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Executive Director's Report to the General Membership

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I am pleased to report that 2006 was another successful year for the Lycoming Law Association. The goals set for the LLA were exceeded, yet again.

This was a year of great change for LLA, administratively. After many years of "functioning" in one room, 2006 saw us move our office space down the hall to a much more functional, well-lighted, warm, friendly, and spacious office at Suite 201, NOW Real Estate Plaza, at 321 Pine Street. I welcome all of you to challenge the stairs and visit me any time. I have a coffeepot and a microwave, and hope to add a small refrigerator stocked with half and half soon! We are networked with two computers, can hold small meetings, have a speakerphone, and some reference materials. I continue to plug away at centralizing all the LLA and LLAF documentation.

The LLA continues to be financially viable and extremely stable.

I continue to participate as a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE), and in June of 2006, attended my first National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) conference in Baltimore, MD. This conference was a fabulous opportunity, and truly one of the finest experiences of my 25 year long professional life. I will be joining NABE as a full member in 2007, and hope to attend the next national Small Bar Conference in St. Louis in June, 2007.

Law Day, 2006, was a step above and beyond our normal Law Day festivities. We were graced by the presence of a panel of Superior Court Judges, who sat in Williamsport for three days in honor of Bill Carlucci's PBA Presidency. The Superior Court Judges, along with our own esteemed county Judges, presided over Law Day. A lovely dinner was held in the Superior Court Judges' honor at DiSalvo's in the Courtyard in place of our usual reception, and as a result of the beautiful spring weather, a delightful time was had by all, enhanced only by the live jazz playing in the background. The following morning, a YLD-hosted breakfast (with the assistance of PBA) was held in honor of the Superior Court Judges, giving the younger crowd an opportunity to interact with the Panel.

2006 was the first year that LLA offered a complete Lunch & Learn series, and I am proud to report that we were financially profitable in doing so. One local attorney and one local law firm found that these Lunch & Learns are a terrific and inexpensive way to earn CLE credits, and their respective attendance at the luncheons can be counted on. Numbers of attendees have only risen, and I believe the quality of presentations – while exemplary to begin with -- continues to improve. We have also continued to hold regular PBI seminars, and thanks to our locally hired Registrar, Sandy Thomas, the day-to-day operations of this task is handled most efficiently. Additionally, in August we presented another well-attended Bridge the Gap seminar required to be taken by new lawyers, and even saw some out-of town attorneys attend.

The Young Lawyers Division has continued to grow and develop, thanks to a very committed group of young attorneys. 2006 saw several programs handled completely by the YLD, not the least of which was a superior event tagged as "Lawctoberfest." This dinner and auction event raised over \$1500, which the YLD donated completely to the Lycoming Law Association Foundation. Those who attended Lawctoberfest had a fabulous time, and I am certain that the event will continue on, proving to be both a viable fundraiser for the Foundation and a standing testament to the commitment of Lycoming County's YLD. I thank Chuck Brace for his commitment over the last two years, as well as the other members of the Committee.

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Our New Attorney Admission Ceremony in December, 2006, saw the addition of 9 new attorneys to our ranks. With groups this large, I think we can be assured that the LLA will continue to thrive.

While this serves only as a snapshot of the past year's activities, I'd like to thank President Craig Harris and the Executive Board for its support over the past twelve months. I'd also like to thank Gary Weber. Without the support of all of these individuals, LLA would not be able to grow and flourish, and I would not feel as successful in my tasks as I do.

I welcome John Pietrovito to his Presidential year and look with excitement to what we will accomplish in 2007.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Engel
Executive Director