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FROM THE PRESIDENT-

This is my final message to you as President of the Monroe County Bar Association. I hope that the Bar Association has lived up to your expectations and that you had an opportunity to take advantage of its many offerings.

On November 17th, the Bar Association hosted its annual Mock Trial Invitational. Seventeen teams participated in the event that was held at the Stroudsburg High School. I was fortunate enough to be able to act as a judge during the Mock Trial Invitational and was gratified to see the preparation and enthusiasm of the High School students involved in the program.

On December 1st, your Bar Association hosted its annual holiday party at Skytop. In addition to the fine food, music and fellowship, the Bar Association recognized those members in attendance who have been members of the Association for thirty or more years.

During the holiday season, please participate in the one of the fine efforts of your Bar Association and Bar Foundation. The Association, through its Young Lawyers Division, will be sponsoring the annual blood drive in the memory of Phil Mattes on December 10. Additionally, the Foundation is again sponsoring its warm holidays for children project.

On December 17th, the Bar Association will hold its annual Swearing In Ceremony at the Courthouse followed by an open house at the Bar Center. The holiday open house will offer light refreshments and music. Please make an effort to attend and share in the holiday spirit with your colleagues.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President during 2007. The Monroe County Bar Association has an excellent Executive Committee and it has been a pleasure to serve with them and have the support of our dedicated Bar Association staff throughout the year.

Thomas V. Casale, President



MCBA holds Annual Holiday Gathering at Skytop Lodge

The Monroe County Bar Association held its Annual Holiday Gathering on December 1, 2007, at the Skytop Lodge in Skytop. Over one hundred members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the library. A photographer was present to take photos of members and their guests. Dinner and dancing was held in the Laurel Room.

Thomas Casale, President of the Bar Association conducted a short recognition ceremony in which Alex Bensing of Bensing and Weekes, P.A. was presented with a plaque honoring his firm's one hundred years of service to the Monroe County community.

In addition, the Bar Association is pleased to have honored members in attendance who were in practice for thirty to forty years. Each member was presented with an engraved pen and pencil set.

Members who have been in practice for more than forty years were presented with a commemorative engraved glass bowl. Music during dinner and for dancing was provided by the Charles Cole Trio.



Membership Updates

New Members:

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Be sure to check the members information area of the MCBA website for up to date member contact information. It is updated daily!!

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President-Thomas V. Casale
Vice President-Gerald J. Geiger
Secretary-Alan Price Young
Treasurer-Jennifer H. Sibum
Executive Director-Susan L. Kenny

Lunch & Learn

The following upcoming Lunch and Learn Programs have been scheduled at the Bar Center, 913 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA. A deli style lunch will be served at 11:30am. The program will run from 12:00 Noon to 1:00pm. You must be present the entire hour to receive credit. To register, call the MCBA office. An early bird discount is available to those whose checks is received one week prior to the program.

As of this printing, no Lunch and Learn programs have been scheduled. Please check the MCBA e-letter, the Monroe Legal Reporter and notices sent to members regarding Lunch and Learn Programs which have been scheduled after the publication deadline.

If you are interested in presenting a CLE program or have suggestions on topics which may be of interest to our membership, please do not hesitate to contact the MCBA office.

***A Red Cross Blood Drive
Sponsored by
The Young Lawyers Division
of
The Monroe County Bar Association***

***Please...
Donate the gift of Life***

***Where: First Presbyterian Church
575 Main Street, Stroudsburg***

***When: Monday, December 10, 2007
12:00PM to 6:00PM***

Monroe County Bar Foundation

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The Monroe County Bar Foundation recently made the following donations:

\$4000 to the Valerie M. Hodges Endowment Fund for the Children's Dental Center
 \$500 to the Pullen Free Clinic
 \$1000 to the United Way Teen Works Program
 \$300 to the Warm Holidays for Children Program.

New trustee board members were appointed beginning January 2008

C. Daniel Higgins, Sr.
 William J. Reaser, Jr.
 Thomas V Casale
 Thomas F. Ford
 Jeffrey A. Durney

Alex L. Bensinger, Esq., Diane Dagger, Esq. and Holley Kearns, KNBT will continue to serve on the board.

The MCBA is grateful to the following attorneys who served on the board for the past several years:

Mark S. Love
 Jerry F. Hanna
 Mary Louise Parker
 Rebecca Young

On a personal note..

Congratulations to-

Brandon and Adon Reish on the birth of Baby Girl Mabel Grace, born on November 23,2007 and weighing in at 9lbs, 4 oz..

Congratulations to -

Bob Sheils, III. on his recent marriage.

Brice Paul on his recent marriage.

Tom Casale on his engagement and forthcoming marriage to Michelle.

Upcoming PBI CLE Programs

To register call the Pennsylvania Bar Institute at 800-937-4637

Tuesday, December 11, 2007-

Ohlbaum on Evidence Advocacy: Using the Rules of Evidence to Persuade

5 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
 Registration begins at 8:15 am
 Members \$324/Non members \$344

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Civil Gideon: Developing a Right to Counsel in Civil Matters

0 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
 Registration begins at 11:45 pm
 Members \$39/Non members \$49

Friday, December 14, 2007-Live Satellite

Murray on Contracts: Litigating the Contract Dispute and Drafting Contracts to Avoid

3 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 9:00 am to 1:15 pm
 Registration begins at 8:45 pm
 Members \$214/Non members \$234

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Pitfalls of Family Law-Malpractice and/or Ethical Dilemma?

3 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 Registration begins at 11:45 pm
 Members \$119/Non members \$139

Wednesday, December 19, 2007-Groupcast

Patent Litigation After Ebay

2 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 9:00 am to 12:15 pm
 Registration begins at 8:45 pm
 All registrants \$224.00

Tuesday, February 19, 2008-Groupcast

Representing a Buyer or Seller of Residential Property

3 hours substantive/1 hour ethics
 8:30am to 12:45 pm
 Registration begins at 8:15 am
 All registrants \$204.00

Friday, February 22, 2008-Groupcast

Tales Trials! Tips, Tactics & Practical

5 hours substantive/1 hour ethics (integrated throughout the program)
 8:30am to 4:00 pm
 Registration begins at 8:15 am
 Members \$314/Non members \$334

Thursday, February 28, 2008-Satellite via the internet

Tax Return How to Prepare the PA Inheritance

4 hours substantive/0 hours ethics
 8:30 am to 12:45 pm
 Registration begins at 8:15 am
 All registrants \$179.00

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Tax Consequences in Family Law: Avoiding the Pitfalls

5 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Registration begins at 8:45 am
 Members \$129/Non members \$149

Wednesday, March 12, 2008-Satellite via the internet

21st Annual Civil Litigation Update

5 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Registration begins at 8:15 am
 More information to follow

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Intersection of Divorce and Bankruptcy

2 hours substantive/1 hours ethics
 9:00 pm to 12:30 pm
 Registration begins at 8:45 am
 Members \$119/ Non members \$139

SAVE THESE DATES!

Swearing In Ceremony - December 17, 2007-Courthouse

MCBA Annual Dinner Meeting - January 23, 2008-Mollies

Holiday Open House - December 17, 2007 -Bar Center

Statewide Mock Trial - February (dates to be announced)

MCBA Mock Trial Invitational
November 17, 2007

The MCBA would like to thank the following attorneys and judges who volunteered their time on the Mock Trial Committee, advising students or who acted as judges/scorekeepers during the Mock Trial:

Rebecca Cantor
Tom Casale
Mike Collins
Fred Cutaio
Diane Dagger
Manny DeStefano
Michelle Farley
Tim Fisher II
Dave Gordon
Kevin Hardy
Steve Higgins
Deb Huffman
Jeff Kash
Paul Kramer
Don Leeth
Jason Leon
Mike Mancuso
Judge Jon Mark
Mark Matthews

Francesco Mazzotta
Bob Munley
MDJ Mike Muth
Brett Riegel
Rob Sheils, III
Jen Sibus
Judge Correy Stevens
Christine Tartamella
Mike Ventrella
Todd Weitzmann
Lori Whitfield
Dave Williamson
Dominick Yezzo
Alan Young
Rebecca Young
Judge Art Zulick

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Monroe County Bar Association website.
New look. New layout. Easier Navigation. Online Lawyer Referral. www.monroebar.org**

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