



The Gavel



Newsletter of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association

Annual President's Report

A few things have happened in our 2012 year. First, the Keystone Alliance withdrew our membership in their association. Their reasoning is that we did not attend meetings and we missed two consecutive meetings. This is true. We had no one available and/or no one willing to attend meetings. We do not think Keystone Alliance followed their by-laws in "kicking us out"; however, it happened. We attempted to get reconsideration but we were given none. According to Keystone we must stay out of the association for one year and then we can reapply. We need to hear from our membership whether or not to reapply after the year is up. Keep in mind that if we do reapply we must have someone willing to be the representative and to attend meetings. There can be more than one person and those individuals can decide who will attend which meetings. This must be a membership decision. The board will do whatever the membership decides.

According to the Keystone Alliance, you may become a Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal without belonging to their association. However, the cost to become certified will be more if you are not associated with the Keystone Alliance. The Lycoming County Paralegal Association will take this into consideration when establishing our membership fees.

We have been discussing whether or not to belong to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. Some members want to be affiliated with that association and others do not. In order to keep everyone happy we will have two membership options available. One option is you can belong to the NFPA and your membership dues in the Lycoming County Paralegal Association will cost more than those who do not want to belong. This way we are only paying dues for the members who want to belong.

In 2012 we applied to offer CLE's from our own association. I am happy to report that we have met the requirements and now can offer CLE's at our lunch and learns at a cost which is much less than what we have paid in the past.

All things considered we have had a good year. As always I would like to see more participation from our members in special things we do, such as lunch and learns, Paralegal Day celebrations, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Toseki, President
Lycoming County Paralegal Association

LCPA Membership Applications are due!

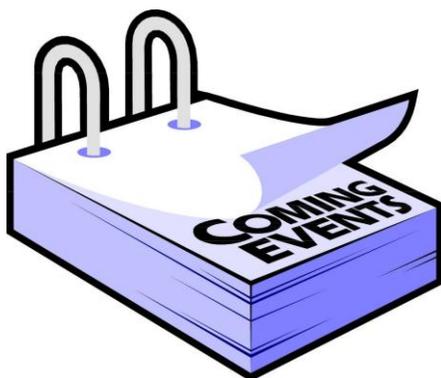
LCPA members strive to promote the paralegal profession and bolster relations with the local attorneys.

The LCPA 2013 directory of members will include information about each member's areas of practice to facilitate networking.

The LCPA encourages its members to communicate with each other.



If you did not get an application for membership, please email Cathy Drawbaugh Redden at catherine.redden@gmail.com



The LCPA is looking forward to having the following speakers host Lunch and Learn events in 2013:

Attorney Aaron Biichle – February 26th
Topic: Taking Cases to Trial (Start to Finish)

Attorney Ron Travis – March

Also, Attorney Jeff Dohrmann, Attorney Cliff Rieders, Attorney Jeffrey Yates, Attorney Don Martino and Judge Gray have all indicated their willingness to host!



Debt Collection – Show Me The Money!

As paralegals, we understand that obtaining a judgment is one thing, collecting on it is another. One method of debt collection is judgment execution by Sheriff Sale.

Execution of District Magistrate Judgment – Actual personal property can be sold. The party who has been awarded a judgment may seek a sale after thirty days after the date of the judgment (if no appeal is filed). The judgment holder must request an Order of Execution from the District Magistrate and pay the necessary filing fees, which will be added on to the amount of the judgment. After the Order of Execution is obtained, the sheriff (or a constable) will go to the debtor's home and list the items of personal property that will be sold. A dollar value will be assigned to each item listed. The debtor is prohibited from selling (or otherwise disposing of) the items listed. The sale, or levy, will be held within six months. Additional sales can be held if the first sale does not produce enough money to satisfy the judgment. However, it is important to remember that the debtor may claim a three hundred dollar exemption, i.e. property worth three hundred dollars can be set aside and not sold. The exemption must be established before the sale and the sheriff will decide the value of the property and if it is within the exemption level. Sometimes the sheriff will allow a debtor to claim cash from the proceeds of the sale as an exemption. Additionally, a judgment holder must keep in mind that if levied property is owned by a third party a claim can be filed and the sale will be stopped. A hearing on the claim must be held in the Court of Common Pleas within five days.

Execution of a Court of Common Pleas Judgment – Both personal and real property can be sold. Also, property held by a third party, such as a checking account, may be frozen and taken to satisfy the judgment. The judgment holder may seek to collect a judgment any time after thirty days (provided no appeal has been filed) and may execute on a judgment up to twenty years after it is entered (if the judgment is revived every five years). In order to execute on a Common Pleas Judgment the judgment holder must file a Writ of Execution and pay the filing and sheriff fees, which will be added to the amount of the judgment. The sheriff will go to the debtor's home and levy on real or personal property. In some cases, wages garnishment can be sought (for example, child support and some debts to landlords).



The LCPA thanks all its members who contributed to making the holiday project a success. The LCPA was acknowledged in the Sun Gazette and below is a copy of the thank you that we received:



**LYCOMING-CLINTON JOINDER
LYCOMING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES
LYCOMING-CLINTON MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY PROGRAM**

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Williamsport, PA 17701
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January 2, 2013

Ms. Rachael Lepley Joy
Lycoming County Paralegal Association
c/o Lepley, Engleman & Yaw
1401 East Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Dear Rachael:

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association who participated in "adopting" a family for the 2012 Christmas Gift Project. We also appreciate your efforts in coordinating this endeavor on our behalf. We understand from the Caseworker that the family was overwhelmed by your generosity.

In addition to the family that you sponsored, through the efforts of many individuals, businesses, and organizations, the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder was able to provide Christmas gifts to 320 children involved in services with Lycoming Children and Youth Services and/or the Lycoming-Clinton MH/ID Program. We're sure there were many happy faces on Christmas morning!

Thank you again for your participation in the Christmas Gift Project. The generosity within our community was incredible!

Best wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Mark Egly
C&Y Administrator

Deborah Duffy
MH/ID Administrator

The LCPA provided the following gifts to the local needy family:

5 year old male

Remote control car
Nerf football
Match box cars
Pillow
Allergy cover for pillow
Winter coat
Hat/gloves
Backpack
Sweat shirt
Sweat pants

7 year old male

Trouble game
Remote control car
Match box toy
Pillow
Allergy cover for pillow
Winter coat
Hat/gloves
Backpack
Sweat shirt
Sweat pants

11 year old male

Remote control car
Electronic Battleship
Pillow
Allergy cover for pillow
Winter coat
Sweat shirt
Sweat pants
Backpack
Wooden art kit

Mother

Slow cooker
Vicks vaporizer with pads
2 DVD players
4 bath towels
4 wash cloths
Kitchen dish towels
Kitchen dish cloths
Oven mitts

Total spent	\$683.10
K-Mart gift card	\$120.00
Red kettle	<u>\$ 1.90</u>
Total	\$805.00



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**The LCPA has a facebook page!
Please "like us" on Facebook and
you will receive updates on the
LCPA lunch and learn schedule as
well as membership news and
happenings.**



Legal Laughs

The secretary, a paralegal and a law partner from the same firm are walking through a park on their way to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out in a puff of smoke.

The Genie says, "I usually only grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you just one."

"Me first! Me first!" says the secretary. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world."

Poof! She's gone.

"Me next! Me next!" says the paralegal. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with a personal masseuse, an endless supply of pina colodas and the love of my life."

Poof! He's gone.

"You're next," the Genie says to the law partner.

The partner says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

