

**LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION**  
**President's Report**  
**2021**

I want to welcome everyone to the new year and thank each of you for your participation in last year's association and the events we had, whether in person or by zoom. This organization doesn't just have members, it is its members and each of you have made it possible to further the association for another year, notably the 152<sup>nd</sup> year of the Lycoming Law Association. Thank you all for making the L.L.A. great for another year. I look forward to continuing to be a member for the remainder of my career, as the members of this association and their support have and will continue to make Lycoming County a great place to practice law.

There are several highlights I want to point out from 2021. We started with a cold, somewhat snowy unveiling of The Honorable Ryan Tira's judicial portrait. We also unveiled a publication that involved years of work by many of our members and our executive director, the Celebrating 150 years history book, something that will stand to explain the meaning and importance of the L.L.A. to every new member and the public for a long time to come.

We also continued our tradition of helping the community even during a year that was tough for our members as well as for the general public. The Blanket Drive for Project Linus and the Angel Tree Toy Drive stand out as great achievements of our membership demonstrating to the Lycoming County community that the L.L.A. stands for more than just issues involving our members. The L.L.A. stands as a community organization that understands the needs of the community and which is willing to put in countless hours to assist. Soon we hope to reinstate the Wills for Heroes program as well, once the restrictions of Covid are resolved. These three programs stand together as great contributions of our members to the community as a whole.

And the L.L.A. continued to provide services for its members again despite the difficulties created by Covid. There were a few C.L.E. programs, both in person and via Zoom, and we hope to add more next year. There were fun events such as Knoebels, Yoga, and free pumpkins for every member. We were also able to have a picnic for the first time in a couple of years. A record number of people came out, enjoyed good food and had a good time just talking to each other, even on a rain soaked day, all with the support of our wonderful sponsors. The hope is to do even more of these events next year, understanding the restrictions of Covid and hoping that we can get back to normal soon.

Finally, the year ended on a very high note. Nine new attorneys were admitted on December 2, 2021 during a ceremony that included every sitting Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and numerous members of the Lycoming Law Association. And I have the privilege of welcoming three new members to the Lycoming Law Association Executive Committee, which also might be a record. Each, Mark Drier, Jennifer Linn and Greta Davis, will offer their own contribution to an ever expanding and ever growing association that I am proud to be a part of.

All very good signs for the years to come. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the president of the Lycoming Law Association this year. It was an honor I will always remember.

Very Truly Yours,

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Donald F. Martino