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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

This year started off in an unconventional way with my service as LLA President coming a year earlier than expected due to Vice-President Robert Cronin learning in late fall 2014 that he would be going to basic training for the first three months of 2015. As such, he was unable to serve as President.

The LLA welcomed newly hired Executive Director Michele Frey for her first year. The 2015 LLA Annual Meeting took place for the first time in the new LLA office and conference facility.
<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/2015annual.asp>

The Annual Banquet was held on January 12, 2015 at Le Jeune Chef. Thank you to Woodlands Bank for again sponsoring the event.

John Pietrovito made the pro bono presentations to 12 law firms for 100% participation and 77 individual attorneys who provide legal service to the community at no charge. Danna Rich-Collins, Victoria A. Coyle, Executive Director of North Penn Legal Services and David K. Trevaskis, Pro Bono Coordinator of the Pennsylvania Bar Association presented the Honorable Thomas Wood Equal Access to Justice award to Kathleen Raker. <http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/2015probono.asp>

We honored the lawyers in the LLA that serve or served our nation in the Armed Forces.
<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/veterans.asp> Framed photographs of a dozen or so members from their days of service were scattered throughout the cocktail area. In addition, the branch of the service, years of service and a little known fact about each were shared. The following were honored: Senator E. Eugene Yaw, Charles A. Szybist, Kurt Schmitt, Timothy A.B. Reitz, John E. Person, III, William E. Nichols, Sr., C. Edward S. Mitchell, Jeffrey A. Marshall, J. Howard Langdon, William L. Knecht, Christopher H. Kenyon, John M. Humphrey, Gary T. Harris, L. Craig Harris, Honorable Richard A. Gray, Michael H. Collins, Jonathan E. Butterfield, Jonathan F. Bach, and Honorable Dudley N. Anderson. Each was presented with a copy of **For Love of Country: What Our Veterans Can Teach Us About Citizenship, Heroism, and Sacrifice** by Howard Schultz. http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/annual_banquet.asp

At the February 2015 Conference of County Bar Leaders, the LLA won an award for three of its 2014 activities.
<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/CCBL2.asp>

LLA Foundation awarded a Community Outreach Grant to the Lycoming County Domestic Fatality Review Team in the amount of \$2,750.00. <http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/20151615foundation.asp>

Law Day 2015 was held on May 1. The theme commemorated the Magna Carta birthday.

<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/lawday.asp>

Attorney photographs were taken in late May and early June. A new composite photo of all members became available in December.

On May 15, 2015, a Memorial Service was held for John C. Gault, Jr., a 66-year member of the association.

<http://www.lycolaw.org/memorials/20141026gault.asp>

The annual Hiawatha picnic took place on July 15. Everyone enjoyed some great social time.

<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/picnic.asp>

On September 26, 2015, there was an excursion to Knoebel's Grove. The LLA and the Young Lawyers Division sponsored the event. Thanks to Schwanne Kilgus for the great idea and planning.

<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/knoebels.asp>

On Saturday, October 17, 22 volunteers, including 16 LLA attorneys (Adrienne Stahl, Beau Hoffman, Christian Frey, Corey Mowrey, Denise Dieter, Jennifer Ayers, Jonathan DeWald, Jessica Harlow, Kristine Waltz, John Pietrovito, Steve Sholder, Martin Wade, Pam Shipman, Patty Bowman, Danelle Harvey and Tammy Weber) gave their time to provide pro bono legal services to 20 families of both volunteer and paid heroes.

http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/wills_heroes.asp

On December 4, 2015, the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas sat for a special session of court at which time nine new attorneys were admitted to practice within the county. After the swearing in ceremony, the new admittees had an opportunity to mingle with the rest of the more seasoned members of the bar during a social gathering at the Old Corner. <http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2015/2015admission.asp>

There was some technological advancement this year – The annual meeting was handled digitally; the LLA website became mobile friendlier and the LLA launched a Facebook page.

As the year draws to a close, I thank the members of the Executive Committee for their dedicated service. A special thanks to Tom Waffenschmidt who has served this organization well over the past many years.

It has been my privilege to serve as the Association's president in 2015. We are looking forward to another successful year with Bob Cronin at the helm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Avery Weber, President