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Executive Director's Report 2017

It has been a pleasure to get to know the LLA members better. I share in members' joy over professional and personal achievements and share in grief when a member, or former member, passes away. I take great pride in the increased community events that the LLA has undertaken this past year and I immensely enjoy the additional social events, and participation, the LLA has experienced.

I am pleased to report 2017 was a successful year for the LLA. Much was accomplished under the direction of President Ryan Tira, with the support and leadership of the entire Executive Committee.

President Tira and the 2017 Committee Chairs have provided reports outlining the specifics of many of the achievements and activities that the LLA has experienced this past year. To that end, I will focus on only a few significant changes and accomplishments:

Classroom Improvements:

Funding in the amount of \$3,692.70 was secured through a technology grant offered by the PBA Insurance Fund. The LLA used these funds to purchase and install a new sound system (speakers and microphones) in its classroom as well as a new video camera, which allows the LLA to capture live CLE presenters for use as future CLE video replays.

Education Changes:

The number of live CLE offerings has increased dramatically. Twenty-two live speakers presented Eat and Earn programs for the LLA in 2017. Additionally, the LLA offered four video replays.

Community Service:

In 2017 the LLA awarded one thousand dollars to K's for Cancer (this charity was selected by Fred Holland, the William E. Nichols Community Service Award winner); gifted individual awards and a team plaque to the Montoursville High School Mock Trial team; donated \$500 to Sojourner of Truth Ministries; spent hundreds of dollars on awards for the winners of the Law Day competition; and organized a toy and clothing drive for the benefit of the Salvation Army and CASA. Additionally, twenty LLA members volunteered for the 2017 Wills for Heroes event.

As the practice of law continues to evolve at a rapid pace, participation in the LLA (and state bar association) programs, events and committees is more important than ever. During 2017 the LLA experienced increased participation in these areas. Most identifiable was the annual picnic, which had high attendance, a sponsor and a venue change. Also, the Knoebel's family event, which is co-sponsored by PBA Zone 4 and the Lycoming County Paralegal Association, continues to grow.


President Tira's initiative to connect with law school graduates has been hugely successful and I think it would be beneficial for future LLA leaders to continue the work that President Tira has started with both Penn State Law and Widener Law. President Tira has generously offered much of his time to speaking with law students and organizing events to showcase Lycoming's legal community.

President Tira has also been instrumental in identifying and securing viable sponsors for LLA events. While many other professions lose their sense of community, the LLA recognizes the importance of comradery and friendship. Sponsorships assist the LLA with providing additional and improved social opportunities for its members.

As 2017 comes to a close, it is certainly not the conclusion of President Tira's involvement and service to the LLA. He has already agreed to maintain membership in the Bar History Committee as they undertake the enormous task of producing a publication to celebrate the LLA's upcoming 150th Anniversary. I note that Past President Bob Cronin has also continued to be a member of this committee since his presidency ended. Additionally, President Tira has expressed a willingness, if the need arises, to represent the LLA at PBA's House of Delegates, or, in the meantime, to serve as a substitute delegate if one of our representatives is unable to attend the meeting(s).

It has been both a challenging and rewarding year! The LLA's success is truly the result of both great leadership and strong, hardworking committees. I urge all members to take advantage of the opportunities provided through membership and I encourage everyone to be involved. I am certain that the LLA, through the work of its members, will continue to make a positive impact inside the profession and the community at-large.

Sincerely,
LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Frey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michele S. Frey, Executive Director