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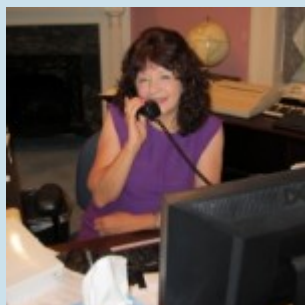
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SAY IT ISN'T SO!

Well the news is now official. Joyce Tambolas is retiring from her position as office manager of the DCBA after 27 years of service at year end.

Joyce has been the backbone of the DCBA for many years and we all know that we will miss her smiling face and ever helpful nature going forward. Joyce has many stories, knows everything there is to know that is DCBA and has made every effort to ensure our DCBA members are well taken care of. As such, her retirement is well-deserved. She assures us that she will not be a stranger and we hope to see her often at events that SHE does not have to organize.

Please help the DCBA staff and the Board of Directors wish Joyce congratulations on this event. More to come on a recognition event that I hope many will be able to attend.

BEST WISHES JOYCE!



WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION D.I.V.A. RECEPTION



The DCBA WIP Committee held its annual DIVA Reception recently at Sturgis Speakeasy and a good time was had by all!

This year's award winner was Karen Balaban. She follows in a great tradition of awardees that include Sandy Ballard, Jessie Smith, and Renee Mattei Myers.

Congratulations Karen!



DANCING WITH THE STARS!



Congratulations to Bill Adler and his partner Gina McDonald for their performance in Dancing with the Stars at the Harrisburg JCC on November 7th. Bill and Gina did an awesome job and were the top fundraisers for the event. If you are interested in perfecting your dancing technique, check in with Bill!



DCBA/WIDENER COMMONWEALTH LAW INCUBATOR UPDATE

I am pleased to say that the Incubator program is running at full strength. Four recent grads are actively participating and seem to have gotten off to a running start.

John Sweet, Josh Harshberger, Jason Carpenter and Sean Cooper are sharing space and we are pleased to have them in the DCBA building. Professor Palmer Lockard of Widener Commonwealth continues to work with the new lawyers and had set up a number of professional development sessions for early 2016. We congratulate them all and look forward to assisting them in charting their new careers.



COURT 230TH ANNIVERSARY LINK

You may now view the Court's 230 Anniversary program online at:

http://www.dauphincounty.org/government/Court-Departments/Documents/230%20Anniversary%20Book_Digital.pdf.

DCBA BLOGS



If you have any interest in posting blogs to our new website, please contact: Liz@dcba-pa.org

PENNSYLVANIA MYSTERY SPECIES GO UNDEFEATED



"Pennsylvania Mystery Species" flag football team, which is comprised of almost all DCBA - YLD, captained by DCBA young lawyer Tad Macfarlan, went undefeated during the 2015 season.

Pictured DCBA Young Lawyers are: (back row) Stephen Matzura, Lauren Perry, Joe Iole, Tad Macfarlan, Tom DeCesar, Anthony Hoover, (front row) Brigid Landy.

DCBA COURT RELATIONS DINNER



NON-DCBA EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016, 8:30AM REGISTRATION, 9:30AM FUN RUN/WALK, 10:00AM 5K RUN/WALK: WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL, PHI ALPHA DELTA PEPPER CHAPTER, Presents The First Annual Speedy Trial 5K. Proceeds benefit MidPenn Legal Services & VITA. Seeking Sponsorships of \$100, \$200, \$300 and \$600. Find all forms located at: <http://www.dcba-pa.org/UserFiles/files/ProBono/phialphadelta.pdf>.

BAR BRIEFS

Daniel J. Bell-Jacobs is now an Associate with Howett, Kissinger & Holst, P.C. (no photo available)



Ashley Murphy is now with The Family Law Practice of Leslie S. Arzt, LLC.



Elizabeth G. Simcox, has been designated of Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Board.



Ed Spreha has relocated his office to Wagner & Spreha, 2401 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.



Richard Wagner has relocated his office to Wagner & Spreha, 2401 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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SEASONS GREETINGS!

**From the Dauphin County Bar Association
Officers, Directors & Staff**



PRO BONO SERVICE HAS ITS OWN REWARDS

by Public Services Intern Tacher Lowery

Pro bono work is undertaken for the public good without any payment or compensation.... Monetary compensation, I should say. Below pro bono attorney **Lori K. Serratelli** of **Serratelli Schiffman** shares her experience providing much-needed legal services to help young refugees find a safe home.



Seeking Safety for Young Refugees, by Lori Serratelli

In January of 2014, a staff attorney with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services) contacted me. HIAS is a non-profit which began assisting the influx of Eastern European Jews fleeing persecution in the late 1800's. Over the years, HIAS expanded to assist a myriad of refugees from many different countries.

Gang violence and terrorism is a fact of daily life in many Central American countries. The refugee crisis there and in Europe is a humanitarian crisis. When I heard Sarah's (not her real name) story of how young teenage girl she escaped Guatemala and crossed the border in hopes of joining an elder sibling who had been living in Harrisburg for many years, I could not say no. HIAS was assisting Sarah with obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status but she now needed a family lawyer to help her adult sister obtain custody of Sarah.

With the help of a volunteer translator (in this case, a colleague, **Shamaine Daniels**, Esquire who is bilingual and an immigration attorney in Harrisburg) I met with Sarah and was able to decipher the atrocious conditions in which she was living, including fear of sexual assault and gang violence. A gang had killed Sarah's father. Her mother had no permanent housing and could not provide her daughter with a safe home.

Through the power of the internet, I was able to send Sarah's mother a petition, translated into Spanish, along with a consent to allow the adult sister to obtain primary physical and sole legal custody of her minor sibling. It took some time to accomplish all this and eventually the Petition was filed and the Custody Order was signed. I was also able to obtain a waiver of the mandatory Seminar in custody matters since there is currently no Spanish version of the seminar offered.

Over the last twelve months, I handled two other cases with similar, heart-breaking fact patterns. While the work is difficult due to language barriers, and communicating with and serving parents in South America, I have been able to find translators who will volunteer their services to help me communicate with my client and to translate all the documents in the case. I have been able to resolve all three cases without hearings since the parents back home in South America were willing to consent to save their children from the continued danger of their birth homes.

HIAS has also done everything possible to assist me. HIAS won SIJ refugee status for the first two cases I handled, and the third case involving a young teenage boy is now pending. It has been so rewarding to see siblings reunited into a safe community where they are working hard to integrate in school and to learn a new language.

A few months ago, I reached out to Sandy Ballard and to the Family Law section of DCBA to ask my colleagues to consider helping with these cases as they arise. I am glad to help navigate any volunteer attorney through the process.

Protecting the vulnerable often has no monetary value, but as I am sure Ms. Serratelli will agree, the humanitarian benefit will swell any heart to overflowing and leave the recipient much to share. And there is no dollar amount to match it.

If you might be interested in taking a similar pro bono custody case to assist a young refugee (with Lori's generous offer of assistance), please contact Sandy Ballard (sandy@dcbpa.org or 232-7536 ext. 7) or: Elizabeth Yaeger, Staff Attorney; HIAS Pennsylvania, 2100 Arch Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 832-0910 (direct) or Email at eyaeger@hiaspa.org, <http://hiaspa.org/contact#sthash.cVUsptTZ.dpuf>.

EXPUNGEMENT ELIGIBILITY INTAKE CLINIC REPORT

We are delighted to share Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity's report on our October Expungement Clinic (for the full report please click here: <http://www.dcba-pa.org/UserFiles/files/ProBono/Dauphin%20County%20Bar%20Association%20Pro%20Bono%20exp%20clinic%2010%2010%2015%20report.pdf>). Thank you to all the pro bono attorneys, paralegals and laws students who made our first clinic such an overwhelming success! If you might be able to help pro bono clients with the expungement process please contact Sandy Ballard (sandy@dcba-pa.org or 232-7536 ext. 7)

On October 10, 2015 the Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, "PLSE," in partnership with the People's Paper Co-Op, "PPC," facilitated an expungement eligibility clinic with the Dauphin County Bar Association, "DCBA," and the Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network. The expungement eligibility clinic was held with space generously donated by CareerLink located at 100 North Cameron Street in Harrisburg, Pa.

The purpose of the expungement eligibility clinic was to enable the Dauphin County Bar Association to increase their pro bono opportunities and resources for its members by performing community outreach to engage impacted people. Additionally, the clinic created an opportunity for the Dauphin County community to receive invaluable advice, service, and aid regarding criminal record expungement while getting to know members of DCBA.

One hundred people pre-registered with an additional one hundred and fifty people requesting services. Due to the overwhelming amount of need for service, PLSE provided an additional educational presentation on the creation, dissemination, and destruction of criminal records pursuant to the Criminal History Record Information Act at Bethesda Mission. At CareerLink, PLSE trained volunteers from the DCBA, Penn State Law School, and other interested attorneys on the creation, dissemination, and destruction of criminal records, how to read a court summary, how to perform empowered intakes, and on the requirements of the Criminal History Record Information Act for potential employers.

The expungement eligibility intake clinic began with an educational presentation on the Criminal History Record Information Act with an emphasis on the use of criminal history by employers and eligibility for expungement. Following the brief presentation, volunteers conducted one-on-one interviews with potential clients. Intakes were processed on a first-come-first-serve basis. The average intake lasts about fifteen minutes, and included completing an electronic intake form, searching the ADPC website for criminal history, and explaining to participants which charges are eligible for expungement. Following the interview, participants were encouraged to join PPC to shred a copy of their court summary to create new paper and answer a writing prompt "Without a criminal record I am..."

On October 10, 2015, eighty-six intake interviews were performed. After the intake, PLSE obtained court summaries for all individuals interviewed and is willing to provide assistance on the client acceptance process with DCBA. The next step is for the DCBA to assign clients to volunteer attorneys to begin the expungement process.

If you might be interested in helping pro bono clients with the expungement process, please contact Sandy Ballard (sandy@dcba-pa.org or 232-7536 ext. 7)

PRO BONO RECOGNITION

The following participants provided pro bono service during the month of NOVEMBER by accepting new clients, making a financial contribution to MidPenn Legal Services, participating in one of our pro bono programs, or conducting one of our family law clinics:

Attorneys

Neil Bakshi
Debra Denison Cantor
John F. Goryl
Thomas D. Gould
Joshua S. Harshberger
Lisa Mary-Frances Hopkins
Stephen R. Krone
Richard C. Lengler
Ann V. Levin
Kathy W. Morrison
Stephanie Erin Murphy

Heather L. Paterno
Linda J. Randby
D. Troy Sellars
Mark T. Silliker
Lauren Starlings

Paralegals

Tarcher Lowery
Alana Humphrey
Rose Merrick
Melissa Miller
Amanda Soule

PRO BONO PERFORMANCE

In 2015, our Pro Bono Program has:
Assisted 409 clients (based on new cases)
Donated 1,293 hours of legal services
Valued at \$187,470
Conducted 22 Pro Se Clinics

Additionally, our Lawyer Referral Program has fielded 969 calls and referred 920 clients, including 49 clients who qualified for Modest Means Panel. Thanks to all those who helped maintain this tradition of community service.

DECEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 4:00pm Memorial Service https://www.dcba-pa.org/pdfs/event-120215memorial.pdf	3	4 9:00am-5:00pm 6 Hour Compliance Session - Crowne Plaza Hotel https://www.dcba-pa.org/register/?eventno=445	5 New York City Trip BUS IS FULL
6 Hanukkah begins at Sundown 	7	8 Lunch & Learn 11:30am Lunch 12 Noon program “Year End Tax Planning” https://www.dcba-pa.org/register/?eventno=446	9 9:00am Custody Clinic	10	11	12
13	14	15 12noon DCBA Small & Solo Lunch Seminar	16 9:00am Custody Clinic 12:00pm Family Law Subcommittee Meeting	17 4:30pm Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 Young Lawyers Holiday Party See flyer page 11	18 2:00pm Bar Foundation Meeting	19
20	21 Winter Begins 	22	23	24 Christmas Eve DCBA Closed 	25 Christmas DCBA Closed 	26 Kwanzaa Begins 
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve 		

JANUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6 5:30pm - 7:30pm Young Lawyer's Annual meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12 Lunch & Learn 11:30am Lunch 12 Noon program "This Is Not Your Parents' Di- vorce: How The Use Of Collaborative Law And Mediation Can Help Restructure Your Family " https://www.dcba- pa.org/register/? eventno=449	13	14	15	16
17	18 DCBA Closed Martin Luther King Day 	19	20 12:00pm Family Law Subcommittee Meeting	21 4:30pm Board of Directors Meeting	22	23
24	25	26 Lunch & Learn 11:30am Lunch 12 Noon program To Be Determined	27 5:30pm - DCBA Annual Meeting Hilton Harrisburg https://www.dcba- pa.org/register/? eventno=450	28	29	30
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DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION
&
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION
INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL

HOLIDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

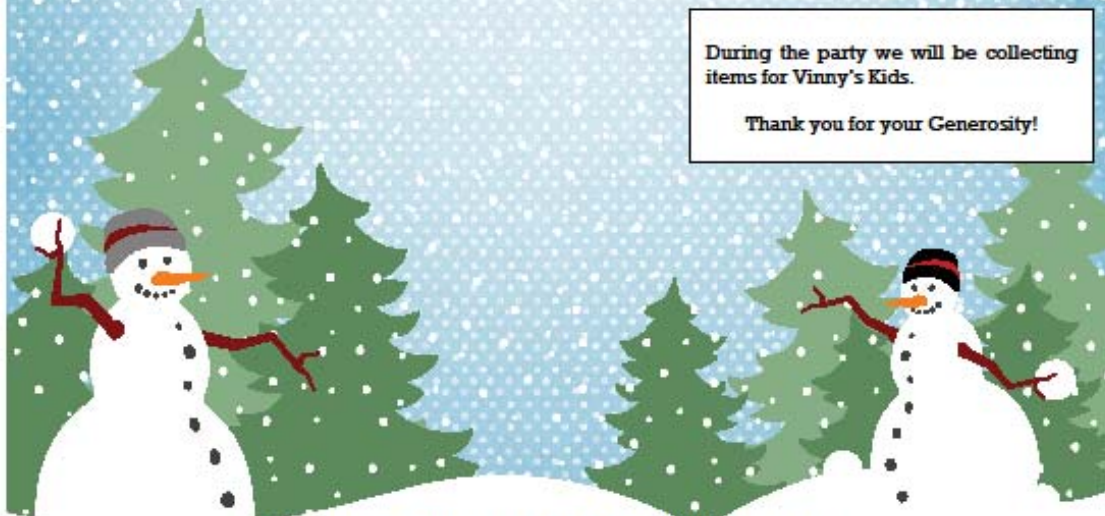
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FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

During the party we will be collecting
items for Vinny's Kids.

Thank you for your Generosity!



Reminder: Parking is available in the PHFA Garage located beside the Bar Association (Enter of River Street) from 5:15 to 11:00 p.m. See reverse side for instructions.

"The purposes of the Dauphin County Bar Association are to advance the science of jurisprudence, to promote the administration of justice, to encourage a thorough legal education, to promote continuing legal education, to uphold the honor and dignity of the Bar, to encourage the fulfillment of the obligations of the profession among its members to the courts and to society, to promote programs to provide effective, affordable legal services to all segments of society, to cultivate cordial intercourse among the members of the Association and to perpetuate the history of the profession and the memory of its members and such kindred purposes as the Association may from time to time determine."

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like an event or member update advertised in our next newsletter, please submit it NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015 to bridgette@dcba-pa.org.

Newsletter set up and designed by Bridgette. Thank you.

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