

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership

From: Gary Weber

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Subject: Annual Report of the Technology Committee

The Technology Committee became more active in 2017. The primary task was to consider options for an upgraded website. The Committee met a number of times in 2017, to consider how the new site should look and then to decide the approach to the upgrade, and to consider possible developers of a new site

In late 2016, the LLA Executive Committee committed the Association to an upgrade to the Lycolaw website. The site had, over the past few years, fallen behind the times in being responsive (accessible on all devices) and in working with new web technologies. The appearance was also outdated. In late 2017, the LLA hired Epic Web Studios of Erie to undertake the upgrade. We are excited to begin this major upgrade that will, we expect, be completed in the next few months.

In the meantime the Lycolaw website continues to be consulted by the members and others for information concerning the Association and the courts. As has been the practice over the history of the site, news, court opinions, court rules and event information is added on a daily basis and is kept up-to-date.

In 2017, the site saw 239,276 unique visits, an increase of 26% over the prior year. Page impressions (hits) also increased, to 1,390,107 , a 21% increase.

As to materials posted on the site, 4930 opinions are posted - 275 new opinions in 2017.

As the official source for Lycoming County local rules, the rule area is up to date. Several new local rules were implemented in 2017. Likewise, the Prothonotary and Register & Recorder pages have been updated with 2018 fee changes.

Thirty-eight articles were added to the news and articles database. The Lycoming County Court's updated forms are on the site. The daily calendar is also accessible on the site.

The Committee was also involved with the sound and technology upgrade to the main conference room in the LLA office. Committee member Austin White played the main role in specifying the new camera and in soliciting bids for sound enhancement in the room. Your CLE experience will improve in the future.