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Jessica Engel, Executive Director
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25 West Third Street, Ste. 601
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**Re: Report of Bench/Bar Committee of
Lycoming Law Association -- 2009**

Dear Jessica:

The members of the Bench/Bar Committee for 2009 were as follows:

Honorable Clinton W. Smith, Honorable Kenneth Brown, Honorable William S. Kieser, Honorable Nancy Butts, Honorable Dudley Anderson, Honorable Richard Gray, Kevin Way, Court Administrator, William Burd, Prothonotary, Jonathan Bach, Jonathan Butterfield, Richard Callahan, Roan Confer, Jr., Robert Cronin, Robert Elion, Charles Greevy, III, Jennifer Heverly, William Knecht, Eric Linhardt, District Attorney, Marc Lovecchio, Joy Reynolds McCoy, C. Edward S. Mitchell, Joseph L. Rider, Clifford A. Rieders, Mike Wiley, and W. Jeffrey Yates.

The Committee met January 5, 2009, April 6, 2009, August 3, 2009, and November 2, 2009. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Lycoming Law Association website.

Attendance at meetings by both bar members and judges improved during 2009.

Topics discussed included: judicial assignments, coverage by senior judges and visiting judges in family court as a result of Judge Kieser's retirement, local rules for family court hearings, courtroom decorum, misuse of PFA proceedings, inter-relationship between PFA attorneys and divorce attorneys, early identification and notification of judicial assignments for custody hearings, early identification of jury panels for jury

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selection in civil and criminal cases, changes in case monitoring rule and procedure, informa pauperis hearings in district justice court, preliminary objections in mortgage foreclosure actions and credit card collection actions, publication of civil trial lists on LLA website, the implementation of a court website, and the revision of forms filed in the Prothonotary's Office to delete social security numbers.

Meetings for 2010 will be: February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

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