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Michele Frey, Executive Director  
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Re: Report of Bench/Bar Committee of  
Lycoming Law Association -- 2024

Dear Michele:

The Bench/Bar Committee was reorganized by LLA President, Joy McCoy. Members were appointed based upon their areas of practice and their interest in participating in the committee. Each member was assigned a given area of practice with the expectation that he/she would bring to the meetings any topics of interest pertaining to his/her designated area.

The members and their designated areas were as follows:

President Judge Butts; Judge Linhardt; Judge Tira; Judge Carlucci; Judge Gardner; Ed Mitchell (Chair); Joy Reynolds McCoy (LLA President); Tom Marino (DA); Nicole Spring (PD); Kyle Rule (Private Criminal Defense); David Wilk (Plaintiff Law); Tom Waffenschmidt (Plaintiff Med Mal); Brian Bluth (Defendant Law/Med Mal); Cliff Riders (Federal Practice); Bradley Hilman (Family Law); Melody Protasio (Adoptions); Matthew Diemer (PFA); Elizabeth White (Orphans Court); Marc Drier (Real Estate); Marc Lovecchio (General Practice); Tom Marshall (Business & Commercial); Jeff Yates (Dependency); Mike Dinges (Delinquency); J. Michael Wiley (Municipal); Robert Cronin (Environmental); Jennifer Heverly (Pro Bono Coordinator); Tom Heap (Prothonotary); Dave Huffman (Register & Recorder); Stephanie Tribble (DRO Administrator); Adrienne Stahl (Court Administrator); Michele Frey (LLA Executive Director)

Prior to each meeting, the Chairman contacted each LLA Committee Chair with the request that they add to the agenda any items of interest which they felt needed to be reported and/or discussed.

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The Committee met: February 5, 2024, May 6, 2024, August 5, 2024 (no meeting held), and November 4, 2024. The meetings in February, May and November were held in person at the LLA office. The meeting scheduled for August 5, 2024 was canceled.

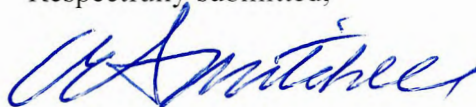
Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Lycoming Law Association website. Topics discussed included:

New criminal sentencing guidelines and Children & Youth dependency training programs, statutory changes pertaining to guardianship, backlog of criminal cases, increase in business and commercial litigation, open position at DEP office, more efficient Orphans Court filings, need for conflict counsel at Children & Youth hearings, changes to rules pertaining to bail procedures, restrictions on use of computers by attorneys in the courtroom, court days lost as a result of continuances to discuss settlement, development in areas of business and commercial litigation, procedure being adopted by DA's office to refuse to engage in plea offers, new guardianship rules, LLA picnic, conflicts in representation of juveniles, concern for last minute pleas in criminal cases, DA and Public Defender's office understaffed, new Federal Court judges, motions to compel discovery requests, standard suggested jury instructions for both civil and criminal cases, Bar History Committee, Court Calendar for 2025, handling of criminal cases and dispute between Register and Recorder and County Commissioners.

Attendance and participation by Judges and lawyers was satisfactory.

Meetings for 2025 will be as follows: February 3, 2025, May 5, 2025, August 4, 2025 and November 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Edward S. Mitchell".

C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman