

CCBL Seeks Nominations for Birdsall, Flaherty and Nurick Awards

The PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) is seeking nominations for the Arthur J. Birdsall, Chief Justice John P. Flaherty and Gilbert Nurick awards. The awards will be presented during the 49th annual meeting of the CCBL, Feb. 26 – 28 in Lancaster.

- **The Arthur J. Birdsall Award** recognizes a bar executive who has been a faithful steward of bar traditions, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association, who has enhanced significantly the stature of his or her bar association, who cooperates with other bar executives and bar leaders to make CCBL the best it can be and who puts him- or herself second to the needs of the bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, a past PBA county bar services director who retired in 2006 after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.
- **The Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award** is presented in recognition of the Chief Justice's efforts to encourage the work of the PBA and the CCBL. The award is given to a qualified PBA member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objectives and purposes of the CCBL and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community.
- **The Gilbert Nurick Award**, which is named for the late Harrisburg lawyer who served as PBA president in 1967, is presented to any member of the PBA whose dedication and service to leadership and promotion of the organized bar and its activities have resulted in the enhancement of leadership for incoming bar association officers. The award is not given solely because the recipient has held and discharged with fidelity a high office or a variety of offices in the association.

A candidate may be nominated for more than one award. Those making nominations are reminded to review the award descriptions carefully to determine whether their candidate(s) meet the criteria. Nominations for the awards are due Jan. 23, 2015.

For more information and for online nomination forms, visit the County Bar Services area of the PBA website at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ccblhome.asp or contact Gabrielle Miller-Wagner at 800-932-0311, Ext. 2240.



Michele Frey

Michele Frey is New Executive Director at Lycoming Law Association

Michele Frey is the new executive director at Lycoming Law Association. Originally from Westchester County, New York, Michele Frey obtained her bachelor's degree from Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. She completed one year of study at Roger Williams University School of Law, where she met her future husband, local attorney Christian Frey. Upon moving to Williamsport in 2004, Frey worked as a paralegal at Lepley, Engelman & Yaw. She served as either an officer or director of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association for ten years, and will now enjoy participating from a non-leadership role. She is active with other community and political organizations and enjoys spending time with her German Shepherd, George.

Frey finds the attorneys in Lycoming County to be a great group of professionals. Getting to know them better has been the most enjoyable aspect of her new job so far.

Photo, left: Zone 8 Presidents' Dinner

Local bar leaders in Zone 8 joined PBA President Frank O'Connor at a Presidents' Dinner at Defibaugh's Table at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort on Oct. 6, 2014. Pictured left to right: Bill Higgins, PBA zone 8 governor; Stanley Kerlin, Fulton County Bar Association President; Brandi Hershey, Bedford County Bar Association President; Mark Persun, Somerset County Bar Association President; Frank O'Connor, PBA President; Trent Hargrove, PBA Diversity Officer; Fran O'Rourke, PBA Deputy Executive Director; Mary Lou Maierhofer, Blair County Bar Association President-elect; Bob Cagna, USI Affinity.

