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Jessica Engel, Executive Director
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**Re: Report of Bench/Bar Committee of
Lycoming Law Association -- 2005**

Dear Jessica:

The members of the Bench/Bar Committee for 2005 were as follows:

Honorable Kenneth D. Brown, Honorable William S. Kieser, Honorable Nancy L. Butts, Honorable Dudley N. Anderson, Honorable Richard A. Gray, Honorable Clinton W. Smith, William Burd, Rita Alexyn, Brian Bluth, Joseph Campagna, Michael Collins, Roan Confer, Jr., Michael Dinges, Robert Eckenrode, Robert Elion, Allen Ertel, William Knecht, Marc Lovecchio, Norman Lubin, Joy McCoy, C. Edward S. Mitchell, Joseph Rider, Clifford Rieders, Kevin Way, Darryl Wishard, Janice Yaw.

The Committee met quarterly on January 3, 2005, April 4, 2005, August 1, 2005, and October 3, 2005. Minutes of each meeting are posted on the Lycoming Law Association Web Site. At each meeting, each member of the Committee in attendance was given the opportunity to speak.

The Judges discussed the new statewide computer system for criminal cases, the continued pressure on the court system caused by pending criminal jury trials, new local rules pertaining to motions and argument, the juvenile drug court, the DUI court and the judicial rotations to begin in January 2006. New statewide rules pertaining to juveniles and Children & Youth were also discussed by the Judges.

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The lawyer members of the Committee discussed new legislative developments concerning domestic relations, bankruptcy, decedent's estates and mental health. There was a lengthy discussion on the manner in which PFA hearings are conducted.

Attendance at Bar functions and court sessions was also discussed.

Attendance at meetings was again poor. It is again requested that members that request assignment to the Committee commit to attending meetings. Meetings for 2006 will be as follows: April 4, 2006, August 2, 2006, and December 4, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

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