

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership

From: Gary Weber

Date: January 2, 2019

Subject: Annual Report of the LLA Technology Committee - Lycolaw Website

The Lycolaw.org website was completely redesigned in 2018 and the new site was launched in June. All aspects of the site are new. The site is responsive, meaning that it works on all devices. The site is now “secure” meaning that it has a valid certificate and is prefaced with “https” rather than only “http” and web browsers will not be providing warnings when the site is used. Online payment for CLEs and events will be implemented this year, when some glitches are ironed out.

Lycolaw.org does not, however, yet contain all of the data, materials and information that was on the old site. The cost of paying our contractor to restore all that material would have been too high. Most of the frequently used material, such as opinions, local rules, attorney directory, court forms and recent news is now available. Most of the historical and archival material (old news articles or law day pages) will be restored over the next 6 months. Expect the new and archival material to be of a much higher quality as the site supports higher resolution photographs and other materials. Much time has already been spent to add or increase functionality to some of the new features in the site, but much more work is required.

The attorney directory has a clean new look. The new directory no longer includes birth date information, which was removed for security reasons. The search page uses a drop-down search form to find an attorney who practices in a certain area. If you have not yet chosen practice areas for inclusion in your profile, please do so because only those areas in the drop down list will be searchable.

We have been able to work through most of the bugs, but if you encounter some feature of the site that is not working correctly, report that to me or Michele Frey and we will get the issue fixed by our contractor, Epic Web.

In 2018, 266 new Lycoming County Court opinions were posted on the site. Twenty-eight articles were posted. Multiple court forms were updated or added.

The Technology committee is also responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the LLA’s computer and other electronic equipment. Thank you to Austin White for taking the lead on evaluating new equipment and performing maintenance work.