



PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION

Young Lawyers Division February 27, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Alisha Lubin, Colleen Hayes, Erin McKenna, Katelyn Hufe, Caitlin Cherkin, Stephanie Steckclair, Andre Webb, Lindsay Schoonmaker, Turner Falk, Ian Landman, David Magagna, Vince Barbera, Matt Olesh, Michaela Tassinari, Ben Fuller, Ernie Holtzheimer. **By Phone:** Tom Syzmanski, Dana Gittleman, Hillary Ladov.

I. Chair Announcements

- A. **Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts:** Maida Milone spoke about the organization's goals, namely: merit selection for judges and ensuring that people have the tools and confidence necessary to navigate the legal system. Contact Maida or Matt if you'd like to get involved in community education programming.
- B. **Approval of January Minutes:** Approved.
- C. **#Takeactionphilly/Board of Governors update:** Great turnout at the first Take Action Philly event this past Friday. At the Board of Governors meeting, a family law parent coordination resolution was discussed, as was the ABA's proposal of law school accreditation being linked to Bar passage rates.
- D. **Chancellor's Forums:**
 - 1. April 4: DA Candidates
 - 2. April 18: Candidates for appellate court vacancies
 - 3. April 25: Panel with area law school deans (moderated by Matt Olesh)

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Expect a detailed report once per quarter.

III. Community Outreach (Vince/Sarah)

- A. **Law Week**
 - 1. May 1-2: Lawyer in the Classroom – held at various schools throughout the area, some of which may be introduced to Youth Courts programming.
 - 2. May 3: Legal Advice Live – held at Philadelphia library branches (Central, Rodriguez, Haverford, and Donatucci). Let Vince or Sarah know if your firm would like to sponsor a branch, which includes staffing that location during lunch.
 - 3. May 4: Lawyer for a Day – Students come to courts/ Bar Association
 - 4. May 5: Goldilocks Trial – mock trial with students as jury
 - 5. Poster/ Essay Contest – judges needed

- B. **Expungement Clinic:** Hearings for contested petitions from October's clinic will be held 3/20, 3/22, 3/23. A CLE will be given in the week beforehand to train for the hearings.
 - C. **Youth Courts:** Please sign up to help on the Google doc.
 - D. **Mock Trial:** Thank you to everyone that volunteered!
- IV. Professional Outreach (Dana/Michaella)**
- A. **Fundraiser – Sponsorships needed:** Please reach out to your firms/ contacts to request sponsorships.
 - B. **February/ March happy hours:** February happy hour was a great success. Look for an email on the upcoming March happy hour.
 - C. **Running club:** First run is 3/21 at 6:30pm. All are welcome!
- V. Legal Education (Anna/Matt)**
- A. **Law School Outreach:** 4 happy hours are being planned throughout the year. First happy hour is 3/22, 6:00pm-8:00pm at Tir Na Nog. EC attendance is critical to success.
 - B. **Immigration CLEs/trainings:** First CLE held 2/11 was very well attended. Stay tuned for more offerings.
 - C. **Other upcoming programming**
 - 1. **Fair Districts PA:** Planning a program on the history of districting.
 - 2. **Gadi Ezra:** YLD and International Law Comm. co-hosting 3/28 program.
 - 3. **EisnerAmper:** Wants to give us a free CLE and networking reception.
- VI. Other Business**
- A. **E-zine/YLDetails committee:** Tom is working to get new logo and re-formatting done in-house by Wes. Contact him with ideas or to help with the project.
 - B. **Pro Bono Task Force:** Email Michaella to let her know your barriers to doing pro bono work.
- VII. Liaison Announcements**
- A. **Women in the Profession Committee:** "Have We Been Looking at Attorney Attrition All Wrong?" - 2/28/17 @ 12:00pm @ Bar Association.
 - B. **National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division, Philadelphia Chapter:** "Sisters in Success: Alternative Career Paths with a Law Degree" – 3/16 @ 5:30pm @ AIG
 - C. **Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel (PADC):** Young lawyers program on 3/27 – ends before fundraiser.
 - D. **Big Bar:** Quarterly Meeting 3/29 @ Loew's Hotel @ 5:30pm
 - E. **Brehons:** 3/9 St. Patrick's Day Party @ O'Shea's. 3/11 Leprechaun Walk/Run benefitting the Special Olympics (\$25).
- VIII. Good and Welfare**
- IX. Adjournment**