

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.

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

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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.





April 30, 2020, 6 - 10PM: A Story Night: Dauphin County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is hosting "A Story Night"! Please come join us at the Colonial Country Golf and Tennis Club, 4901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg for "A Story Night." Valerie Pritchett, ABC 27 anchor and child advocate will help us honor our first Past President of the Board, Bill Hornung and hometown hero, LeSean McCoy for his work through his Shades of Greatness, Inc.

Foundation helping at risk children.

This fundraiser event is held during Child Abuse Awareness Month so that we can reflect on the impact that child abuse has on the children in our community and recognize the importance of creating better futures for these children.

Did you know that there are on average 400 children in foster care in Dauphin County due to abuse or neglect?

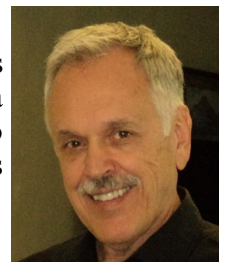
Pennsylvania law allows the court to appoint specially trained volunteers from the local community to work with one child or sibling group, gathering all the information possible about the child's needs and circumstances to report back to the court. The Judge then uses the information provided by the CASA, in addition to information from the caseworkers and guardian ad litem, to make decisions consistent with the best interest of the child. The ultimate goal is to find a permanent "forever" home for the child. Dauphin County CASA is the 20th program to open in Pennsylvania and joins over 1000 such programs across the United States.

We are proud of what we have accomplished in our first year of operation. We have opened our office, hired our Executive Director, Christine Pfau Laney, trained 12 CASAs, who have been assigned several cases that involve 31 children. We are beginning our second pre-service training and will have a new group of volunteers by April to advocate for more children.

The event is chaired by Dr. Susan DiSanto and promises to be an amazing evening of friendship, food and music provided by Soul House. A silent and live auction will be featured. We are so grateful to our Board of Directors and our inaugural class of volunteers who all give of their time to change a child's story from trauma and despair to living in a happy, loving home and moving on to a successful life.

Come be a part of this not-to-be-missed event! For more information on Dauphin County CASA visit our website at www.dauphincountycasa.org

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PART-TIME ATTORNEY: Dauphin County is seeking resumes for a part-time attorney to represent parents in juvenile dependency court matters. This individual represents parents in multiple proceedings including safety plan hearings, shelter hearings, adjudication and disposition hearings, permanency review hearings, early review hearings, termination of parental rights hearings and adoption hearings. The time commitment will vary but will include monthly review hearings for two days out of each month. There are also three months each year that the parent attorney would have to be available for emergency hearings and adjudication hearings. Professional Liability Insurance is required. Please send letters of interest and resumes to President Judge John F. Cherry, 5th Floor, Dauphin County Courthouse, 101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA or email htitus@dauphinc.org.

ASSISTANT CONSUMER ADVOCATE: Are you interested in public interest law? The Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) is a statutory representative of Pennsylvania utility consumers before the PA Public Utility Commission, federal regulatory agencies, and state & federal courts. An Assistant Consumer Advocate can expect to perform a variety of legal work in the utility law sector to protect PA utility consumers. Qualifications include: Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania (or awaiting PA bar results). • Ability to work independently in a fast-paced and challenging legal environment • Possess strong oral and written communication skills. • Career objective or experience in consumer protection, administrative law, or public interest field. How to apply: Please send a (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) transcript, (4) three references, and (5) a writing sample by electronic mail to attorneyposting@paoca.org and by first-class mail to the Office of Consumer Advocate, 555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor, Forum Place, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1932. To see the full job description, please follow this link: <http://www.oca.state.pa.us/>.

ATTORNEY: Seeking a licensed attorney with admission to the Pennsylvania Bar to provide legal representation of Lancaster County in matters involving the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency, providing a full range of legal services relating to the Child Protective Services Law with the opportunity for a substantial amount of time in the courtroom. The ideal candidate is one who wants to make a real difference in the lives of those affected by life-threatening abuse, neglect and exploitation. For a detailed description and application, refer to <http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/>.