

Other Happenings



United Way of Pennsylvania

RFP REQUEST: United Way of Pennsylvania is releasing an RFP today for legal counsel for their organization, and their subsidiary organization PA 211. The RFP can be found [here](#), and also available on their [public web site](#). **Responses are due by 4:30 p.m. on March 16, 2020.** Responses should be submitted to krotz@uwp.org. We are seeking proposals which address our potential need for counsel in the following

subject matter areas:

- Nonprofit law and Governance
- Compliance with tax exemption
- Contract review
- Labor and employment law
- Government relations (lobbying)
- Data sharing policies, specifically for PA 211 community resource database information which could be leased to health care intermediaries or other partners
- Public utility law and telecommunications law

We have an ad hoc legal counsel RFP committee which will be reviewing and scoring the proposals, and conducting interviews with top candidates. This will culminate in a recommendation to the UWP Board for approval in June, 2020.

Do you know who the first PBA President was? In the January 20th issues of *PBA Bar News*, page 11 there is an article about the first PBA president - John W. Simonton, president judge of Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas. This is part of the 125th anniversary series. Please find the article [here](#).

Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence: The 2020 edition of the *Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence - 'the Judges' Book'* has been released. The new edition has been revised to focus on current legal issues with an entirely new section on electronic communication as evidence, including social media, emails, text messages and instant messages. You may order the book at JudgeBernstein.org.

Volunteers needed to serve as pretend clients for intake simulation: The Pennsylvania Bar Association's Solo and Small Firm Section is again collaborating with the Widener Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg to present a Spring 2020 course on solo and small firm practice. One of the sessions is on interviewing clients for the intake process. We are looking for people (paralegals and lawyers) to serve as potential clients.

The interviews will take place on 3/30 and 4/6 from 4-6 PM at Widener Commonwealth. Approximately 25 people are needed each night. It will be fun for the participants and extremely helpful to the students. To register - please contact: Sara A. Austin, Austin Law Firm LLC, 226 E. Market St., York, PA 17403, 717.846.2246 phone, saustin@austinlawllc.com



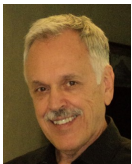
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 5:30pm & Tuesday, April 14, 2020 @ 5:30pm: The Bosler Memorial Library, is holding two Westlaw-focused CLE programs as part of its Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning. Both of these one-hour

programs will be presented at Bosler by a Thomson Reuters representative, and both are **free of charge**. The first course, [Introduction to Research on Westlaw](#), will be held on Tuesday, **February 18, at 5:30 p.m.** This course will cover research fundamentals on Westlaw. Completion of the course will earn one substantive CLE credit. The second course, [Legal Ethics--Model Rule 1.1: Attorney Competence](#), will be held on **Tuesday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.** This course will address an attorney's obligation to keep abreast of changes in technology and will also provide a brief tour of Westlaw Edge, recent Westlaw updates, Practical Law, Drafting Assistant, and some Westlaw resources. Completion of the course will earn one ethics CLE credit. To register for one or both classes (registration is required), attorneys are asked to call Bosler's Information Services Department at (717) 243-4642, ext. 2237. The Westlaw representative will take care of the paperwork needed to ensure that CLE credit is received.

Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 8:30am - 1:00pm: 13th Annual Dean's Diversity Forum: ["Celebrating the Centennial of Harlem Renaissance: Law, Lawyers, and the Pursuit of Excellence,"](#) Widener University Commonwealth Law School. 4 CLE credits. Speakers to include: Kenneth W. Mack; Attorney Deryck Henry, Hon. Nathaniel Nichols and historian Randall Westwood. More information can be found [here](#). Questions can be directed to CLEcwlaw@widener.edu. Registration: <http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/diversityforum>.



March 27-28, 2020: 2020 Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition: On behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2020 Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition weekend. The competition will take place in Harrisburg on **March 27-28**. Now celebrating its 37th year, the Statewide Mock Trial Competition continues to thrive. What began with a few schools in the Philadelphia area has bloomed into a flourishing program involving over 300 teams and 3,000 high school students from across the Commonwealth. Students competing in the program work together, embracing the teamwork ideal, and prepare and try a legal case in court. Meanwhile, they hone their public speaking skills and learn valuable lessons about our legal system from the many volunteer lawyers participating in the competition. The State Competition in Harrisburg will see the top 14 teams from around the state competing for the championship. This year's State Champion earns the honor of competing in the national mock trial tournament in Indiana later this spring. The championship weekend begins with Rounds 1 and 2 on Friday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Round 3 is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. and the Final Round is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. All trials will be held in the Dauphin County Courthouse. To participate in the weekend's event please click [Judging Panel Volunteer Form](#) to submit your response electronically. We appreciate the heavy demands of your challenging schedule, and thank you for considering being a special part of this important law-related program that greatly benefits our Pennsylvania high school students.



Creative Writing Workshop and Critique Group: The DCBA writers workshop meets regularly to support members with a creative writing urge. Have you ever wanted to write a novel, or short story? If you already write fiction and want to improve your skills, or want to begin writing this may be the right place for you. Retired member David Tamanini facilitates the meetings. Reach Dave for time and place of the meetings at david.tamanini@gmail.com.



PART-CASELOAD ADULT CONFLICT COUNSEL: Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas seeks applications for a part-caseload adult conflict counsel. This is an independent contractor position. Counsel is appointed to represent criminal defendants in all stages of the criminal proceedings (preliminary hearing through appeal) in cases where the Public Defender's Office has a conflict. On average, 24-30 cases are assigned each year. Professional Liability Insurance is required. Stipend is \$20,000 a year payable monthly in the amount of \$1666.67 per month. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to htitus@dauphinc.org.

ASSOCIATE: Established Central Pennsylvania Law Firm seeks an associate with 1-2 years of Plaintiff's personal injury experience and/or Worker's Compensation experience. The ideal candidate is able to handle a case from its inception, can manage a strong case load and is motivated to bring in their own cases as well. Familiarity with Needles (case management software), a plus. Looking for a change? Our Firm offers a supportive culture, a dedication to excellence, exceptional client services, flexibility and a competitive salary and benefits package. If you enjoy a fast paced environment of teamwork, mutual respect and challenging work, please send a cover letter along with your resume, references and compensation requirement to careers@mwke.com.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: The Berks County Public Defender has an immediate opening for a Full Time Assistant Public Defender. The position requires admittance to the Bar of the Courts of PA. The salary range

is \$53,500 to \$59,500, commensurate with experience, plus benefits. E.O.E.M./M/F/D/V. Send resume & cover letter to Berks County Public Defender, 633 Court Street, 12th Floor Courthouse, Reading PA. 19601 or fax to 610-478-6673.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ATTORNEY: Prominent Insurance Defense Firm is seeking a Workers' Compensation Attorney in Harrisburg. Candidate must have a minimum of 1- 3 years of relevant experience. Candidate must have excellent client relation skills and work independently and take initiative. This position will allow you to work with a broad range of prominent clients and offers a unique opportunity for career advancement. Employer offers a competitive salary and benefit package. Please send your resume and cover letter to: resume@tthlaw.com.