



The Gavel



Newsletter of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association

Service Project

Every year the LCPA collects and matches donations to help an indigent local family celebrate the Christmas Holiday. This year the family that Children and Youth assigned the LCPA had tremendous needs. In addition to providing gifts for the family's basic needs (i.e. winter clothing) the LCPA was able to provide some household necessities (i.e. bedding).

The LCPA thanks everyone who donated to this worthy cause. The LCPA is proud of the local attorneys who also have consistently provided financial support for this charitable event.



VOTE



**Annual Meeting – 12/12/12 at 12:00 (Miele & Rymsza)
Lunch will be provided!**

Paralegal Day 2012

In July the LCPA put hosted a Paralegal Day celebration for its members at the Brickyard. Drinks and food was provided for attendees. Also, each member in attendance was permitted to select a great LCPA gift (tote bags, water bottles, shirts and binders were among the gifts distributed).

If you missed this year's Paralegal Day celebration you will want to make sure that you do not miss the fun next year. This is truly a great event! The LCPA encourages all its members to attend this annual social function.





On July 25th Attorney John A. Felix hosted a Lunch and Learn titled, “To Commit or Not Commit? That is the Mental Health Question.” The LCPA has received lots of positive feedback with respect to this well attended event. Attorney Felix has been a hearing officer on the Mental Health Review Board for thirty five years. He spoke about the process for involuntary mental health committals.

Attendees learned about the standards for involuntary commitments, the timeframes that the law requires hearings to be held and the amount of time a person can be ordered to be committed to a mental hospital/ward.

At this lunch and learn attendees also learned about voluntary committals and committals (and other non-committal options) for juveniles.

Attorney Felix was an engaging speaker and the LCPA is grateful for his willingness to host a Lunch and Learn.

On September 5th Attorney Marc S. Drier hosted a Lunch and Learn titled, “Boundaries and Rights of Way.” The event was well attended by local attorneys and paralegals. Topics discussed included adverse possession, consentable boundaries, the “Bundle of Rights” theory, various types of easements, condemnation and potential changes in the law. Attorney Drier is truly an authority on this legal subject.

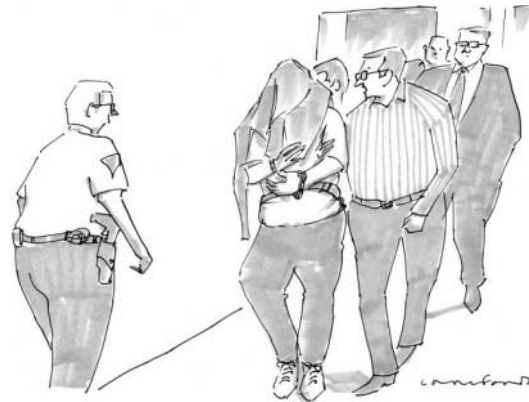
Attorney Drier was a very knowledgeable and approachable host. After discussing the different boundary issues and addressing various legal theories and pending cases before Superior Court, Attorney Drier answered lots of questions from the lawyers and paralegals seeking his advice.

**The LCPA offers two CLE credits to speakers.
If you know of any potential speakers, please contact any board member.**

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Legal Laughs:



"Don't worry about it—when we get to the courtroom, you can borrow my comb."



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LCPA:

**Did Rudolph go to school?
*No. He was Elf-taught!***



Admiring the Christmas trees displayed in his neighbor's windows, a child asks his father, "Daddy, can we have a Hanukkah Tree?"

"What? No, of course not." says his father.

"Why not?" asks the child again.

Bewildered, his father replies, "Because the last time we had dealings with a lighted bush we spent 40 years in the wilderness."