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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013

It has been my pleasure to be the 4th generation in my family to serve as the Lycoming Law Association President for 2013. The first Greevy to serve as LLA President was my great-grandfather, Charles F. Greevy, Sr. (1927). My grandfather, Lester Greevy, Sr., served in 1963, and my father, Lester Greevy, Jr. served in 1980.

The 2013 Annual Banquet was well attended and I hope, was a strong start to the year. Recognizing chair people who have served the organization was the theme. Charles Greevy, III, was recognized for his long chairmanship of the History Committee. The Chair of the Real Estate Committee, Fred Holland, was the next honoree. Fred Holland has always been at the head of the committee that was initially established to discuss the then new concept of performing real estate transactions without the counsel of a lawyer. Bench Bar Committee Chair, C. Edward Mitchell, has long led his committee in its important work of facilitating the smooth interaction of the court with members of the bar. John Pietrovito was recognized for his handling of three of the more active committees: Education, Mock Trial, and Legal Services for the Indigent. He has led the Education Committee through a significant increase in local CLE opportunities and Legal Services in its continued efforts to encourage local pro bono program participation by lawyers. The Mock Trial program has seen significant local school participation. The final honoree, Gary Weber, was recognized for his long-time leadership of the Customs and Rules Committee and the Technology and Website Committee. Mike Wiley, who presented the award, focused on Gary's efforts to report on the activities of the LLA through the Website and Lycoming Reporter.

Also at the 2013 Annual Banquet, fifty-year members, Joe Rider and Paul Wertman, were recognized. Both became members in 1962. Paul has retired, but Joe maintains an active practice focusing on real estate and estate law. Joe actively participates in LLA events and committees. Bill Carlucci was surprised by his receipt of the "William E. Nichols Community Service Award" which comes with the right to designate the recipients of a \$1000.00 charitable donation made by the Association in his name. The pro bono awards followed. Bret Southard received the "Honorable Thomas Wood, Jr., Equal Access to Justice Award". Six Lycoming County firms received 100% participation awards and 94 attorneys received Fair Share awards for their handling of 268 cases, pro bono (see the awardees). All-in-all a very busy evening during which the services of many members of the Association received well deserved recognition.

The LLA hosted its traditional community events in 2013. The Mock Trial Competition and Law Day Art and Essay competitions attracted quality area students with an interest in the law. The high quality of work product at both events is a testament to the students and volunteers who make these events possible. As President, I spent the day with some of the fifth grade students and a teacher at Nippenose Valley Elementary School in Jersey Shore. The students participated in a mock civil trial called the case of the Missing Puppy.

The annual sojourn to Bowman Field for baseball took place on August 16th on a sunny Sunday afternoon. On July 19th, a hot summer night, Lycoming County Lawyers and guests cruised the Susquehanna on the Hiawatha riverboat. We enjoyed each other's company and ate a fine meal. With that much food, sitting on the upper deck while watching the shore slide by made for a pleasant time.



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During the year the Lycoming Law Association conducted a survey of its membership, and 95.5% of those responding voted in favor of the retention of Judge Gray. Our YLD sponsored an Angel Tree toy drive from lawyers and law office staff in Lycoming County for donation to families in need through the Salvation Army which was very well received. YLD's donations provided a much needed boost to support the Salvation Army's efforts for the holidays.

On December 13, 2013, the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas sat for a special session of court at which two new attorneys were admitted. Judges Richard Gray, Joy McCoy, and Marc Lovechio presided over the admission of the new attorneys to practice before the "Several Courts of the County of Lycoming." While technically no longer a requirement to practice before the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas, each year this event is a sound reminder of how special it is to practice in Lycoming County.

Along with all the traditional and special events this year, our membership was appropriately represented at the Pennsylvania Bar Association Annual Meeting Day. Thank you to our House of Delegate Representatives for their effort at the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegate meetings this year in May and November. Our Association was also well represented at the Conference of County Bar Leaders held in State College in February. I encourage future leadership of the Association to continue the tradition of attendance to these events as an opportunity to learn what other bar associations are doing throughout the Commonwealth but also share our Association's accomplishments.

One of the highlights for me this year was being admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. On Monday, November 18, 2013, ten local attorneys joined an elite group of lawyers. In an impressive ceremony LLA members, Christian Frey, J. David Smith, J. Michael Wiley, Brian Bluth, Tammy Weber, Rita Alexyn, William Carlucci, Samantha Wolfe, Gregory Moro and his wife, Hope Moro, and myself were admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. Thank you to Mike Wiley for having the foresight to get this on the calendar.

Each of the attorneys passed the strict application process required for admission. The applicants were sponsored by LLA members, Gary Weber and Charles Greevy, III, and moved for admission by LLA members and former PBA President, William Carlucci. Chief Justice John Roberts convened the session that was attended by Justices Thomas, Scalia, Kennedy, and Kagan. When called upon, Bill Carlucci introduced the proposed admittees using the limited language allowed under Court protocol.

Among the recipients for the 2013 Excellence Award were the Lycoming Law Association and the Lycoming Law Foundation.

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A special thank you is in order to Gary Weber who continually provides a wonderful account of events on the website. It is also appropriate to recognize the efforts of Mike Wiley who will be rotating off of the Executive Committee at the conclusion of this year. Mike has provided excellent leadership and his patient counsel throughout my year as president has been appreciated. In addition, our organization Executive Director, Jessica Engel, helped to ensure the organization moved forward, kept me on track, and provided countless guidance to me.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as the Association's president in 2013. I have no doubt that we are embarking on another successful year with Tom Waffenschmidt helping to move the Association forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianne E. Steinbacher, President

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