

MINUTES
BENCH BAR COMMITTEE
Monday, August 3, 2026
By C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

Attendance

Participants were: Judge Tira, Judge Carlucci and Judge Gardner, Trisha Hoover, Jenna Longo, Ed Mitchell, Melody Protasio, Nicole Spring, Adrienne Stahl, and LLA Executive Director Michele Frey

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

Old Business

The District Attorney's office remains understaffed.

Motions Court is being scheduled two times per month. In present attorneys are called first. Out of County attorneys are permitted to participate by phone.

New Business

Custody hearings are now backed up. They are required to be presided by Judges. Judge Salisbury from Clinton County presides five days per month.

Senior Judge Workman from Lancaster County and Senior Judge James from Columbia County are also providing coverage on a limited basis.

The Court is in need of a law clerk for Judge Tira and executive secretary for Judge Linhardt.

The carpet on the second floor has been installed. In an attempt to keep it clean, no drinks are permitted on the second floor.

There are now nine homicide cases pending in Lycoming County.

The lawyer's lounge (lawyer's conference room) is being refurnished at the expense of the Law Association.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2026 at noon in the LLA Office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell
Chairman