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Michele Frey, Executive Director Lycoming Law Association 25 West Third Street, Ste. 803 Williamsport, PA 17701

> Re: Report of Bench/Bar Committee of Lycoming Law Association -- 2022

Dear Michele:

The members of the Bench Bar Committee for 2022 were as follows:

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

The Committee met: February 7, 2021, May 2, 2021, August 1, 2021, and November 7, 2021. All meetings were by conference call.

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

Schedules of courtrooms and Judges who have been scheduled to cover civil and criminal cases, changes in pretrial procedures for use in criminal cases, the reestablishment of the Magisterial District Courts in the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, vacancies in the Court of Common Pleas and in the Magisterial District Courts, automation in criminal cases including e-filing, e-filing in civil cases, updating of fees in the Prothonotary's office and elimination of some of the nuisance fees, efforts to increase the numbers of attorneys accepting assignment to represent indigent PFA plaintiffs in second hearings, availability of names of potential jurors prior to jury selections, support

of an application to the Lycoming Law Association Foundation for funding for payments to attorneys for indigent parties involved in protection from abuse actions which involve children as protected parties and/or child custody issues, an initiative to improve access to the Courts for individuals within the autism spectrum, selection of Lycoming County as one of three counties selected for a Children's Advisory Center (CAC), Court decorum, dress code and references by counsel to the Court and other counsel, the timing of the deadlines for Motions in Limine and the preferred method for conduct of future meetings.

Attendance and participation in the meetings was satisfactory.

Meetings for 2023 will be as follows: February 6, 2023, May 1, 2023, August 7, 2023 and October 31, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

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