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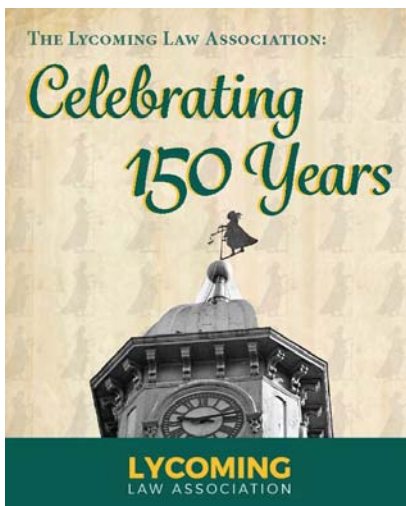
## **Executive Director’s Report 2021**

2021 was another challenging year for the Lycoming Law Association, its members and our courts. However, the LLA continued to be committed to promoting the profession, assisting members and supporting the community.

The LLA has been the moving force in creating and preserving judicial portraits. At the start of the year the LLA unveiled Past President Ryan Tira’s Judicial Portrait and released the much-anticipated Bar History Committee’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication.



Members lined up around the courthouse to pick up copies of the publication, “The Lycoming Law Association: Celebrating 150 Years.”



The LLA was represented at several important conferences/meetings throughout the year, including Pennsylvania Bar Association's House of Delegates meetings, the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives and the Conference of County Bar Leaders, where the LLA was recognized for some of its community work.



Education offerings for members are an important component of the LLA. In addition to Zoom and in-person CLE offerings, the LLA worked with an online company to provide distance learning. Presently, the LLA has 17 videos (5 ethics and 12 substantive) in its online CLE library.



Despite the pandemic, the LLA continued to support the community. The High School Mock Trial Competition was held virtually. Nicole Ippolito is the attorney advisor to the county's only team (Montoursville) and several LLA members volunteered to serve as jurors/scorekeepers.

The LLA organized a blanket collection through Project Linus, an organization that provides homemade blankets to children who have suffered trauma or illness. The LLA worked with a local chapter to ensure that every child with an active Lycoming County Children and Youth case, as well as children in the CASA program, received a blanket.

The Annual Angel Tree collection was held and hundreds of toys were donated by members and their staff. The toys, books and clothing collected went to children in the CASA program and to the Salvation Army, which provides gifts for over 300 local needy families.

While some events, like the 2021 Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, were not possible, other events could safely be held. Many LLA members believe that the social component of membership is as important as the professional component. To that end, we did have several outdoor events, including Yoga in the Park, Disc Golf, an outing to Knoebel's Grove and an invitation to Carpenter's Pumpkin Farm.



The biggest social event of the year was the 2021 Annual Picnic. Held at New Trail Brewery and catered by The Brickyard, the poor weather did not stop members from attending. With excellent food, drink and company, lots of members reached out to say they had a really nice time.



In December, the LLA welcomed nine new members to its roster and two members were sworn into the minor judiciary. Denise Dieter is replacing retiring judge, Jerry Lepely, and Christian Frey is starting his second term. With three of the county's six district judge positions now filled by attorneys, this is a trend that most in the profession welcome.



Lastly, I offer my thanks to outgoing LLA President, Don Martino, for his commitment to the organization, to each and every committee chair for their dedication to the LLA, and to the members who participate and support the work the LLA does each year.



Sincerely,  
LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

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