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2018 Louis J. Goffman Award

PA Bar Foundation recognizes LASP board member John McKenna for pro bono service

On May 10, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation honored longtime LASP board member John F. McKenna with the Louis J. Goffman Award for pro bono service. The award recognizes Mr. McKenna's individual service to Chester County's most vulnerable and his ability to bring others together to help make a difference in the lives of those who need legal representation.

His dedication to pro bono work began while working as a psychiatric social worker for the

Defender Association of Philadelphia from 1973 -1985. After graduating from law school and moving to Chester County, McKenna became involved in the Chester County Bar Association (CCBA) and joined the board of directors of LASP three years into its existence.

He promoted pro bono volunteerism within the bar on behalf of LASP clients. In 2004, he created the Access to Justice Program. McKenna chairs the CCBA Pro Bono Committee, a post he has held for more than 10 years. Attorney McKenna and his firm MacElree Harvey, Ltd. have sponsored the



John McKenna

Trial Run 5K fundraising event since its inception in 2005, providing financial support, traffic direction and encouragement to the runners! (To register for this year's Trial Run 5K (run/walk), see below. For PBA's announcement of this award, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2LiLksJ>.



LASP President Bill Gallagher (second from left) accepted the Louis J. Goffman Award on behalf of John McKenna at the Pennsylvania Bar Association awards luncheon in Hershey May 10. Also pictured (from left) are Kathleen D. Wilkinson, PA Bar Foundation Zone 1 Director; Jeffrey M. Bower, PA Bar Foundation President; Sharon Lopez, PBA President. Photo courtesy of Pennsylvania Bar Foundation.

PA Supreme Court

New pilot program approved: CLE credit for pro bono work

Recognizing the importance of pro bono service, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has approved the creation of a new continuing legal education (CLE) pilot program with a goal of increasing support for civil



legal aid for low-income Pennsylvanians.

The pilot program will allow licensed Pennsylvania lawyers to earn CLE credit for approved pro bono service in the community through certified legal service providers.

Developed in conjunction with the CLE Board, the three-year pilot program will allow registered Pennsylvania lawyers to receive one CLE credit for every five hours of pro bono legal work

completed. The Court anticipates the program to be available by early 2019. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2lmczoc>.

Montgomery Bar Foundation's 2018 Access to Justice Summit

ACCESS TO JUSTICE Summit Wed., May 30 seeks to foster better client outcomes through improved communication across Montgomery County

The second Access to Justice Summit, sponsored by Montgomery Bar Foundation, aims to improve, facilitate and support justice for all, through improved communication. The summit will take place **Wednesday, May 30**, from **8:30 a.m. to noon** at Montgomery Bar Association, 100 W. Airy St., Norristown.

Montgomery Bar Foundation noted that the collective goal is to better share information and therefore help serve clients. Summit panelists will discuss programs designed to connect county resources, potential sources of funding, and each other. The summit also will address the perspective of a county resident whose experience navigating the system will provide valuable insight for all working to improve access to justice throughout the county. Anticipated attendees include representatives from the Bench, Bar leadership, pro bono attorneys, social service providers, county agencies, the faith community and law enforcement. To register for this free event: <http://bit.ly/AccessToJusticeSummit2018>.

Fraudulent calls may target elderly

Phone scam alert from Pennsylvania Insurance Dept.

The PA Insurance Dept. has become aware of a scam involving fraudsters claiming to work for the PA Insurance Dept. in an attempt to get insurance information (possibly targeting the elderly). Four complaints have been received thus far. Though initiated on the western side of the state (and using a telephone exchange from Central PA), the PA Insurance Dept. anticipates the phone scam is a statewide risk. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/2leb9w0>.

CONSUMER ALERT

"The Insurance Department never makes unsolicited calls to consumers and we do not 'sell' insurance, so I'm extremely concerned that someone is attempting to lure individuals into giving up personal information using our department's name. Individuals should never give out personal or identifying information to anyone who calls them without warning."

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER JESSICA ALTMAN

Highlights from the Counties

Bucks County

Rodlena Sales' outreach in May and June

Rodlena Sales, Managing Attorney of our Bristol office and Bucks County pro bono coordinator, will give a presentation on LASP's services June 22 at Aldi Counseling Services, to the Life Skills Group. On May 16 at the Louis H. Farrell Career and College Day 2018 in Philadelphia, she served on a panel discussing various careers in the legal profession.

Chester County



14th Annual TRIAL RUN 5K (Run / Walk)

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Struble Trail | Downingtown, PA | 8 a.m.

Supports free civil legal aid in Chester County!

Registration is \$10 before June 1 and includes a free t-shirt, and \$15 afterward and on race day. Online registration is at: <https://trialrun5k.itsyourrace.com/register/>. Thanks to MacElree Harvey, event sponsor!

The race is at Struble Trail in Downingtown. The staging area is at the Pennsylvania Avenue park entrance, across from Planet Fitness.

Sponsorship opportunities start at \$100.

For more information, please contact Brian Doyle at 610-436-4510 x211 or bdoyle@lasp.org.

Delaware County



Staff attorney Phillip Rosenthal to present at Delco Foundation's WIC Referral Day

LASP attorney Phillip Rosenthal will present at The Foundation of Delaware County's WIC Referral Day on Friday, June 1. He'll discuss LASP's free civil legal aid services, eligibility, how to make a referral to LASP, and more.

WIC Referral Day is presented by The Foundation for Delaware County to inform its staff about what services are available to its clients.

Montgomery County

Registration is now open! LEGAL AID GOLF CLASSIC



Friday, June 22, 2018
Bluestone Country Club

711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell, PA

7 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Warm-Ups
8 a.m. Shotgun Start

All proceeds from this year's Golf Classic will directly benefit LASP, and a portion or all of your commitment may be tax-deductible. Be sure to bring your staff, clients, friends, family and neighbors as this year's event promises to be nothing short of...a true Classic!

Sponsorships are available, starting at \$250. **Raffle tickets** also are available. For more information: http://bit.ly/LegalAidGolf2018-Sponsorships_Raffle.

Individual players: \$275; **young lawyers:** \$175. To enjoy **breakfast/lunch only:** \$50. Pre-registration is requested: http://bit.ly/LegalAidGolf2018_Golf_Dine.

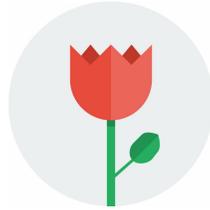
GOLF PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Pre-golf continental breakfast
- Practice time on putting green and driving range
- A great day out on one of the area's premier golf courses
- Refreshments on the course

- Cart rental
- Bountiful buffet luncheon
- Invaluable networking opportunities
- MBA Giveaways and dozens of great prizes for beginners and pros!

Special thanks to Montgomery Bar Association, Montgomery Bar Foundation, and presenting sponsor High Swartz!

To support LASP and access to justice, please make a donation at <http://bit.ly/LegalAidHelps> or click the tulip button below.



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