

January 4, 2022

Michele Frey, Executive Director
Lycoming Law Association
25 West Third Street, Ste. 803
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**Re: Report of Bench/Bar Committee of
Lycoming Law Association -- 2021**

Dear Michele:

The members of the Bench Bar Committee for 2021 were as follows:

Hon. Nancy Butts, Hon. Marc Lovecchio, Hon. Joy McCoy, Hon. Eric Linhardt, Hon. Ryan Tira, Hon. Kenneth Brown, Hon. Dudley Anderson, Jennifer Ayers, Aaron Biichle, Brian Bluth, Robert Cronin, Robert Elion, Ryan C. Gardner, Charles Greevy, III, Jessica Harlow, Jennifer Heverly, Bradley Hillman, Angela Lovecchio, Donald Martino, Clifford Rieders, Edward Rymsza, Nicole Spring, Adrienne Stahl, Thomas Waffenschmidt, J. Michael Wiley, David Wilk, W. Jeffrey Yates, Thomas Heap, Prothonotary and Michele Frey.

The Committee met: February 1, 2021, May 3, 2021, August 2, 2021, and November 1, 2021. All meetings were by conference call.

Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Lycoming Law Association website. Topics discussed included:

The extensions of the Judicial Emergency in the 29th Judicial District due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the revisions pertaining to Court proceedings and the offices of the Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts and Register and Recorder contained in the Administrative Orders pertaining thereto; suspension of jury trials; resumption of jury trials; precautions implemented for jury selection, jury participation, and witness testimony; delays in receipt of Court Orders and alternative methods of communicating Court Orders; authorization and requirements for service by email or fax; eviction moratoriums; use of advanced communication technology; electronic filing in criminal cases; the need for additional attorney participation in Pro Bono PFA representation; and Senior Judge coverage during the judicial vacancy which will exist as a result of the retirement of Judge Lovecchio.

Attendance and participation in the meetings was satisfactory.

Meetings for 2022 will be as follows: February 7, 2022, May 2, 2022, August 1, 2022 and November 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman