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Executive Director's Report to the General Membership

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2007 was another successful year for the Lycoming Law Association. We met and exceeded our goals, again.

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 2007, attended my second National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) conference, this time in St. Louis, MO. For the 2007 PABE annual retreat held in August, I served as a program coordinator, and was responsible for planning and organizing one of the training sessions. I have since been asked to participate as a panel member at the 2008 CCBL Conference in State College at the end of February, 2008, which is held by PBA.

We had our second successful year of Lunch & Learns, and the feedback was terrific. We continue to hold regular PBI Video and Satellite seminars, and Sandy Thomas, our local PBI Registrar, continues to handle the day-to-day operations most efficiently. Additionally, in August we presented another well-attended Bridge the Gap, and we also outsourced several seminars throughout the year to other organizations seeking state accreditation.

The LLA was charitable in its own right this year, donating \$5,000 to the Foundation, \$2,500 to the Sayre Chapter UNICO in memory of David and Carol Keeffe, and pledging another \$2500 to the reward fund created by the Bradford County Bar Association relating to the Keeffes' untimely deaths. We were a corporate table sponsor at the YWCA Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, and we made a \$2000 PAC donation to the Pennsylvania Bar Association, something the LLA has decided to do on an annual basis.

We have approximately 15 committees which are actively functioning throughout the year. The Young Lawyers Division hosted another rousing "Lawctoberfest." This dinner and auction event raised over \$2000 which the YLD donated in full to the Lycoming Law Association Foundation. Thanks to Ryan Tira, Chair of YLD, for his hard work and commitment this year, as well as to the other members of the Committee.

Our New Attorney Admission Ceremony in December, 2007, saw the addition of 6 new attorneys – all women. 2007 also saw the institution of a formal "Women in the Profession" Committee – something LLA sorely needs, with more than 40 women making up a significant portion of the membership of the bar.

I'd like to thank President John Pietrovito and the Executive Board for its wonderful support over the past twelve months. Working with John this year has been an absolute delight. My thanks, as well, to Gary Weber, without whom LLA would be in "a heck of a mess." Without the support of all of these individuals, LLA would not be able to grow and flourish, and I would not be as successful in my tasks as I am.

I welcome Tammy Taylor to her Presidential year and look with excitement to what we will accomplish in 2008.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Engel
Executive Director