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Executive Director's Report to the General Membership

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2009 was another successful year for the Lycoming Law Association, and marked the completion of my fifth year as Executive Director of the LLA. I am pleased to report that the LLA continues to be financially viable and extremely stable.

In January, we held our second annual Board Retreat for the incoming Executive Committee.

2009 saw the election of two new Common Pleas Judges – members Joy Reynolds McCoy and Marc F. Lovecchio. LLA, as is its practice, held a member poll regarding the candidates prior to the primary election.

We have completed our fourth successful year of the newly renamed “Eat & Earns.” Attendance continues to rise. Feedback and evaluations continue to fall in the “excellent” range. We continue to hold regular PBI Video and Satellite seminars on site at the LLA Office, and with the addition of the new equipment last year, we earned approximately \$3,500.00 in rental income for the LLA conference space.

The LLA was charitable again this year, donating \$5,000 to the Foundation, and \$2000 donation to the Pennsylvania Bar Association, both of which the LLA Finance Committee have entered as regular line items in the budget.

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 approximately \$1200 which the YLD donated in full to the Lycoming Law Association Foundation. Thanks to Joel McDermott, Chair of YLD, for his hard work and commitment this year, as well as to the other members of the Committee.

We managed a major project this year, Get Help Now, Pennsylvania. More than 30 LLA members showed their commitment to the Association and their community by volunteering their time at the help desks established at the LLA Office in the months of July, August & September, to assist in this statewide program.

In the Fall of 2009, we were lucky to be assisted by an intern from Lycoming College, Jessica Campbell. Jessica performed many tasks and completed several large-scale projects over the course of the semester she spent with LLA. Having her in the office was delightful.

Our New Attorney Admission Ceremony in December, 2009, saw the addition of 6 new attorneys.

I'd like to thank President Jonathan Butterfield and the Executive Board for their unequalled support over the past twelve months. My thanks, as well, to Gary Weber, without whom the LLA could not survive!

I look forward to working with Mike Collins in his Presidential year, and am excited to see what we will accomplish in 2010.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Engel
Executive Director