the correlation between a crowd and the quality of the food.

Following his discharge from the Army, Ernie enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1954. He took immense pride in his 42 classmates although not so much in the Dean. Apparently, the Dean would comment that the members of the Class of 1957 were the worst class in the law school's history and that they

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“wouldn’t amount to anything.” Ernie took exception to this statement and prided in proving the Dean wrong. That class included five members who ascended to the bench, Richard L. Thornburgh (former Governor of Pennsylvania and U.S. Attorney General), Derrick A. Bell, Jr. (the first African-American tenured professor at Harvard Law School), and Westmoreland County brethren, James Nardelli, Richard Jim, Bernie Redlich, and Dante Bertani. Safe to say, the Class of 1957 did OK.

Following graduation, it was required that a young attorney serve a six-month preceptorship. Ernie’s preceptors were attorneys Paul Robinson and Carl Fisher in Greensburg, which would become Robinson, Fisher & Long in 1964, and later Fisher, Long & Rigone. In 2013, Ernie, along with his son, Wes, and grandson, Adam, formed Long & Long, LLC, where he remained until his passing.

Ernie was a Past President of the Westmoreland Bar Association and founding member and Past President of the Westmoreland Academy of Trial Lawyers. Ernie was blessed with a very successful practice, and in 1966, in the matter of *Pratt v. Scott Electric*,

obtained the then-largest Plaintiff’s verdict in the history of Westmoreland County. Ernie celebrated the verdict by taking a vacation to the Bahamas and buying a new car. Ernie continued the diligent and tireless practice of law,

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which led him to the corporate world in the mid-70s which he equally enjoyed.

Ernie practiced law for nearly 65 years. During that time, the practice of law changed drastically, and Ernie embraced the changes. In about 2017, he went into Adam’s office and asked, “Do you have one of those email things?” He also waged a personal war with AT&T because he believed you

should be able to purchase cell phone time by the minute. One sympathetic (or surrendering) store manager finally relented, and every year, Ernie went in and purchased 100 cell phone minutes. In 2021, he used a total of 8 minutes. In 2014, he engaged in a nationwide search for a new Dictaphone, ironically finding one on the Internet. His attempt to purchase an iPhone was vetoed after a family meeting.

Along the way, Ernie became great friends with many of his colleagues, particularly Leonard Reeves, and they embarked together on numerous hunting and fishing trips all over North America. In addition to hunting and fishing, Ernie’s hobbies included golfing, dining (provided there were no lines), traveling, tennis, or socializing at any available bar, especially Export’s social clubs.

Ernie grew up playing tennis as there was a family in Export who had a tennis court. He played tennis throughout his life until, as he described it, “all of my tennis friends died.” He was also an extremely talented singer and dancer, as he learned to dance being the forced practice partner to two older sisters. By far, however, his greatest talent was his phenomenal storytelling ability and the limitless number of jokes he could remember.

Ernie died April 6, 2022, leaving behind his wife of nearly 34 years, Pat, his son, Wes, and his daughter, Kristie, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three stepchildren.

To do justice to our father and grandfather would require more space than this provides and, even then, we would fall woefully short. Suffice to say, we will miss his support, guidance, and friendship, but endeavor to live up to the example he set. We take solace in and continue to laugh at the countless (and never exaggerated) stories and jokes, as they simply never get old. But most of all, we intend to raise a beer to a life well lived. ■

Carol Petrusky Retiring



Civil Court Administrator Carol Petrusky will be retiring on July 15 after 32 years at the Courthouse. “I would like to thank all the members of the Bar for helping me along the way. It has been a privilege working with you,” she says. “You have always considered me to be one of your own and treated me with the utmost respect. I have learned so much working in the court system. It will be difficult to leave my coworkers, along with the members of the Bar, who have come to be an

extension of my family. Even though I am retiring, I will be taking your friendships with me forever. You have truly made a lasting impact on me in so many ways. As much as I am sad to say goodbye, I am excited for my next chapter. Thanks so much and until we meet again ...” ■

New Leadership Elected at Annual Meeting, Bylaws Passed

At the Annual Meeting of the Westmoreland Bar Association held on Monday, April 4, at Rizzo’s Banquet Hall in Crabtree, Eric E. Bononi assumed the office of president.

After earning an accounting degree from the University of Notre Dame, Eric earned his law degree from the Claude A. Petit School of Law at Ohio Northern University. He is a founding partner of Bononi & Company PC in Greensburg, where his comprehensive practice includes tax law, estate planning, corporate law, real estate law, and bankruptcy.

Eric succeeds Judith Potoka Petrush and is serving a one-year term as President.

ELECTION RESULTS

Angelea Allen Mitas was elected to a one-year term as Vice President and



Outgoing President Judith Potoka Petrush passes the ceremonial gavel to incoming President Eric E. Bononi at the Annual Meeting held on April 4, 2022. Eric is serving a one-year term as President.

Kelly M. Eshelman was chosen to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Rounding out the Board are President-Elect Maureen S. Kroll; Directors Leo J. Ciaramitaro and Adam

J. Long; Past President Judith Potoka Petrush; Treasurer James A. Horchak; and Secretary/Executive Director Alahna O’Brien.

Nicole M. Pardus was elected to serve a five-year term on the Membership Committee. Zachary J. Kansler was elected to serve a five-year term on the Building Committee.

BYLAWS CHANGES PASSED

A number of proposed amendments to the bylaws of the WBA were circulated with the invitation to the Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, Bylaws Co-Chair James E. Kelley, Jr., presented the proposed changes to the members, and the members passed them unanimously. The current bylaws are available online at westbar.org/bylaws.

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AWARDS PRESENTED AT MEETING

Joyce Novotny-Prettiman was presented with the President's Award for Professionalism for her dedication to the practice of law, service to her community, and her integrity and civility as a lawyer; Alex W. Brown was presented with the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award; and the Capital Campaign Committee was named Committee of the Year.

President's Award for Professionalism

Joyce Novotny-Prettiman

by David J. Millstein, Esq.

Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, or as we affectionately refer to her, Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, has been named the newest recipient of the WBA's President's Award. Given only when deserved, the President's Award is the WBA's highest and best honor and is awarded to recognize those members who have distinguished themselves by service to the organization. Joyce's selection by a committee of past WBA presidents convincingly continues that tradition. She has, for quite some time, been among those few colleagues whose professionalism and contributions to the profession in general, and the WBA in particular warrant such an honor.

Joyce comes to the practice of law by means of a singular pathway. She first became involved in the business of lawyering as a legal secretary in 1983. Between then and 2000, she pursued her college degree at Seton



At the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 4, President Judith Potoka Petrush (right) presented Joyce Novotny-Prettiman with the President's Award for Professionalism.

Hill and then her law degree at Duquesne, all while continuing to work. In 2000, she was hired by QuatriniRafferty as an associate, a firm by which she is still employed, but is now known as Quatrini Law Group.

It didn't take long to establish herself as a highly capable and compassionate attorney at law because, well, because that's the sort of person she is.

Early on, she took a great interest in the WBA and has served it in many different capacities. Just to name a few, she has served the WBA as President, and has been a member of the Civil Litigation Committee, Lawyers' Assistance Committee, serving as Chair, Planning Committee, Membership Committee, Alternative Dispute Committee, and Activities Committee. She has also served with the PBA as a member of the Conference of County Bar Leaders.

In her community work, she has been a CASA volunteer for ten years, and has served as a member of the Laurel Area Faith in Action board. Space does not permit the recounting of all the activities with which she has involved herself but trust me, the list is extensive.

Scott Avolio served as a member of the Past Presidents' Committee that selected Joyce to be honored in this way. "The decision to honor Joyce was, for us, a no-brainer," Scott says, "because she has served our association, our profession, and our community so capably and devotedly for so long. She exemplifies all that is honorable and professional about our work, and no one deserved the honor more than she did."

Regarding her receipt of this honor, Joyce says, "I am thankful that I was encouraged to participate in WBA activities by David DeRose and Dick Galloway and I was lucky to join a law firm that had a solid reputation of professional and community volunteering. All of that made it much easier for me to start volunteering."

One is obliged to point out that the President's Award has been presented 15 times in the past and that Joyce is the first female ever singled out for this distinction. To infer from this that she is the first woman worthy of the honor would be as much a mistake as the fact is itself.

Our congratulations to Joyce Novotny-Prettiman for being so honored. No one has ever been more worthy. ■

Outstanding Young Lawyer

Alex W. Brown

by Rebecca K. Fenoglietto, Esq.

At the Annual Meeting of the Westmoreland Bar Association, Alex W. Brown was recognized as the 2022 Outstanding Young Lawyer. This award is given to the Young Lawyer who best exemplifies outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the legal profession and the community.

Alex is a 2013 Grove City College graduate, where he majored political science. He then went on to law school, graduating from Case Western Reserve in 2016.

After being admitted to the bar, Alex took a position as a federal judicial law clerk in Pittsburgh, where he was a floating clerk, working with numerous judges. Then, in the spring of 2017, he was assigned to Magistrate Judge Robert Mitchell, who is now retired.

Following his clerkship, Alex was hired by Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck, PLLC, in Greensburg, where he currently works.

Alex says that he appreciates that the vast majority of his work is civil litigation, because it exposes him to a variety of issues. "Every case is different, there's always something new to learn, a new twist in the law. It keeps me on my toes," he says.

Alex credits colleague Bernie Matthews as a valuable mentor who has vast experience in many different aspects. "It's great to work with



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somebody where you can touch so many different areas of the law."

Alex got right to work with the WBA when he began his career at Meyer Darragh. He currently serves on three committees: Lawyer Referral Service, Young Lawyers, and Civil Litigation. And while he chaired the Young Lawyers last year, he says he's most active with the Lawyer Referral Service Committee, where he spends

a good amount of time handling referral calls and trying to get people connected to attorneys.

Alex reports an influx of calls to LRS. "People are looking for answers," he says. "They're looking for any possible way to get some

relief and are motivated to use the law. In that 30-minute consultation, you try to give them advice as to whether it's even feasible to pursue litigation. Basically, we explain the process and often it teaches them that litigating small matters isn't worth it."

Looking back on law school, Alex says that idealization doesn't always meet reality. "You think you're always going to be in a courtroom or taking depositions. The reality is that most of the time you're writing dispositive motions, doing research, and you're boning up on law by doing all of these things. You don't learn everything in law school. Having a business, handling difficult clients, giving advice they need to hear rather than the advice they want to hear are all things you learn once you start practicing," he says.

Alex stays pretty busy in his free time. A runner in high school and college, he tries to continue doing it when he can. He spends a good amount of time with his family and is active in Republican politics. He also is the council president of New Stanton, having been appointed to council in 2020 and elected to a full term in 2021.

On being honored as this year's young attorney, Alex says, "It's always nice to be recognized by the bar association. I enjoy being a member of the WBA, being a part of the Lawyer Referral Service. It gives me a chance to help those who need it." ■

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Committee of the Year

Capital Campaign Committee

by Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, Esq.

At the WBA Annual Meeting held on April 4, 2022, the Capital Campaign Committee received the Committee of the Year Award. It has been an amazing journey for this committee!

In early 2020, this committee started to take shape when Joyce Novotny-Prettiman was the WBA President looking forward to the completion of the building project. She called on the Building Committee Chair, David DeRose, to provide the WBA Board with information about the fund-raising that occurred when the old building purchased in 1991 was renovated. As always, David went through his treasure trove of papers and found many pieces of information from the first capital campaign that gave this new committee-in-progress food for thought.

We all know what happened in March of 2020, and just as COVID put the brakes on so many other things, the capital campaign was placed on hold by the WBA Board. Times were too uncertain to burden our members with a request for donations.

In early 2021, the WBA Board appointed Joyce and David as co-chairs of the Capital Campaign Committee and Alahna and Susan worked on our Capital Campaign brochure. After a couple revisions, there is a final copy in this edition of *the sidebar* for your consideration!

The members of this committee included the 2021 WBA Board members, Scott Avolio, Judith Petrush, Eric Bononi, Maureen Kroll, Angelea Mitas, Leo Ciaramitaro, and Pat Iezzi; WBA Building Committee members John Ward, Melissa Guidy, Zachary Kansler, and Zachary Meshery; and other WBA members who volunteered to help, namely, Dan Joseph, Adam Long, Nicole Pardus, and John Ranker. This great group endured Zoom meetings, campaign planning, goal setting, budget formulation, party planning, and recognition piece brainstorming as well as fund-raising calls and emails. Of course, the committee would not have been successful without the participation of the WBA staff and we cannot thank Alahna, Jessica, and Susan enough for keeping track of everything along the way.



At the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 4, President Judith Potoka Petrush presented Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chairs David S. DeRose and Joyce Novotny-Prettiman with the 2022 Committee of the Year Award.

A kick-off event was planned for August 2021 at the new building and the kick-off party was great fun with the help of entertainment by The Brothers Kelly, catering done by Myriam's Table and beer provided by Sobel's Obscure Brewery. The campaign goal of \$250,000 was announced and the fund-raising was rolling. After more one-on-one fund-raising efforts, at the 2022 annual meeting it was announced that we reached the campaign goal!

With the end date for the Capital Campaign in sight on

June 30, 2022, the committee is looking to meet a stretch goal of \$300,000. It has been a busy but productive year of work for all involved. This committee came together to work toward a goal that will help the WBA financially for years to come. We are proud to have been successful in challenging times! ■



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Spotlight on Nicole Pardus

Editor's note: Nicole Pardus is the new Chair of the WBA Young Lawyers Committee. Her one-year term began at the 2022 Annual Meeting, held April 4 at Rizzo's Banquet Hall in Crabtree. An associate with Long & Long in Greensburg, her practice consists of estate planning and estate administration, business formation and advisement as well as real estate and civil litigation. Other election results for the Young Lawyers Committee included Maria Rossi, Vice Chair; Stephanie Sheehan, Treasurer; and Erica Hixson, Secretary.



Q WHAT JOBS HAVE YOU HELD PRIOR TO BEING AN ATTORNEY?

A I was a lifeguard during high school at my hometown's local pool. In college, I worked at the

Grove City Outlets in retail. In law school, I was a Contracts Administration Intern at Elliott Company and a Bankruptcy Clerk and Certified Legal Intern at Neighborhood Legal Services.

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

A Wes Long sent me to a municipal meeting in his place as solicitor, a month or so after I passed the bar. It was my first municipal

meeting and at that time, I knew absolutely nothing about municipal law or how the meetings were generally run. The whole meeting, I voted and made motions. I thought nothing of it and assumed I had done a good job. When I got to the office the next day, Wes very nicely informed me that solicitors do not vote or make motions at municipal meetings, as they are not elected officials. After the initial embarrassment, we laughed for quite a while about it and still do almost six years later.

Q WHAT IS THE QUALITY YOU MOST LIKE IN AN ATTORNEY?

A Honesty and practicality. I really admire attorneys who are honest with their clients and can take a practical approach to cases. It can be easy to get caught up in the legal arguments, but I think we owe it to our clients to really be up front about how sometimes the law and reality don't always mesh.

Q WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

A I strive to live my life without regrets. I make choices and accept the consequences of those choices. I believe there is no reason to dwell on the what-ifs.

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?

A Two pups, who are essentially my other kids: Sydney, a Shar Pei/Beagle mix and Beau, a Weimaraner.

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

A Get involved. Both in the bar association and in your community. No one always enjoys networking, but we do it because it is an essential part of being an attorney. The earlier you can make time for it and start, the better.

Q WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU EVER GOT?

A "Read the rules."
— Wes Long

Q WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

A My greatest achievement would be managing my career and the demands of it along with having a family, maintaining friendships, and having

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hobbies. I know that I am only able to do all of this with support from my family, friends, and employer. My goal has always been to have a fulfilling life in all aspects.

Q WHEN AND WHERE WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

A Wow, quite an existential question. Let's go with an easy answer: last weekend when I was hiking with my son and husband.

Q WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

A Two things: Inequality and ketchup.

Q WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

A I love plants, specifically houseplants, even more specifically cacti, so plants and the handmade ceramic pots from local artists that they live in.

Q WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

A I would love to be able to draw or do watercolor paintings.

Q WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS?

A I value friends who are honest, kind, and most importantly fun.

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

A I would love to own a houseplant store or work for the National Park Service or DCNR as a guide.

Q WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

A I don't live to work; I work to live. ■



Farewell, Jessica Turberville

It is bittersweet that after 6.5 years with the WBA, I have decided to leave and take on a new job/adventure. I have enjoyed working and forming friendships with you all while helping to further the mission of the WBA.

While I may be leaving, this is not goodbye, simply see you around! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you all and assist with your requests from the organization. ■

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JANUARY 2022 CIVIL TRIAL TERM

Of the 16 cases on the January 2022 Civil Jury Trial list, 5 settled, 10 were continued, and 1 proceeded to a jury trial.

**DEBORA L. MORGAN
V.**

**WILLIAM DICKSON INDUSTRIES,
INC. AND CHRISTOPHER NAGY
NO. 2659 OF 2019**

*Cause of Action: Negligence—
Motor Vehicle*

On July 20, 2017, Plaintiff alleged that she encountered a vehicle without any visible hazard or brake lights stopped in the left lane of traffic on Route 380 in Washington Township. She proceeded into the right lane to avoid the stopped vehicle and removed her foot from the gas pedal as she passed to ensure that the passengers of the stopped vehicle were not experiencing an emergency. Plaintiff denied that she ever fully stopped her vehicle or that she applied the brake. At that time, she was rear-ended by Defendant, who was driving a dump truck loaded with coal. Plaintiff's car came to rest after hitting the median. As a result of the impact, Plaintiff testified that she suffered from a concussion, which caused memory loss, speech impairment, headaches, and sensitivity to noise and lights. She testified that the symptoms from the concussion were ongoing since the time of the accident.

According to Defendant's testimony, he was traveling on Route 380 and came upon two stopped vehicles without any visible hazard or brake lights; one was in the left lane of traffic and one was in the right lane of traffic. He further testified that he did everything he could to avoid a collision, including putting all his weight on the brake pedal and swerving his dump truck into the right median. Defendant denied speeding and stated that his vehicle was not capable of exceeding the posted speed limit. Pursuant to Defendant's theory of the case, both vehicles were stopped

JURY TRIAL VERDICTS

BY LEEANN PRUSS, ESQ.,
CAITLIN BUMAR, ESQ., AND
LISA GALLOWAY MONZO, ESQ.

as a result of animals crossing the roadway. Plaintiff denied seeing any animals obstructing the path of the stopped vehicle or her own vehicle.

In assessing the liability of both parties, the jury found that both Plaintiff and Defendant were negligent and apportioned that negligence equally between the parties.

Trial Date: January 3–4, 2022

Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael E. Megrey, Woomer & Talarico, LLC, Pgh.

Defendant's Counsel: Timothy Scelsi, Reeves and Ross, P.C., Latrobe

Trial Judge: The Hon. Chris Scherer

Result: Verdict in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000.

MARCH 2022 CIVIL TRIAL TERM

Of the 15 cases on the March 2022 Civil Jury Trial list, 8 settled, 5 were continued, and 2 proceeded to a jury trial.

**MICHAEL FRASER
V.**

**ROBERT G. O'BLACK AND
LAURA M. O'BLACK, HIS WIFE
NO. 3034 OF 2015**

Cause of Action: Negligence

This case stems from a swimming pool related accident which occurred on July 6, 2013. Plaintiff was attending a Fourth of July party at the Defendants' home. At some point in the afternoon, a five-by-three-foot inflatable raft was placed into the Defendants' in-ground pool. The raft was originally purchased by Defendant Robert O'Black for the purpose of carrying riders while being towed

behind a boat. At approximately 3:00 p.m., Plaintiff jumped off of the pool's diving board, hit the raft, and was propelled toward the shallow end of the pool, striking his head on the cement floor.

Plaintiff suffered a scalp laceration, a traumatic brain injury, and a spinal cord injury which has left him a quadriplegic. Plaintiff requires around-the-clock medical care, provided by his family. He works from his home office as an actuary. The life care plan presented to the jury estimated his future medical costs at between \$7,826,489 and \$8,095,445. Plaintiff also made a claim for pain and suffering.

Plaintiff argued at trial that Defendants were negligent in allowing the large raft to be placed in and/or to remain in the swimming pool. Defendants argued that they were not negligent in their behavior, and even if negligence was found, that Plaintiff was comparatively negligent in jumping onto the raft while being able to assess the risk for himself. The questions of negligence, comparative negligence, future medical expenses, and non-economic damages were presented to the jury.

After a five-day jury trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$19 million: \$9 million was awarded for future medical expenses, \$3 million for pain and suffering, \$3 million for embarrassment and humiliation, \$3 million for loss of enjoyment of life, and \$1 million for disfigurement. The jury apportioned comparative negligence at 30% for Plaintiff and 70% for Defendants.

Trial Dates: March 7–11, 2022

Plaintiff's Counsel: Jon R. Perry and Michael W. Calder, Rosen Louik & Perry, P.C., Pgh.

Defendants' Counsel: Robert A. Loch, Robb Leonard Mulvihill, LLP, Pgh.

Trial Judge: The Hon. Harry F. Smail, Jr.

Result: Verdict in favor of Plaintiff for \$19 million.

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ERIC FOX

V.

**KENNETH KOEHN AND
JAMES EDWARD KOEHN
NO. 5386 OF 2017**

*Cause of Action: Negligence—
Motor Vehicle*

This case stems from a motor vehicle accident which occurred on November 24, 2016. Plaintiff was operating a motor vehicle through a green light at the intersection of Route 22 and Trafford Road. Defendant Kenneth Koehn was traveling on Route 22 in a vehicle owned by James Koehn. He was unable to stop at the red light, colliding with multiple vehicles including the vehicle driven by Plaintiff. Plaintiff had elected to purchase a limited tort insurance policy at the time of this accident.

Plaintiff suffered from shoulder and spine injuries, along with headaches. He underwent chiropractic care from November 2016 through March 2017. He resumed chiropractic care in August 2017, and he continues to experience back and shoulder soreness and headaches. Plaintiff claimed past medical bills in the amount of \$5,000, along with non-economic damages.

Defendant James Koehn was released from the case prior to trial by stipulation of the parties. Defendant Kenneth Koehn stipulated to negligence prior to trial. Plaintiff argued at trial that Defendant's negligence was the factual cause of his injuries, and that he incurred past medical expenses and non-economic damages in the form of pain and suffering. Defendant argued that factual cause was still at issue, and that Plaintiff did not suffer a serious impairment of a bodily function as a result of the accident. After the close of evidence and by consent of the parties, the court entered a directed verdict in favor of Plaintiff on the issue of factual cause. The remaining questions of serious impairment of a bodily function and assessment of damages were presented to the jury.

After a two-day jury trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Defendant. The jury found that Plaintiff did not suffer serious impairment of a bodily function.

Trial Dates: March 17–18, 2022

Plaintiff's Counsel: Jessica Thimons, Simon & Simon, P.C., Pgh.

Defendant's Counsel: Sarah Cobbs, Law Offices of Kenneth S. O'Neill, Pgh.

Trial Judge: The Hon. Harry F. Smail, Jr.

Result: Verdict in favor of Defendant.

MAY 2022 CIVIL TRIAL TERM

Of the 9 cases on the May 2022 Jury Trial Term, 5 were continued, 3 were settled, and 1 was transferred to a Non-Jury Trial at the request of the parties. ■

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To-Wit: High Known

by S. Sponte, Esq.

The morning of the oral argument I woke up early, two a.m. early. The court would start hearing arguments at ten, but I already knew my case was way down on the list. I didn't expect to argue until close to noon.

So with plenty of time on my hands until then, I pulled out the file and yet again reviewed my argument. I really didn't need to do it, this argument would be short and sweet. I think my need to review the file one more time was to make sure I was sure.

As usual, I was representing a poor, misbegotten plaintiff and as almost always, defense counsel was a colleague on the clock of some filthy rich insurance company. She had, of course, filed preliminary objections to my complaint, that sort of colleague always does, and while such filings are typically meretricious, evidencing a greater knowledge of hourly billing than of law, such was not the case in this instance. Her argument, much to my initial dismay, had merit, big-time merit, but I have intentionally

used the past tense verb here because that was no longer so. About four months ago, after she had filed the preliminary objections, an appellate court reversed the long-standing line of cases upon which her preliminary



objections were based, and I had complete confidence my opponent had no knowledge of it. That being so, my argument, *mirabile dictu*, would easily carry the day.

Oh, oh, oh, is there anything more glorious in all of the practice of law than knowing you know something that your opponent does not know, and that what you know will bring both defeat and humiliation to your

opponent? Sometimes I don't know which of the two I prefer. Well, that's not really true, I know exactly which one I prefer.

I arrived at the courtroom early that morning, and I took a seat in the back where I began to rehearse the introductory remarks of my *coupe de gras*.

"May it please the court, the line of cases my esteemed colleague relies upon was reversed by the appellate court four months ago."

No, that was no good, I could not get the word "esteemed" out.

"Your Honor, opposing counsel is a schnook." Yeah, that was better.

As I sat and waited for the case to be called, I found myself drifting off into an assortment of fantastical reveries to augment my pending conquest. How lovely would it have been to have a spittoon at hand, so that no sooner had the word "schnook" cleared my lips than I could have unerringly let fly a wad of tobacco juice and spittle, the resultant taunting chime of wad striking brass punctuating the depth and breadth of my triumph.

My lack of attention was soon enough diverted back into reality when I heard the tipstaff call my case. Opposing counsel and I both took our respective places at our respective counsel's tables.

Her presentation was very detailed, reciting every case in her brief, some twice, but not mentioning at all that her citations were no longer good law.

I was both brief and assured. I cited the court to the recent decision and then sat down, *fait accompli*. It felt good.

"Your Honor," my opponent said quickly rising, "I am aware of the decision my esteemed colleague has cited, but it came from a three-judge panel. Quite honestly, I am a bit

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New Members Presented to Bench, Bar at Annual Ceremony



New members of the WBA were presented to the bench and bar on March 30, 2022. From left to right: Elizabeth Ranger, Pauline M. Calabrese, Coleton J. Hawbaker, Erica A. Hixson, Caitlin Bumar, Erika N. Dowd, Marcus L. Martin, Meghan E. Young, Melissa R. Liddell, and Daniel M. Carr.

On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, the Westmoreland Bar Association presented its newest members to the court. Following a welcoming address by WBA President Judith Potoka Petrush, each admittee was introduced to the court by a member of the association.

The new members presented to the court were: Caitlin Bumar, presented by The Hon. Harry F. Smail, Jr.; Pauline M. Calabrese, presented by Patricia L. Elliott-Rentler; Daniel M. Carr, presented by Lawrence D. Kerr; Erika N. Dowd, presented by Vincent J.

Quatrini, Jr.; Coleton J. Hawbaker, presented by Nicole M. Pardus; Erica A. Hixson, presented by Stephanie A. Sheehan; Melissa R. Liddell, presented by Judith Potoka Petrush; Marcus L. Martin, presented by Kelly M. Eshelman; Elizabeth Ranger, presented by Leo J. Ciaramitaro; and Meghan E. Young, presented by W. Jeffrey Leonard.

Following the presentation to the court, Nicole M. Pardus and Kelly M. Eshelman greeted the new members on behalf of the Young Lawyers Committee and the Ned J. Nakles American Inn of Court,

respectively. President Judge Rita D. Hathaway then spoke on behalf of the court.

Somerset Trust Company sponsored a reception for the new admittees and their families at The Rialto in

Greensburg immediately following the ceremony. ■

To learn a little more about the newest members of the WBA, look for “New Member Sketches” in our back issues at westbar.org/the-sidebar.

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surprised he is unaware that yesterday the court *en banc* reversed that decision, thus validating my argument. I have a copy of the decision right here.” She then glanced sideways at me with the exact same withering, gloating smile I have been trying to catalyze for years.

Oh, oh, oh, is there anything more horrifying in all of the practice of law... ■

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Westmoreland Revisited

Westmoreland Troops on the Mexican Border

by Daniel J. Ackerman

During the spring of 1916 while all eyes were on the European conflict known then as the Great War, and to subsequent generations, the First World War, the burning question was whether America would mobilize and join in this mad blowup between foreign nations. In a few months there would be a military mobilization, not for the war in Europe, but rather for events evolving at the Mexican border.



On Sunday, June 18, President Woodrow Wilson called up the National Guard from forty-four states and the Secretary of the Navy ordered sixteen warships to Mexico's coastlines, east and west.

In Greensburg, Richard Coulter Jr. received word of the president's action as he prepared to leave for church. The notification would have been both disturbing and exciting to this prominent businessman, a founder and president of the First National Bank, and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, his destination that morning.

He received the notice in his capacity as the regimental commander of the 10th Regiment of the 7th Division (later the 28th Division) of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Coulter, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was now the bearer of a family tradition as the only son of a thrice-wounded Union colonel during the Civil War who retired with the rank of brevet brigadier general and happily returned to his Greensburg law practice.

On arriving at the church, Coulter informed his pastor that he should

start looking for someone to fill the pulpit in his absence, for the Reverend Charles O. Schall, the chaplain of Greensburg's Company I, would be leaving with him. It is likely that a fair percentage of the guardsmen who were called up had no idea where they were going.

IN PURSUIT OF PANCHO VILLA

Even today, the 1,609 residents of Columbus, N.M., situated three miles north of the border, live in one of the most remote sections of North America; their nearest urban centers being El Paso, Tex., 80 miles to the east, and Tucson, Ariz., 238 miles to the west. The town's website modestly refers to it as a place to "get away from it all." And certainly it always has been such a place, except for one day in March 1916, when it was the object of the first foreign invasion of the United States since the War of 1812.

The Mexican Revolution began in 1913, with the revolutionary elements fighting not only the government, but each other as well. The commander of one faction, known as the Division of the North, was a semi-literate fugitive from the law, known for his fearsome nature: Francisco "Pancho" Villa, who by 1916, notwithstanding having received armaments from the U.S., had led his troops in a series of demoralizing defeats.

Disenchanted by the fact that the Americans were also aiding some of their opponents with supplies, and resentful of Americans who had come south to develop Mexican oil fields, the Villistas, as they were known, stopped a southbound passenger train that had on board 18 American workers who had been sent to reopen a Mexican silver mine. After robbing the passengers, the American workers were taken from the train and shot,



In June 1916, Richard Coulter, Jr.'s 10th Regiment of the 7th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard, was called up for deployment along the Mexican border to defend against Pancho Villa's invasion.

execution style. Almost simultaneously, Villa sought an alliance with a leader of a southern insurgency, Emiliano Zapata, telling him:

"We decided not to fire a bullet more against the Mexicans. our brothers, and to prepare and organize ourselves to attack the Americans in their own dens and make them know that Mexico is a land for the free and tomb for thrones, crowns and traitors."

As Villa moved his army of 1,500 north toward the U.S. border, revolutionary zeal among the rank and file, who had suffered from the continuing hardships and defeats, began to wane, which led to desertions. His simple and direct response was to order all soldiers residing in the district to report to his command, emphasizing: "Those who fail to join said detachment shall be shot. Those

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who conceal themselves and are not found, the families of these shall pay the penalty.” His decision to move upon Columbus may have been motivated by a desire to inflict terror, and certainly that was a factor, but more importantly, he was in desperate need of food, clothing, horses, arms, and ammunition. The latter, if successful, would come from the U.S. military installation at Camp Columbus (later renamed Camp Furlong), situated on the town’s south side, which housed 350 federal troops.

Reports and rumors of Villa’s forces in the area were treated as idle talk, especially by Colonel Herbert Slocum of the 13th Cavalry Regiment, stationed at the camp, who could not imagine that a ragtag group of Mexicans would dare attack a U.S. military post. Yet as night fell on March 8, the Villistas were preparing to do just that with a force estimated between 485 and 600 men, only a fraction of those under Villa’s command, because they lacked ammunition for more.

Shortly after 4:00 a.m. on March 9, the Villistas began a two-pronged attack on the sleeping town. Commercial buildings and homes were looted and torched as confused occupants either sought shelter or fled into the night. At the army encampment, surprise and the resulting confusion delayed the soldiers’ response, though eventually the camp’s four machine guns were made operative, put into place and leveled a withering fire of about 5,000 rounds apiece, dramatically shortening the battle, which lasted about an hour and a half, before the Villistas withdrew. Since the action took place in the dark, targets were difficult to see, and accordingly, the death toll of 18 Americans and perhaps more than 80 Mexicans was low in proportion to the firepower expended. Villa’s raid had not brought victory, only the plunder of 80 horses, 30 mules, and some 300



Nearly eighteen months before Pancho Villa’s attack on Columbus, N.M., Villa and General John Pershing met at Fort Bliss, Tex. Immediately behind Pershing on his left is his aide, Lt. George S. Patton.

rifles; a gain that failed to compensate for his loss of men in the field.

The news of the attack on Columbus sent shock waves across the nation, resulting in calls for war with Mexico. President Wilson shunned the idea of a full-scale invasion and advocated for a more narrow and pointed response: a punitive expedition to capture or destroy Villa’s forces in Mexico, while at the same time assuring the Mexican government that the U.S. had no wider objectives.

Congress, at the president’s request, passed emergency legislation to increase the size of the army from 100,000 soldiers to 120,000, with most of the additional men assigned to guard duty along the border.

On March 13, the man assigned to lead the expedition, Brigadier General John Pershing, and his 30-year-old aide, Lieutenant George Patton, arrived in Columbus by train. Pershing had graduated from West Point in 1886 and was promptly stationed on the western frontier. In 1891, he was afforded a rare opportunity to teach military science and earn a law degree from the University of Nebraska; in 1895, he was again posted in the west, commanding six African-American regiments in the Tenth Cavalry, and

two years later he went back to West Point as an instructor. His chance to lead troops under fire occurred in 1889 during the Spanish-American War and thereafter in the Philippine Insurrection.

While Pershing’s qualifications to lead such an expedition were beyond question, what is extraordinary is that he did so under the burden of staggering personal grief. After his Philippine tour he was stationed at the Presidio, a military base in San Francisco, where he, his wife, and their four children, ages five to eight, set up housekeeping. A reassignment to Fort Bliss in El Paso separated him from his family. In August 1915, while he was in the process of making plans to move them to Texas, he received a telegram informing him that the San Francisco house had caught fire and that his wife and three little girls had perished in the blaze. The only survivor was his five-year-old son.

On his arrival to the half-burned town of Columbus, Pershing witnessed a scene of frantic activity as troops and material arrived on the scene, which included the army’s entire air force, a squadron of eight Curtis JN-3s, which would be known as the famed “Jennies” of World War I.

Six days after Columbus was set on fire and the dead were gathered from its streets, the men of the punitive expedition, their horses, mules, and baggage turned south on the road to Mexico. The expedition set out with a combined strength of 192 officers, 4,800 men and 4,175 horses and mules. The use of the aircraft proved to be short-lived; within a month all eight planes had been lost in crashes or grounded as unfit.

Their pursuit of Villa was not a chase, but a plodding search hampered by the uncooperative, and often hostile reaction of the villagers to the presence of a foreign army. Skirmishes followed between Pershing’s troops and those of the Mexican government, stoking fears

of all-out war on both sides of the border. On June 16, General Pershing received an official communiqué from the Mexican government advising him that any further incursion south, east, or west by his troops would result in Mexico's use of military force against him. Pershing replied that he would continue to pursue Villa in any direction he pleased. On Sunday, June 18, as noted, Wilson called up the National Guard from forty-four more states.

A little more than three months after the Columbus raid, Coulter's Tenth Regiment, part of the 7th Division, arrived at their first encampment at Mt. Gretna, Pa., where they were inoculated and examined for their fitness for duty. On July 25, the division, consisting of 12,000 soldiers divided into three infantry brigades, one artillery regiment, and one cavalry regiment, arrived in El Paso for deployment along the Mexican border which had, since March, been the site of frequent raids from bandits.

By the time of their arrival, two major developments had transpired. On June 21, General Pershing, in defiance of the Mexican threat, sent two cavalry patrols out to reconnoiter an area eighty miles east of his base camp. One was ambushed at the town of Carrizal, where 12 troopers were killed or missing, 12 were wounded, and 24 were captured. Though they didn't know it at the time, this was to be the expedition's last engagement.

Fearing escalation, Mexico's president, Venustiano Carranza, wrote to President Wilson suggesting negotiations. Pershing was directed to keep his force, which now numbered 10,000, in place while negotiations were pursued.

On September 6, a joint commission met at New London, Conn., in an attempt to reach a compromise between the belligerents, while the boring routine of camp life settled in upon the soldiers of Pershing's command, and those guarding the border. Three months later, on December 24, the commission's report was issued suggesting that the expedition forces should remain on Mexico "as long as necessary." Mexico rejected such an open-ended arrangement, but a little over a month later, on February 5, 1917, General Pershing led his troops across the border back into the United States.

After three months' service, the Tenth Regiment was rotated off the border and headed home, where crowds awaited and cheered them at the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad station and while they were paraded through the

streets of Pittsburgh. They had not endured battle, and had returned home to a man, with a single exception, that being Thomas Haag, of Company M, out of Latrobe, who drowned in the Rio Grande River. An editorial in the *Gazette Times* noted that "the 'Fighting Tenth' had returned 'full of pep' and patriotic spirit, ready at the first signal to fare forth again for the protection and honor of their country." That signal would be given again in 1918 during the Great War.

Pancho Villa was neither killed nor caught by the punitive expedition, but that was now of no interest since worries about the war in Europe once again occupied the minds of Americans. Pershing would lead troops again in Europe and would return home a national hero.

On July 20, 1923, Villa, while driving a Dodge touring car, was cut down by nine bullets, along with three of his passengers. His assassins were his fellow countrymen. ■

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PBA Honors 50-Year Members



In May, the Pennsylvania Bar Association presented PBA Fifty-Year Member Awards to a number of Westmoreland County attorneys who have been association members for five decades.

The Westmoreland Bar Association members who were recognized are, from left to right:

- James Irwin, Lower Burrell;
- Daniel Joseph, New Kensington;
- Richard E. Myers, Greensburg; and
- John N. Ward, Greensburg. ■

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JULY

- 4** Courthouse and WBA offices closed for Independence Day
- 7** [PBI CLE] Dealing with Difficult Opposing Counsel 2022, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3E
- 12** [CLE] Bench/Bar Video Replay Safeguarding Client Funds: IOLTA Accounts 101, Noon to 1 p.m., 1E
Don't Get Rooked: Overcoming The *Rooker-Feldman* Doctrine in Federal Court, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., 1S
- 13** Real Estate Committee, Noon Board Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 14** Criminal Law Committee, Noon
- 20** [PBI CLE] Corporate Governance 2022, 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., 2S 1E

- 21** Elder Law & Orphans' Court Committees, Noon
- 22** Annual Softball Game & Picnic, Hempfield Park, 4 p.m.
- 25** [PBI CLE] U.S. Supreme Court Roundup 2022, 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., 3S
- 28** [PBI CLE] Employee Handbooks 2022, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3S

AUGUST

- 3** [PBI CLE] Vehicle Stops and Searches in Pennsylvania 2022, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3S
- 4** [PBI CLE] Veterans Advocacy in Pennsylvania: Basic Veterans Law, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3S
- 8** [CLE] Bridge the Gap, 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., 4E



How Stress Affects Lawyers

Stress affects all people and all professions. Stress in the legal profession, however, is well-documented. Lawyers work in an adversarial system with demanding schedules and heavy workloads, which may contribute to increased stress levels.

Lawyer assistance programs are available to help lawyers manage stress effectively. Contact Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers for help: www.lclpa.org.

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Tuesday

July 12, 2022

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12:00 pm - 2:15 pm

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Session 1— 1 Ethics Credit

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Video from 06/02/22)

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4. Exclusions and Exemptions
5. Unclaimed Funds in your IOLTA Account
6. Reporting your IOLTA Account
7. Legal Aid.

Speaker:

*Stephanie Libhart

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Session 2 — 1 Substantive Credit

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm (Video from 06/02/22)

Don't Get Rooked: Overcoming The Rooker-Feldman Doctrine in Federal Court

Federal courts have jurisdiction over lawsuits involving federal questions, such as claims for violating the United States Constitution. Despite having jurisdiction over federal question claims, some federal lawsuits are nonetheless dismissed for lack of jurisdiction under the Rooker-Feldman doctrine when those lawsuits are considered “too related” to a prior state court decision. Alex Brown will explain how the Third Circuit applies Rooker-Feldman and how this doctrine can be overcome.

Speaker:

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- Auto Repossession
- Bankruptcy
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Join your colleagues as a player or a spectator on Friday, July 22, at 4 pm as the WBA softball players choose teams at the Upper Ballfield at Hempfield Park. We encourage players of all ages to come out for an afternoon of fun. The WBA will provide food & refreshments for an after-game picnic at Pavilion F. Bring your lawn chair and/or your glove and come on out to the ballpark!

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Bridge the Gap

4 Ethics Credits Available

**Monday,
August 8, 2022
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As a courtesy of the Westmoreland Bar Association, this seminar is being offered **FREE** to **newly admitted WBA attorneys** who are required to complete the Bridge the Gap program by their first CLE compliance deadline.

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
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- ◆ Outreach Programs & Resources

Moderated by:

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"I Don't Belong" - Imposter Syndrome in the Legal Profession

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Imposter syndrome, also called perceived fraudulence, involves feelings of self-doubt and personal incompetence that persist despite your education, experience, and accomplishments. While early studies focused on highly successful women, it is now clear that it can affect anyone in the legal profession - from law students to Big Law Executives.

Living in constant fear of discovery, you strive for perfection in everything you do. You might feel guilty or worthless when you can't achieve it, not to mention burned out and overwhelmed by your continued efforts. The results can be devastating.

True imposter feelings involve self-doubt, uncertainty about your talents and abilities. But what if you find yourself in an environment where your peers fail to make room for you or imply you don't deserve your success? Along with the more traditional factors, gender bias and institutionalized racism can also play a significant part in imposter feelings. Even if only perceived, they can surely reinforce the feeling you don't belong.

Mr. Quinn will discuss:

- I. Imposter Syndrome: What Is It?
- II. Impacts of Imposter Syndrome on Attorneys
- III. The Role of Gender and Racial Bias in Creating Imposter Syndrome
- IV. Practical Guidance for Overcoming Imposter Syndrome
- V. How to Support Attorneys Battling Imposter Syndrome
- VI. Potential Ethical Risks of Imposter Syndrome
- VII. Personal Experience of Struggling with Imposter Syndrome

Speaker:
***Brian S. Quinn, Esquire**
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