

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2021

2021 Committee Members:

Patricia Bowman	Michael Collins	Angela Lovecchio	Don Martino
Taylor Beucler	John Person, III	Gary Weber	Tammy Weber

Meetings

The Community Activities and Outreach Committee met two times in 2021: January 13 and August 12 (an emergency meeting) via Zoom. The scheduled meetings for April, July and October were canceled due to there being no grant requests to review.

Grant request considered

One emergency grant request was considered -- an August 5, 2021, request from the Montoursville High School Mock Trial Team for \$3,300.00 for registration costs for 17 students and one teacher to attend the Harvard Seminar for High School Mock Trial on October 16-17, 2021, for a weekend long seminar on Mock Trial skill building run by the Harvard Mock Trial Association. The application did not meet the normal deadline; however, the committee believed that a one-time Covid-19 exception should be granted as the school just learned that the seminar would be occurring.

Pro Bono Litigation Cost Reimbursement

The LLAF has monies set aside for reimbursement of pro bono litigation costs, or a portion thereof. Decisions concerning reimbursement are made by a sub-committee of the Community Activities & Outreach Committee, consisting of the LLA Executive Director, the North Penn Legal Services ("NPLS") Pro Bono Coordinator, and the Chairman of the Community Activities & Outreach Committee.

On February 25, an email request for reimbursement of publication costs was received from Attorney Trisha Jasper. An application for reimbursement was developed by LLAF Chair, LLA Executive Director and the undersigned Chair. After two meetings by the sub-committee, it was recommended that a grant of 50% of the requested amount be made by the LLAF, upon the condition that NPLS provide the additional 50%.

LLAF grants

The Lycoming Law Association Foundation Board voted to fund the \$3,300.00 to the Montoursville High school Mock Trial Team.

On March 17, the LLAF voted to provide \$345.88 in cost reimbursement to Attorney Jasper with the understanding the NPLS would be providing the additional \$346.00.

New members sought and 2022 meeting dates

The Committee is seeking additional members for 2022. The first 2022 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 at noon via Zoom. The remaining meetings are April 13, July 13 and October 12 at noon and will be held by Zoom, unless notified otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Avery Weber, Chair