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Executive Director's Report to the General Membership

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I am pleased to report that 2005 was a successful year both personally and professionally for me as Executive Director of the Lycoming Law Association. The goals that I set for myself, and that we set for the Association, were met, and I believe, well exceeded.

One of the most important events affecting the Lycoming Law Association in 2005 (and leading into 2006) was the ascendancy of local attorney William Carlucci to the presidency of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Bill's leadership of the PBA and his continued contact with his home bar association have assured that we in Lycoming County have had full knowledge of the goings-on in Harrisburg, and given us unusually wonderful access to the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Bill's willingness to be available both to me as Executive Director, and to our Committees whenever necessary has been invaluable. He has assisted me, both on the county level, and on the state level and, at my request, has appeared at Committee meetings to "rally the troops," has written letters in the midst of his own hectic schedule, and has answered any question I have posed at an alarmingly quick rate! I have developed relationships at the state level that may have taken longer without Bill's assistance, and which can only bode well for the LLA. Bill's value to the 2005 LLA year cannot be overstated.

2005 saw the establishment of an official, working Education Committee which has taken over the scheduling and monitoring of all local Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminars within Lycoming County. We have, in concert with PBI, hired our own Registrar, Sandy Thomas, who has proved to be a most reliable individual. The Education Committee now chooses and schedules local PBI seminars with thought toward the other educational opportunities being offered in Lycoming County to hopefully eliminate duplication, as well as to address unmet needs. Most importantly of all, 2005 also saw the beginning of an established Lunch & Learn series. In September, we kicked off the series at the Ross Club on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with our presenter, Julieanne Steinbacher, who presented a rousing program on "The Top 10 Things the Non-Elder-Law Attorney Should Know About Elder Law." The attendance was terrific, and each successive program since has been well-attended, and well-received. We have one entire law firm in town who has made it their business to attend every single Lunch & Learn, and another attorney in town has also attended every program, and I believe he plans to attend all future ones and earn all of his CLE credits in this affordable manner. Lunch & Learns are scheduled through May of 2006, and so far, each program has been presented by one of you: that is, by a member of the Association, gratis. And don't worry: soon I will be contacting all of you again to schedule for September, 2006, through May, 2007! I am delighted to say that it is now possible to earn all of your CLE credits here in Lycoming County. It is our intention to give you only more opportunities to do so. We also presented our first Bridge the Gap Seminar here in Lycoming County in 2005, and will continue to do so, enabling new bar admittees to obtain these very important ethics credits in their home county.

I am also very pleased to have played some part in the rejuvenation of the Young Lawyers Division. We are lucky to have a group of young lawyers who feel a commitment to their profession and to their community, and who are willing to take the time and put the effort forth to revitalize a committee that for several years has been inactive. As you will see from its Report, the YLD has spent a great deal of time organizing and planning for the future. We welcome them, and applaud them.

The financial well-being of the Association continues. The Lycoming Reporter had another great year, and we leave 2005 in a slightly better position than where we budgeted ourselves. We look forward to more growth in 2006, as we expand our office space and hire a part-time staff person later in the Spring.

I'd like to thank the Executive Board for its support over the past twelve months. It's been another terrific year.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Engel
Executive Director