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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 -- 2023

Dear Michele:

The members of the Bench Bar Committee for 2023 were as follows:

Hon. Nancy Butts, Hon. Eric Linhardt, Hon. Ryan Tira, Hon. William Carlucci, Hon. Kenneth Brown, Hon. Dudley Anderson, 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, C. Edward S. Mitchell; Corey Mowrey, Clifford Rieders, Edward Rymsza, Nicole Spring, Adrianne Stahl, April McDonald, Thomas Waffenschmidt, Elizabeth White, J. Michael Wiley, David Wilk, W. Jeffrey Yates, Thomas Heap, Prothonotary and Michael Frey

The Committee met: February 6, 2023, May 1, 2023, August 7, 2023, and October 30, 2023. The first two meetings were by conference call and the August and October meetings were held in person at the LLA Office.

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

Jury selections in civil and criminal cases; electronic filing in civil cases; amendment of local rules to accommodate electronic filing in civil cases; procedure to permit pro se parties to obtain permission to bring cell phones into the courthouse; differing requirements for withdrawals of PFAs depending upon the presiding Judge; Project LITIGATE and the encouraging of local firms to take the pledge to improve Next-GEN Attorneys' Trial Experience; revisions to fee schedules in the Prothonotary's office; and potential service by email of electronic filings in the Prothonotary's office.

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Attendance and participation by Judges was satisfactory. Attendance and participation by lawyer members was not satisfactory.

Meetings for 2024 will be as follows: February 5, 2024, May 6, 2024, August 5, 2024 and November 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman