

The logo for the Lycoming Law Association features the word "LYCOMING" in large, bold, yellow capital letters, with "LAW ASSOCIATION" in smaller, white capital letters below it, all set against a dark green rectangular background.

# LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

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## **Executive Director's Report 2019**

As I reflect on the events of the past year at the Lycoming Law Association, I am amazed by how much was accomplished (in no particular order):

### Professional Activities

Annual Meeting

12 Eat & Earn CLE offerings

2 Video Replay CLE offerings

1 Bridge the Gap CLE offering

1 Breakfast CLE offering (Superior Court)

20 PBI CLE offerings (+6 PBI offerings were cancelled)

1 Malpractice Avoidance Seminar CLE offering

49 Committee Meetings

Two days of Superior Court argument sessions at Lycoming County Cths.

Attendance at the Conference of County Bar Leaders

Representation at May PBA House of Delegate Meetings

Representation at November PBA House of Delegate Meetings

Attendance at the PA Association of Bar Executives annual conference

Representation at PBA's Young Lawyer Summit

Admission to the United States Supreme Court

Memorial Service for Yvonne Campbell

Donation to the Pennsylvania Bar Association's PAC

Citation recognizing 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from City of Williamsport

Citation recognizing 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from County of Lycoming

Citation recognizing 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Pennsylvania Senate

Reception for Past President Tira's appointment to bench

Evening with Lycoming College students considering law school

New Attorney Admission Ceremony

Judicial Qualification and Retention Surveys

Attendance at the PA CLE Board's Provider Seminar  
Penn State Law Career Fair

### Social Activities

Annual Banquet  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Legal Journal Reception  
Social Event with Superior Court Judges  
Private Showing of To Kill A Mockingbird  
May Happy Hour  
September Happy Hour  
Kayak Outing  
Annual Picnic  
Knoebel's Grove  
Love Your Lawyer Day  
Quizzo  
New Attorney Reception

### Community Activities

High School Mock Trial Auditions & Competitions  
Law Day Competition & Ceremony  
Wills for Heroes  
Project Linus  
Holiday Angel Tree Drive  
Donation to West End Christian Community Center  
Donation to Susquehanna Valley CASA

The importance of teamwork and collaboration cannot be overstated. The LLA has incredibly dedicated bar leaders and committee chairs. None of the many events that transpired during 2019 would be possible without these individuals. The ability to work together is one of many things that make the LLA a great organization.

The LLA has enjoyed a year of tremendous celebration. However, there were significant losses with the sudden passing of Kristine Waltz and Yvonne Campbell. Kristine was the (smiling) face of our Wills for Heroes events. Our Wills for Heroes events, one of which is scheduled for April 4, 2020, are never going to be the same without Kristine. Her desire to offer her professional skills to our community was noted in Kristine's obituary:

She also donated her time to assisting the mock trial team of the Montoursville Area High School. She enjoyed volunteering her time with the staff and working with the youth on their presentations and their understanding of the law.

Kristine loved to help others and was able to use her professional expertise by bringing a program, Wills for Heroes, to Lycoming County. This program provides wills to first responders and veterans, free of charge.

The sudden passing Yvonne Campbell a bar leader, and future president, was also a devastating loss to the LLA. Just two weeks before Yvonne passed, she and I discussed an initiative she wanted to implement during her presidential year. By now you have all heard that the initiative was “civility in the profession.” In discussing this with Yvonne, I found that what this initiative meant to Yvonne was much more than exchanging niceties or pleasantries in the courthouse hallways. Rather, what Yonne wanted was to correct bad behavior that, unfortunately, plagues this profession. She was displeased when attorneys used intimidation tactics to advance their cause. She felt uncomfortable when an attorney made a joke at a colleague’s expense. Yvonne wanted to restore that sense of community and congeniality that the profession is losing.

November marked my five-year employment anniversary with the LLA. It has been a true pleasure to get to know the members personally over the years. I am proud of what has been accomplished this year, and in the last five years. The LLA’s success is truly the result of both great leadership and strong, hardworking committees.

Sincerely,  
LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Frey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michele S. Frey, Executive Director