

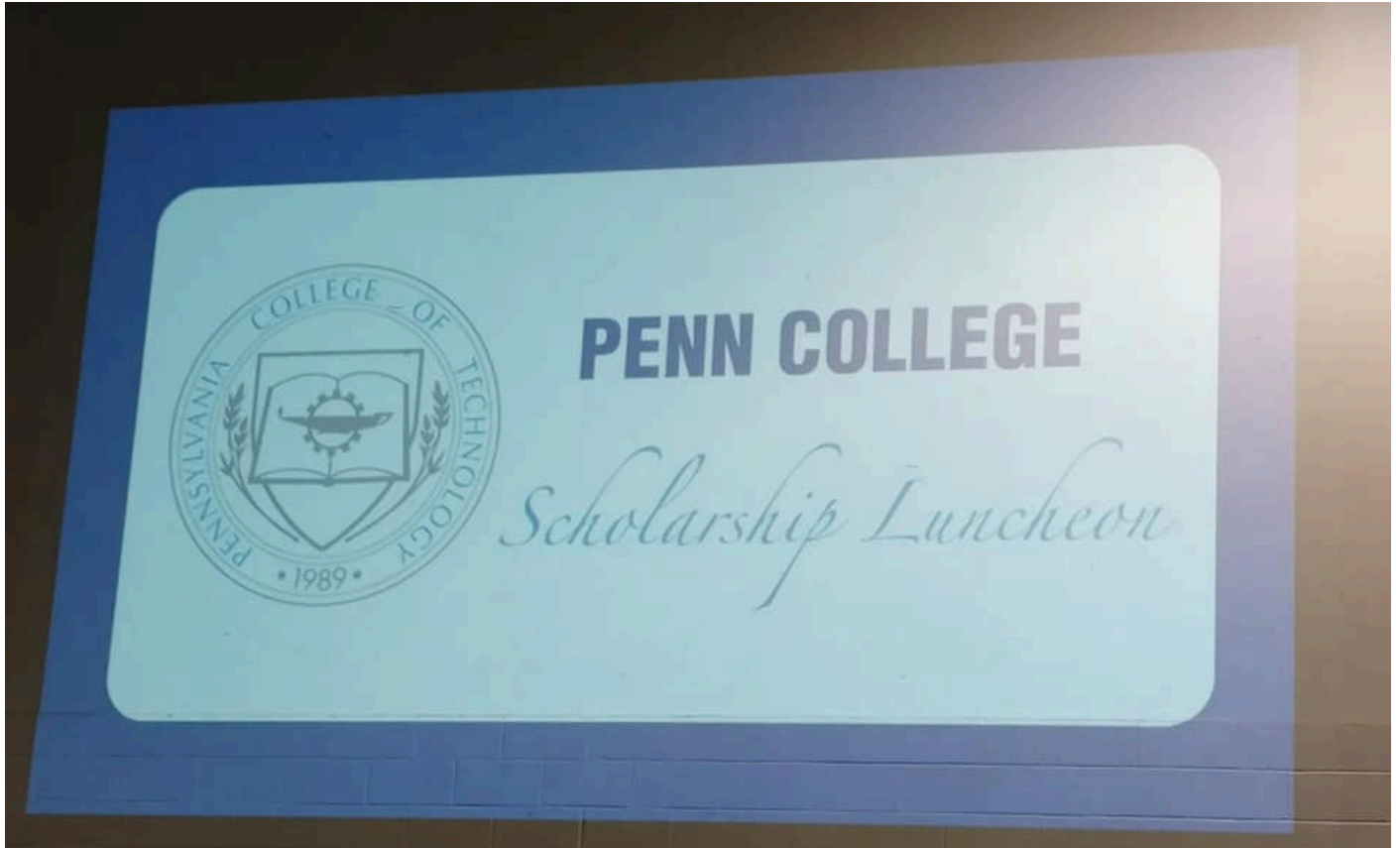
1st Quarter 2018



The Gavel



Newsletter of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association



President, Rebecca Hovenstine, and Secretary, Christine True, had the pleasure of representing the LCPA at the 1st Annual Scholarship Luncheon on March 8th, 2018.



Congratulations to Ashley Neary who was the LCPA's recipient of the Maxine Stiffler Scholarship. Although Ashley was not able to attend, we did sneak in a few pictures with the President of Penn College, Dr. Davie Jane Gilmour.



Essay Contest for Grades K-5

Write an essay, not to exceed 300 words, on the subject:

Identify the three branches of government and explain how each branch of government can influence or limit powers of the other two branches.

Essay Contest for Grades 6-12

Write an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, on the subject:

There are lots of examples of "checks and balances" throughout the history of the United States. Identify an instance where one branch of the United States government exceeded its power and was kept "in check" by another branch. Explain how this "check" has restored the "balance" of power in the United States. Explain how the framework of the constitution works to protect the rights of Americans.

Art Contest (All Grades)

Art projects include posters, dioramas, videos, poems, creative writings, photography, songs etc.

Art submissions should not be any larger than 4 feet by 4 feet. Video or song submissions may not exceed five minutes.

Art Contest Theme: Separation of Power – Framework for Freedom

The following information must be placed on the back of all entries: Student's Name, Grade, Teacher, School and School Telephone Number. All entries are property of the Lycoming Law Association and are subject to public presentation, display and/or viewing. For additional information, please visit the Facebook page for Lycoming County Law Day.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted to the Lycoming Law Association, 25 West Third Street, Suite 803, Williamsport, by March 29, 2018 at 12:00PM. It is preferred that entries be submitted by mail; however, arrangements can be made to personally deliver to the Lycoming Law Association by contacting Michele Frey at 570-323-8287.

Celebration: The winners of the 2018 Law Day Contest will present their essays and art at the Lycoming County Law Day Celebration held on May 4, 2018 at 4:00PM in Courtroom #1.

Lunch & Learn

Sponsored by the Lycoming County Paralegal Association

- HOST:** Michael A. Dinges, Esquire
- TOPIC:** Use of Forensic Evidence in Criminal Cases – Illes Case
- WHEN:** Tuesday, May 15th, 2018; 12 – 1:00PM
(program starts at noon – please be timely)
- WHERE:** 505 Café
505 Washington Blvd, Williamsport, PA
- LUNCH:** Lunch Provided – buffet style: soup, salad and sandwich bar.
- COST:** LCPA Members \$15.00
Non LCPA Members \$35.00
- CLE Credits:** 1 hour substantive
- Contact:** Pam Toseki at 570-322-2113

Please return by 5/11/2018 to: LCPA c/o Pam Toseki, Miele & Rymsza,
125 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Attendee: _____ Attorney ID No. _____

Law Firm: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Amount Included: _____

Please make checks payable to “LCPA”



Per Law360, found at www.law360.com, Y. Peter Kang wrote an article regarding a recent slip and fall dispute. A Pennsylvania appeals court affirmed the dismissal of a slip and fall suit against a real estate developer in connection with sidewalks covered with snow.

The case related to PA's "hills and ridges" doctrine protecting property owners. Per the doctrine, a landowner has no duty to correct or take reasonable measures with regard to storm-created snowy or icy conditions until a reasonable time after the storm has ceased.

For more information, please review the article or find the case at:

David Collins et al. v. Philadelphia Suburban Development Corp. et al., 1484 Pa. Super. Ct (2017)



Wills for Heroes

About fifty people got free estate plans at the Wills for Heroes event on April 7th. Volunteers at the event include lawyers, notaries and witnesses.

In this photo are LCPA members Rebecca Hovenstine, Stephanie Tempesco and Michele Frey who volunteered their services at the event.

Thank you, ladies, for helping our local heroes!





Attention LCPA Members:

NFPA has PACE and PCCE Scholarships available to cover the costs of a review manual, a PEG online review course and the exam fee for either the Paralegal CORE Competency Exam™ (PCCE) or the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam® (PACE).

Must be an NFPA member to apply (all LCPA members have individual memberships with NFPA and are invited to apply for the scholarships).



Jody Lose has been working with Marshall, Parker & Weber since 2000. Jody works mainly from the Williamsport office, but she also travels to the other offices to provide services to their clients. She works with the Attorneys to provide Estate Planning services to their clients. They focus on asset protection and long-term care planning to protect assets from the cost of any long-term care needs. Jody is a current commissioned Notary Public, being first commissioned in 2001.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time outdoors, and when the weather does not cooperate, she works on her many creative indoor projects. Jody also enjoys reading (big Stephen King fan!) and watching movies with family. A native of Harrisland, Avis, she lives in Jersey Shore with her husband, Randy, and their three sons, Kyle, Sean, and Nate.

Jennifer Matthews is an alumna of Pennsylvania College of Technology, graduating in 2014 with her Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies. She returned to PCT to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. She interned at Susquehanna Law Group and is currently employed with Zeigler Law Firm as a Litigation Paralegal.

She has one daughter and a new baby boy. She is engaged to be married on October 27th of this year and has not had much time for hobbies! In her non-existent spare time, she enjoys running, painting, and hiking.

Amanda Houseknecht graduated Cum Laude from Pennsylvania College of Technology Paralegal studies program with a Bachelor of Science. She is currently working full time at Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak under Attorney Julie Steinbacher and Attorney Brittany O. L. Smith doing estate administration paralegal work. She has 18 ½ years of experience in the field and has been with this firm for 2 years. She enjoys working in Estate Administration to be able to help people during difficult times.

She resides in Picture Rocks with her husband and two kids. She has been married 22 years (23 this August) and her kids are 14 and 17. Her hobbies are reading, taking pictures, and putting puzzles together. Her personal quote: "I love what I do and I love my family and while it has been a challenge to balance both, I am very blessed that I have been able to manage it."





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Our sister Paralegal Associations across the region have been busy! Here is a peek into news around the region.

Maryland Association of Paralegals, Inc.

Transitioning to a new software program, Wild Apricot, which will allow them to send out renewal invoices via email and update their website in a more streamlined way.

They had an After Work Event at Mick O'Shea's Irish Pub in Baltimore.

Looking forward to Paralegal Day on Friday, May 18th from 6pm to 9pm at Basignani Winery.

They had a CLE event in November on Mental Health and Wellness and the Legal Profession.

Central Pennsylvania Paralegal Association

They had a January Lunch & Learn on the new notary law.

In March they had a lunch & Learn on Pro Bono Options, Opportunities and Ethics.

They are accepting scholarship applications offering \$750.00 to a student in the Paralegal Program. The scholarship is based on grades, participation in school and the community, an essay and a personal interview with the Bar Liaison Committee.

Chester County Paralegal Association

Held a Pro Bono/Volunteer Opportunity Roundtable with representatives from the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County and Wings for Success who spoke about volunteer opportunities in the community.

They will be participating with the Chester County Bar Foundation Annual Key Gala will be preparing baskets for the raffle/silent auction.

National Capital Area Paralegal Association

Held a CLE titled: An Introduction to eDiscovery and How it has Changed Litigation.

Held a 3 hour CLE titled: Introduction to Cite Checking in which they discussed the Bluebook, citation forms, punctuation and shortened forms of words in citations.

They also had a Winter Membership Social at 14K Restaurant & Lounge with a professional photographer to take free headshots for business cards, websites and other business aids.

South Jersey Paralegal Association

Held their 6th Annual Paralegal Education Symposium.

Fundraiser at Painting with a Twist with raffle prizes and a 50/50. Proceeds go to the Professor Edwin B. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund available to Paralegal students in the amount of \$1,000.00. Applications are being accepted.

Membership Dinner Meeting titled: A paralegal's role in Workers' Compensation Law.

Montgomery County Paralegal Association

Held a February CLE on the newly enacted Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania.

Held a CLE in March titled, Online Reputation Maintenance.

Pittsburgh Paralegal Association

They held a number of CLEs including the following titles:

- What We've Learned About the New Public Access Policy
- Protecting Confidentiality through Cybersecurity: There are Things We Can Do Now
- Immigration

They are also looking forward to their Annual Paralegal Tailgating and Pirate Game in July!



JOB BANK:

LONG-TERM CARE, ESTATE PLANNING AND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION CASE MANAGER

The law firm of Marshall, Parker & Weber is recruiting for a full-time Long-Term Care, Estate Planning and Estate Administration Case Manager in our Williamsport location. Position involves estate planning, Medicaid planning and Estate Administration case management. This individual must possess a passion to work with families and the aging adult population; possess a strong understanding of finances; ability to work independently; exceptional organizational skills; and strong computer knowledge on Word and Excel. The knowledge of Lackner 6 in 1 is a plus but not a requirement. No healthcare benefits are provided with this position. Kindly submit resume and salary requirements by e-mail to: lhillyard@paelderlaw.com.

Full time Litigation Paralegal for Rieders, Travis law firm. Areas of practice - medical malpractice, auto accidents, and personal injury. Any medical background would be advantageous. Benefits include pension, health, disability and life insurance, vacation and sick days. Send resume and cover letter to Kim Paulhamus, Firm Manager - kpaulhamus@riederstravis.com.





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Christine True is the editor of The Gavel.

Any submissions for the next edition may be submitted to Christine at ctrue@mitchellgallagher.com.