

**LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2019**  
**Annual Meeting, January 13, 2020**

Initially, I would like to state how much I have enjoyed serving on the LLA Executive Committee for the past several years. I have seen and been a part of significant changes in our association throughout my tenure on this board, including an office relocation, a significant rebranding initiative that included a website upgrade, and the addition of multiple social events that our members look forward to each year. In the seven years that I have been actively involved in this organization, I have witnessed our association grow stronger, and more involved in the community, year after year.

The Lycoming Law Association had another great year in 2019, with the association celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In addition to the annual events and projects that the LLA continues to do so well, such as the Annual Picnic, Wills for Heroes, Quizzo night, and the Knoebel's Grove trip, we organized and held many events specifically in celebration of our association's century and a half of existence.

To mark the significant achievement of 150 years, the LLA commissioned a production of To Kill a Mockingbird at the Community Theater League. The private showing for the LLA was well-attended by not only our members and their guests, but also by local students, including our 2019 Law Day winners. We were also honored to have three Superior Court Judges in attendance as well.

The Superior Court Judges were in Williamsport for the purpose of holding oral arguments in Courtroom No. 1, which was another part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Superior Court Judges joined us for a dinner at the Old Corner preceding the To Kill a Mockingbird production, and then presented a breakfast CLE for our members the following

morning prior to hearing oral arguments that day. It was a real honor and privilege to host the Superior Court here in Lycoming County.

Our 2019 Annual Picnic came with a special \$1.50 cost to members in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The picnic was held at a new location this past year, Bastress Mountain Winery & Distillery, and we utilized a new caterer, Ard's Farm from Lewisburg. Based upon the feedback we received, all those in attendance were pleasantly surprised by both the food and atmosphere.

In November, a group of eight LLA members, along with their guests, travelled to Washington D.C. for the purpose of being admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. I had the great privilege of addressing the Supreme Court Justices and moving for the admission of our members. After the admission ceremony, we were honored by private meeting with Chief Justice John Roberts. Chief Justice Roberts was very gracious and engaging. This was a special experience for those in attendance.

Additionally, throughout 2019 Tammy Taylor and Michele Frey diligently worked on putting together a Lycoming County Bar History book. The book presents a thorough history of our association and the practice of law in Lycoming County, through the use of dozens of photographs, excerpts from media publications, and anecdotes from members. The LLA looks forward to presenting the book to its members early in 2020.

While conceding my potential bias, I must take a moment to address the commitment and enthusiasm that our Executive Director, Michele Frey, brings to our organization. Michele approaches all aspects of her job through the lens of what is best for the LLA and its members. Michele works far more hours than required, and it is not uncommon for her to be replying to emails late at night and on weekends. Michele goes out of her way to accommodate the needs

and concerns of the membership, and to make all members feel comfortable at the LLA office and with each other.

In closing, I have truly enjoyed my time serving on the Executive Board of the Lycoming Law Association. I now pass the torch (or clock, as it may be) to Angela Lovecchio, who will serve as the next President of our association. I look forward to seeing Angela have a successful 2020, and I believe that our association is ripe for another 150 years of serving our members and the Lycoming County community.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian D. Frey