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Executive Director’s Report 2022

Early in 2020, the world experienced a significant change as the COVID-19 pandemic caused an unprecedented disruption to our personal lives and the practice of law. More than two years into the pandemic, the legal profession has transitioned to a “new normal.”

In 2022, with the widespread availability of vaccines, and new drugs to mitigate the impact of COVID, we have cautiously emerged and seen a return to some of the Lycoming Law Association’s more traditional practices, including an in-person Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

Early in the year the LLA announced its intention to produce a composite photo. With the assistance of the county court, members had updated bar photos taken. The finished composite photo was presented at the New Attorney Admission Ceremony and a printable directory was created with the bar members’ photos as well.



In addition to the admission of seven new lawyers to the “various courts of Lycoming County,” and the presentation of the 2022 Composite Photo, the LLA was pleased to present the Carlucci Judicial Portrait to the court at the New Attorney Admission Ceremony.

In early June, the LLA had its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Several awards related to pro bono work and community service were presented. Three members, Jack Humphrey, Pete Campana and Ed Mitchell, were recognized for their 50 years of membership with the LLA. The well-attended event was held at the Bush House Estate. Catering by Farington Place and drinks by Barrel 135 were both well received by the attendees.

Total Cost to LLA: \$8,506.60 (\$119.81 per person)

Cost To Attend: \$35.00 per person

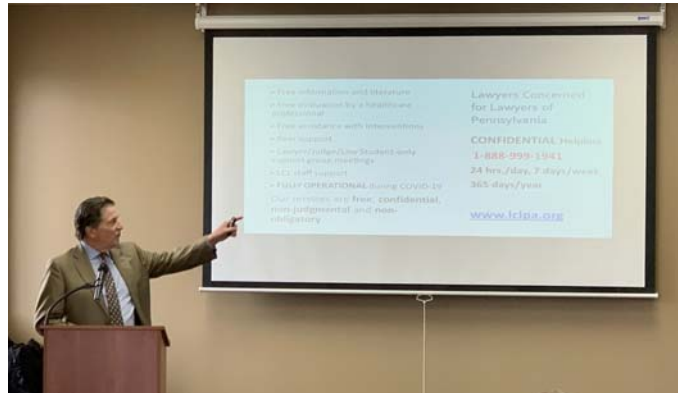
Amount Subsidized: \$84.81 per person



The social component of membership at the LLA is as important as the professional component. To that end, the LLA did have several strictly social events, including Yoga in the Park, an outing to Knoebel’s Grove, a day at Bowman Field for a Crosscutters game, and an invitation to Carpenter’s Pumpkin Farm.



Education offerings are an important component of the LLA. Nine live CLE presentations were held at the LLA, along with two video replays. In total, members had the opportunity to get 17 live CLE credits through the LLA in 2022.



One thing that didn't change when the pandemic hit was the LLA's support of the local community. The High School Mock Trial Competition was held and several LLA members volunteered to serve as jurors/scorekeepers.

The LLA organized another blanket collection to provide homemade blankets to every child with an active Lycoming County Children and Youth case, as well as children in the CASA program. Extra blankets were provided to local hospitals and police to distribute to children with illness or suffering from trauma.

The LLA's annual holiday Angel Tree project collected hundreds of toys, donated by members and their offices, for children in the CASA program and for the Salvation Army, which provides gifts for over 450 local needy families.



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.

In December, seven new attorneys were admitted to the LLA. A welcome reception was held at the Old Corner.



Recognizing that this report is specific to the LLA and not it’s Foundation, I would still like to take this opportunity to congratulate the LLA on a successful year. In addition to other donations, in 2022 the LLA made the largest donation in its history! A grant of \$20,000 was made to NPLS to assist with providing legal representation to indigent domestic violence victims and their children.



Lastly, I offer my appreciation to each Committee Chairperson, and outgoing LLA President Corey Mowrey, for their dedication to the association. Also, many thanks to the active members of the association who support the work the LLA does each year.



Sincerely,
LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

Handwritten signature of Michele S. Frey in blue ink.

Michele S. Frey, Executive Director