

**MINUTES**  
**BENCH BAR COMMITTEE**  
Monday, May 5, 2025  
By C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

**Attendance**

Participants were: Judge Butts, Judge Tira, Judge Carlucci, April McDonald, Ed Mitchell, Adrienne Stahl, Nicole Spring, LLA Executive Director Michele Frey

Method: the meeting was conducted in person at the LLA Office.

**Old Business**

The staffing shortage in both the Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's Office continues.

**New Business**

Judge Butts reported on the implementation of Act 44 pertaining to early release from supervision. The Act becomes effective June 11, 2025. It will require the District Attorney's Office to interview victims in all cases where the person under supervision becomes eligible. At the present time there are approximately 60 eligible individuals.

Judge Butts also discussed the four divisions of treatment court. They are Veteran's Court, mental health court, drug court and DUI court. Lycoming County has certificates from the AOPC in all four divisions. Supreme Court Justice Brobson will attend and participate in the next graduation of participants in drug and alcohol divisions. Chief Justice Todd will attend and participate in the next graduation of the participants in the Veterans and mental health courts. Judge Butts has been appointed by the Supreme Court to a statewide leadership position in treatment courts.

There were no agenda items presented by the Chairmen of the LLA committees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 4, 2025 at noon in the LLA Office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell  
Chairman