

To the Honorable Judges and Members of the Lycoming Law Association:

I believe that it is appropriate I submit to you a report of the Foundation's activities for the previous year.

In my opinion lawyers stand second to none to all of the professional organizations in Lycoming County concerning the amount of money granted to support worthwhile programs in the County. As some background the Foundation began with a small bank account at the former Williamsport National Bank. In time we moved our funds to Woodlands Bank Trust Department and the Trust Department handles all of our finances including investments and check writing. It has been very generous in the fees we have been charged over the years for this important and professional service. We do receive Quarterly Financial Reports and we are certainly thankful to them for this valuable service.

Over the years we've been able to grant funds in the amount of \$164,689.00 allocated to free legal services to the residents of Lycoming County, preserve and provide access to legal materials for the public, train attorneys and other service providers in different areas of the law and fund legal education including the mock trial team for high school students at Montoursville, Pa. A few years ago through the efforts of retired Judge Thomas Raup a fund raising program occurred which gave the Foundation a good shot in the arm.

This year grants were made to underwrite the Superior Court appearance (\$4,810), Jersey Shore High School Education Committee allowing a few students to attend a local trial and allow the students to ask questions of the attorneys participating in that trial (\$1,600), Montoursville Mock Trial allowing members to attend Harvard in furtherance of their program (\$2,000) and Lycoming County to provide valuable information to prospective Jurors via Jury videos (\$1,500) and Wills for Heroes (\$650). We set aside \$12,970 partly from all of our income and to some extent from our principal. In addition we gave \$7,630 to North Penn Legal Service representing 80% of arbitration fees we received from attorneys. You may recall that we did a "Big Check" presentation, a photo of which was published in the Sun-Gazette concerning these grants.

I especially thank Jen Heverly for the tremendous amount of work she expended on a terrific brochure which she prepared along with help provided by the members of the Foundation. She also developed a new logo for the Foundation. The Board Members consisting of Jen, Judge William Arbuckle, Fred Holland, Christian Frey, Angela Lovecchio (incoming LLA President- non-voting) brought forth several good ideas and we met ten times this past year supporting quality programs.

The Foundation is supported totally by attorneys which includes memorial gifts made upon the passing of a member. I have been a member since the beginning of the Foundation and it has been my goal to enhance the funding so eventually our income would support our grants thereby relieving members financially. We are not quite there since we do have to tap some of the principal funds for grants. In an effort to increase principal, all of the attorneys and judges of Lycoming County and surrounding Counties have been asked to contribute at least \$30.00 to the Lycoming Law Association Foundation. Your \$30.00 gift would go a long way in achieving this sorely needed goal. Please remember that any publicity we receive enhances the reputation of each and every one of the Association Members. Basically the Foundation is working for you. If you have not forwarded your \$30.00, please do so because your support not only will be greatly appreciated but will help us to meet our responsibilities.

Last, but certainly not least, I thank Michele Frey, Executive Director, for her thoughts, ideas, and work she has performed in so many ways helping support the Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Rider, President