MINUTES
BENCH BAR COMMITTEE
Monday, November 2, 2026
By C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

Attendance

Participants were: Judge Linhardt, Judge Tira and Judge Carlucci, Giovanna Danelle, April McDonald, Ed Mitchell, Kyle Rude, Nicole Spring, Adrianne Stahl, Elizabeth White, 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.

The Public Defender's office is again understaffed.

Visiting Judges: Judge Workman, Judge Saylor, Judge Lewis and Judge Salisbury are sitting in Lycoming County as visiting Judges during the judicial vacancy.

New Business

The merger of Adult and Juvenile probation offices has been completed.

Judge Carlucci is holding scheduling conferences, mostly by phone, with counsel as needed after completion of discovery to schedule dispositive motions, pretrials and trials.

There is an increase in termination petitions in ARDs.

It is Lycoming County policy to preclude defense attorneys from participating in pre-sentence interviews.

Status conferences in criminal cases have been discontinued.

It is anticipated the 2027 court calendar will be completed in December.

The Court session for admission of new attorneys is scheduled for December 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Emails were sent to the LLA Committee Chairpersons and no additional items were suggested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The meetings for 2027 will be February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1 and all will be held in the LLA Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell
Chairman