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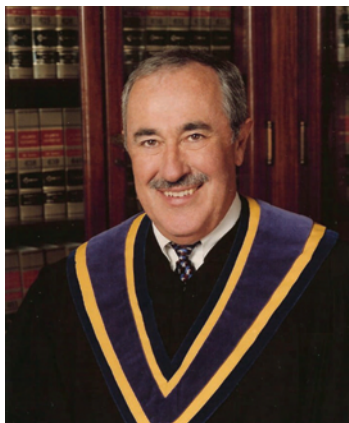
## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-**

The best time of the year is here. We all try to get some time off in the late summer, and will also have the bounty of the fall shortly. The fall also includes lots of events of note for members of the Bar Association, so be sure to take part.

Judge Ronald Vican is being honored by the East Stroudsburg Elks Lodge at the annual A. Mitchell Palmer Award dinner on Tuesday September 22, 2009. The Judge is only the third person selected to receive this prestigious award. The first two selectees were Alex Bensinger and Sheriff Todd Martin. The award is given "to an individual who has made long-term and significant contributions in the area of law enforcement or community service within Monroe County", and whose life is one of proven leadership and strong moral standards, among other things. I am very pleased that the 2009 Honoree will be our President Judge. Please contact Susan Kenny and check about the availability of tickets for the dinner. I encourage you all to attend.

That same week please join us on the 25<sup>th</sup> at Fernwood Resort for the 2009 Monroe County Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference. The CLE presenters are all Judges whose experiences and insights will make the morning programs memorable. We will have a fine luncheon with a musical highlight or two, as well as reports on the state of the Bar from your president and from the President of the PBA. In the afternoon, members of our trial bench will join us for an open discussion of issues of importance to us all, and we will close with some quality social time at the end of the program. Please sign up.

The Board of the Monroe County Bar Association and its committees have been active as always this year, and if you are not yet on a committee, there is a seat waiting for you. After a few years, I am still impressed with just how much effort so many members of our Bar Association put into community service activities, fund raising, Bar activities, ethics matters, and lots of other important roles for this Association. Our staff is second to none, and we are blessed to have their support and leadership. Thanks to each of you for doing your part and helping this all work.- Alan Young



PA Supreme Court Justice  
J. Michael Eakin



PBA President  
Clifford E. Haines

**Monroe County Bar Association  
Schedules 13th Annual Bench Bar Conference  
September 25, 2009**

The Monroe County Bar Association will host the Thirteenth Annual Bench Bar Conference on Friday, September 25, 2009, at the Fernwood Hotel and Resort in Bushkill. An exciting program has been planned for participants. The first CLE seminar is "Professionalism in the Courtroom." The Honorable Stanley R. Ott of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County is the presenter. The Honorable Jack A. Panella of the Superior Court will present the second CLE session entitled, "The Role of the Superior Court in Wire Taps." In the last of our guest CLE seminars, PA Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin will be the presenter. The topic of his seminar is "Oral Arguments."

Lunch will be held in the Astor Room and we are pleased to have PBA President Clifford E. Haines as our luncheon keynote speaker.

After lunch, President Judge Ronald E. Vican will give the annual "State of the Bench," followed by the Bench Bar Panel Discussion—a (Bull and Beer Session) rounding out the last of the CLE presentations. All members of our judiciary will participate in this innovative exchange with the MCBA members. The day will end with a cocktail hour and appetizers in the Astor Room.

Those who have not already registered may do so by calling the MCBA at (570) 424-7288 or by visiting our website at [www.monroebar.org](http://www.monroebar.org).

**2009  
Monroe County Bar Association**

**Executive Board**

Alan P. Young, President

Stephen M. Higgins, Vice-President

Jennifer H. Sibum, Secretary

David J. Williamson, Treasurer

**Members at Large**

Gerard J. Geiger-Immediate Past President

Jane Roach Maughan

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YLD President-James T. Michel

Visit the  
Monroe County Bar Association website.

Look at the Calendar  
and  
Photo Album  
for upcoming events  
and  
picture of past events.

Also list is  
Membership Directory  
And  
Upcoming CLE Programs

[www.monroebar.org](http://www.monroebar.org)

*The Monroe County Bar Association  
invites you to attend a dinner  
in honor of*

*The Honorable Jerome P. Cheslock*

*to be held at the Skytop Lodge  
Skytop, Pennsylvania  
on*

*Friday, October 30, 2009*

*Cash Bar-Hors d'oeuvres -Garden View Lobby- 6:00 pm  
Dinner-Evergreen Ballroom-7:00 pm*

*R.S.V.P. by September 30, 2009 to  
Monroe County Bar Association 913 Main Street,  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
Black Tie Optional  
\$55.00 per person*

*Please select one entrée per person*

- Fine Herb Roasted Halibut*
- Grilled 10 Oz New York Strip Steak*
- Chicken Saltimbocca*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please R.S.V.P by September 30, 2009. Make checks payable to Monroe County Bar Association,  
913 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. \$55.00 per person*

**Upcoming Events**

**Bench Bar Conference**

**Fernwood Resort and Conference Center  
September 25, 2009**



**Dinner in honor of  
The Honorable Jerome P. Cheslock**

**Skytop Lodge**

**Friday, October 30, 2009**

**6PM Cocktails-Hors d'oeuvres  
Garden View Lobby  
7PM Evergreen Ballroom**



**Holiday Dinner**

**6PM Mt. Springs Lake Resort  
December 12, 2009**

**Lunch & Learn**

Do you have any ideas for Lunch and Learn programs that would appeal to our MCBA members?

Please give the MCBA office a call or send an email to skenny2@monroebar.org.

We are currently scheduling our programs for October and November 2009.

We want to hear from you!!



**Membership Updates**

Please check the MCBA website [www.monroebar.org](http://www.monroebar.org) for daily updates on membership information.

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Have you moved?  
Changed your phone number?  
Changed your email?  
  
Be sure to sure to inform the MCBA know of your new contact information. It will be posted on the website and published in the quarterly newsletter.

**Monroe County Bar Association**  
**Thirteenth Annual Bench Bar Conference**

September 25, 2009  
Fernwood Hotel and Resort

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Astor Room-Conference Registration - Vendor Expo - (Coffee, Tea, Danish)

All CLE programs will be held in the Conference Room, Second Floor. Attendance at all CLE sessions will provide two substantive credits and two hour ethics credit.

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. CLE            **“Professionalism in the Courtroom”**  
Presented by:     The Honorable Stanley R. Ott, Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 p.m. CLE        **“Basic Appellate Practice”**  
Presented by:     The Honorable Jack A. Panella, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CLE        **“Oral Arguments”**  
Presented by:     The Honorable J. Michael Eakin, Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch-Astor Room

**Welcoming Remarks and Introductions:** Stephen M. Higgins, Esq., Chair, Bench Bar Committee

**State of the Bar:** Alan P. Young, Esq., President, Monroe County Bar Association

**Special Guest Speaker:** Clifford E. Haines, Esq., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

2:00 p.m. -2:15 p.m. -Conference Room, Second Floor

**State of the Bench:** Hon. Ronald E. Vican, President Judge, 43rd Judicial District Court of Common Pleas

2:15 p.m. -3:30 p.m. CLE **Bench Bar Panel Discussion (Bull and Beer Session)**  
**43rd Judicial District Court of Common Pleas:** Hon. Ronald E. Vican, President Judge-Hon. Linda Wallach Miller- Hon. Jerome P. Cheslock-Hon. Margherita Patti Worthington-Hon. Arthur L. Zulick-Hon. Jonathan Mark. Moderated by: Stephen M. Higgins, Esq.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Astor Room-Cocktail Reception-Hors d’oeuvres-Vendor Expo

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**REGISTER NOW!!**

PA Attorney ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Admitted before 9/30/2003\*.....\$90.00

\_\_\_ Admitted after 9/30/2003.....\$60.00

\_\_\_ District Attorney/Public Defenders: Full Time (Non elected) .....\$45.00

\_\_\_ Non members.....\$100.00

(Price includes CLE credits, course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, hors d’oeuvres and two reception beverages)

RSVP by September 19, 2008. Early Bird Reservations must be received by 8/31/2008. Reservations made by phone are considered binding and subject to billing.

**Refund Policy:** Requests for full refunds must be in writing and must be received no later than September 19, 2008. After that date, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded upon written request. No refunds will be given for cancellations made 24 hours prior to the events. If you have any questions, please call the MCBA office at 570-424-7288.

## Upcoming PBI CLE Programs

The following PBI seminars have been scheduled and will be held at the MONROE COUNTY BAR CENTER, 913 MAIN STREET, STROUDSBURG, PA. To register call the Pennsylvania Bar Institute at 800-932-4637. Early Registration fees are available.

### Wednesday, September 23, 2009-Groupcast

#### Fundamentals of Estate Administration

6 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Lunch included)  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$224/Non members \$244

### Thursday, October 1, 2009-Video

#### Piercing the Corporate Veil

3 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$129/ Non members \$149

### Friday, October 2, 2009-Groupcast

#### Winning Before Trial: 10 Keys to Winning Depositions

5 hours substantive/1 hour ethics  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm (lunch is included)  
Registration begins at 8:00 am  
Members \$344/Non members \$364

### Wednesday, October 14, 2009-Groupcast

#### RESPA: A Primer

4 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 1:15 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$214/Non members \$234

### Thursday, October 15, 2009-Groupcast

#### Judicial Autonomy and Accountability-A Fine Line

2 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
Registration begins at 11:30 am (Lunch is included)  
Members \$154/Non members \$174

### Friday, October 16, 2009-Video

#### New Pennsylvania Sentencing Laws

4 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 1:30 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$129/Non members \$149

### Wednesday, October 21, 2009-Video

#### Pardons, Expungements and Civil Ramifications

3 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$129/Non members \$149

### Tuesday, November 3, 2009-Video

#### Maximizing Your Client's Recovery in Challenging Times

5 hours substantive/1 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$149/Non members \$169

### Tuesday, November 10, 2009-Groupcast

#### Elder Law Update

3 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 12:15 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
More information to follow

### Wednesday, November 11, 2009-Video

#### Fire-at-Will: Wrongful Termination in Pennsylvania

3 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$129/Non members \$149

### Wednesday, November 18, 2009-Groupcast

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Update

4 hours substantive/0 hours ethics  
8:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Registration begins at 8:00 am  
More information to follow

### Friday, November 20, 2009-Video

#### Consumer Debt Litigation

2 hours substantive/1 hour ethics  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Members \$129/Non members \$149

## YLD Corner

The Monroe County Young Lawyers, in conjunction with the Monroe County Bar Foundation, have risen over \$850 towards purchasing school supplies for Monroe County Elementary School Students.

The young lawyers held two car wash fundraisers at Carl's Garage/Gulf Station on Main Street during the summer in order to raise money towards purchasing school supplies for Monroe County elementary school students. In addition to all monies raised by the young lawyers, the Monroe County Bar Foundation graciously agreed to match the first \$600 raised. The car washes raised over \$400 and when combined with the bar foundation match, the total amount raised is over \$850.

I would like to take this time to especially thank the following young lawyers who have been instrumental in the implementation and success of the car washes and school supply drive: Jason Altschul, Victoria Avellino, Brandie Belanger, Diane Dagger, T. Axel Jones, Matt Schmidt, Christine Tartamella, and Alison Wasserman

I would also like to thank the Monroe County Bar Association's Executive Board for their implementation strategies and financial support. I would like to thank the staff at the bar association: Susan, Lesleigh and Rosalie for their support with finding a location to host the car wash, drafting fliers, financial support and constant and perpetual energy and enthusiasm.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you, lawyers and judges and friends who supported our little endeavor to raise money and awareness towards the costs associated with attending our very fine elementary.

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## On a personal note..

### Congratulations to:

**Tom Foley III and Kim Diddio** on their recent engagement.

**Ned Flynn and Elaine Merrill** on their recent nuptials.

**Ned Flynn** on the birth of his first grandchild, Dylan, now seven months old..

**Greg and MaryKay Malaska** on the birth of their daughter, Hailey Ann, born June 15, 2009, 7lb 15 oz, 19 1/2 inches.

**Jane Maughan** on her election as Vice President of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute Board of Directors.

### Condolences to:

**Todd Williams** on the loss of his mother, Marian.

**Gretchen Marsh Weitzmann** on the loss of her mother, Mary Frances.

**Mark Love** on the loss of his father, Allen.

**Kelly Lewis** on the loss of his father, Harry.