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Defending the Public: How the first female team of Chief and Chief Assistant Public Defenders are challenging the status quo, Part 1

The Office of the Ohio Public Defender was created in 1976 with Chapter 120 of the Ohio Revised Code. It was not until 2018, however, that a female filled the role of Lake County Public Defender in Lake County.

Vanessa Clapp was appointed by the Lake County Public Defender Commission and took over as Public Defender in October of 2018, who then recommended her Chief Assistant, Melissa Blake.

The Commission is appointed by the Lake County Commissioners, as well as the Presiding Common Pleas Judge. Father Steve Vellenga, from the St. Mary’s Church in Painesville, retired schoolteacher Maggie Barth, and three attorneys, Sandra Dray, Matthew Bangarter and Mark Gardner make up the Public Defender Commission.

Clapp’s appointment, and Blake’s subsequent recommendation and appointment, mark the first time since the inception of the office that both positions have been held by women.

The road to the top has been long, and it definitely has not been easy. One challenge often faced by attorneys in general, but lady lawyers in particular is the matter of identity.

“I think less-experienced female attorneys are particularly aware of this hurdle,” said Blake. “When I started my career at the Public Defender’s Office, I was fortunate to have really strong leaders to look up to in the office. Many of those mentors were smart, assertive, female attorneys, including our current Director, Vanessa Clapp. I am thankful I had the opportunity to learn from those professionals.”

Clapp, who was named as the replacement for previous Public Defender Chuck Grieshammer, said, “I think it is important that Melissa and I have both worked in every

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House Bill 7

Probate Omnibus & Private Judging Reform

Effective August 17, 2021

By Judge Mark J. Bartolotta

WHAT'S NEW AT PROBATE COURT

The Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 7 by a vote of 98-0 on March 3, 2021, and the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 32-0 on May 5, 2021. On May 17, 2021, Governor DeWine signed it into law. The bill contains numerous changes to estate planning and probate law, and revises the process of private judging. Four of the bill's provisions were enacted at the request of the Ohio Judicial Conference: Guardianship Nonprofit Appointment Authority, Name Change Modernization, Private Judging Reform, and the authority for mental health nurses to testify in civil commitment cases. Other provisions were proposed by the Ohio State Bar Association.

Guardianship Nonprofit Corporation Appointment

H.B. 7 enacts authority for probate courts to appoint nonprofit corporations domiciled in and organized under the laws of Ohio as guardian of the person so long as the nonprofit corporation is not the residential caregiver, health care provider, or employer of the incompetent (R.C. 2111.10).

This code section is of particular importance here in Lake County, as our Volunteer Guardian program (VGP) through Lifeline, Inc. can now be specifically named as guardian for wards in need. We no longer have to individually name a specific volunteer or staff member as guardian, but can name the agency itself. This will cut down on time and expense when a change of guardian within the agency is made on a particular case. It will also give the VGP flexibility in providing services to the ward if a particular guardian is unavailable for any reason.

Name Change Modernization

The bill revises Chapter 2717 to permit persons to change their legal name, to correct a misspelling, inconsistency, or other error in their legal name, or to conform their legal name on an official identity document. An application must be filed in the probate court of the county in which the person resides to resolve discrepancies in that official identity document or to conform the person's name on the identity document to the person's current legal name. The bill eliminates hearing and publication requirements in the current law and grants probate courts more discretion to determine the best way to administer each action on a case-by-case

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court in Lake County and handled a wide variety of criminal cases before becoming supervisors. We intimately understand what our attorneys are dealing with in court and with clients. We understand the level of advocacy needed, and the importance of focusing on our role. We work with an amazing group of attorneys who are passionate about providing the best defense possible to every single client. But to do that, they really have to know their client, their case and their court. And that takes work, preparation, dedication, and compassion, even when it is challenging.”

Clapp and Blake’s journey to leadership both started with the Public Defender’s office as law clerks, and then as Assistant Public Defenders, handling cases in all of Lake County’s various courts. Blake started with the PD Office as an intern in the summer of 2000, when she went on to serve as a law clerk for the office while pursuing her JD at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Later, as an attorney, she served as lead counsel on many of the office’s most challenging cases, as she spent the majority of her career thus far representing indigent clients in the Felony Division. The clients she represented had charges including murder, rape, kidnapping, robbery, burglary, and other serious offenses. Blake went on to serve as the Supervisor of the Appellate Division, where she handled a majority of the office’s appellate caseload and appeared on a regular basis before the Eleventh District Court of Appeals.

These days, as Chief Assistant, Blake assists Clapp with the day-to-day operational and administrative tasks of running the Lake County Office, and also enjoys litigating some of the more challenging cases facing the office.

“We are very fortunate at the Public Defender’s Office to have a great group of attorneys who do these things well,” Blake said. “One of the things I have most enjoyed about my role in the office, is that it allows me to watch and assist some of the less-experienced attorneys as they develop their skills and step into their own. The growth we have experienced has been tremendous. Likewise, watching the more-experienced attorneys handle complex cases without missing a beat is always a joy. We have really bright and capable professionals who are great examples of how to navigate the challenges attorneys face and who are wonderful role models for any attorney who is looking for guidance.”

Blake would know about providing guidance, as she often trains and provides mentoring to other attorneys both in the PD Office and throughout the Lake County Legal Community. She co-founded a criminal case law newsletter, Criminal Law Update, which is distributed throughout the Lake County legal community.

Clapp, who has been with the Public Defender’s Office for more than 30 years, has also represented thousands of people over her 30 years in both the criminal and appellate courts of Lake County. Prior to her nomination to Director, she served as the Assistant Public Defender, Supervising Attorney of the Appellate Division, and the Chief Assistant Public Defender, providing representation throughout both criminal and appellate courts, up to the Ohio Supreme Court. Clapp also takes her responsibility to the next generation of attorneys seriously, having taught criminal law, legal research, and legal writing classes at Lakeland Community College.

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“We handle about 5,000 cases a year,” Clapp said. “And each case deserves attention and diligence. We pride ourselves on being able to meet the needs of our clients and the needs of the courts. Our attorneys are spread all over Lake County every day. We could not meet this demand without excellent office support. Our support staff is integral to the work we do. We have four women who work in our front office, two of them double as paralegals. We have a social worker, an investigator, and a community outreach coordinator. The attorneys are in court every day for most of the day. They are only able to focus on their courtroom work because they have an amazing support staff backing them up, supplying information and keeping them on track.”

When asked to share any wisdom she had learned along the way, Blake said, “The best advice I can give attorneys who struggle with this, is be yourself. Be comfortable. Knowing your case, trusting yourself, and being decisive are the biggest keys to establishing a strong identity both in and out of the courtroom. Always be professional – even when it is hard. Be honest. You cannot be afraid of making mistakes. Preparation will help you avoid a lot of them, but when you make a mistake, own it. Fix it. Don’t run from it. Exercise discretion and make tough decisions. Your clients, other attorneys, judges, and court staff will notice, and they will respect you. The best attorneys are the ones who are not afraid to make difficult decisions and who tell clients what they *need* to hear.”

As attorneys, one of the most challenging battles Clapp and Blake stated they faced was the discernment between advocating for what you believe to be in the client’s best interest, versus what the *client* thinks is in his or her best interests. Usually, this issue arises around say, substance or mental health treatment. As the attorney, you know the client may benefit legally or personally from attending treatment, however, the client does not want you to advocate for treatment as an option.

“You have to remember we speak for the client. That means advocating for what is in the client’s *expressed* interests, even when that does not align with your viewpoint,” said Blake. “This is definitely one of the most difficult parts of our job as defense attorneys. Establishing trust and maintaining a good rapport with the client is certainly helpful to convincing the client to follow your advice. Patience and persistence are also important.”

Stay tuned for Part Two in the October issue!

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basis. The bill also reduces the current one year residency timeframe down to sixty days. These provisions address issues with Ohio citizens seeking federal REAL ID compliant identification documents. The REAL ID deadline has been extended to May 3, 2023. New forms are available on the Lake County Probate Court website reflecting the various changes.

Private Judging Reform

The bill modifies R.C. 2701.10 to reform private judging by allowing the elected judge to have discretion over whether to order the private judge referral, requiring a private judging referral to indicate a procedure for terminating the agreement with the private judge and clarifying that jurisdiction is automatically returned to the elected judge upon conclusion of the referred action. The elected judge must address the private judging referral within fourteen days of filing.

Mental Health Nurses

The bill modifies R.C. 5122.15 to permit specially trained and certified mental health nurse practitioners to testify and provide the respondent's diagnosis and prognosis during civil commitment hearings at both the initial phase and at extension hearings. The previous law required that either psychiatrists or psychologists provide these opinions. Under the bill, mental health nurses would provide a third option for probate courts.

Filing of Itemized Account of Fees with County Auditor

The bill amends R.C. 2101.15 to allow the probate courts' annual filing of itemized account of fees with the county auditor to be completed no later than January 15th of each year. The previous law required the filing to be completed on January 1st.

Cemetery Endowment Care Trusts

The bill amends R.C. 1721.21 regarding the financial management of Cemetery Endowment Care Trusts.

Surviving Spouse Automobile Allowance

The bill amends R.C. 2106.13 to clarify that the spousal share of the allowance for support would be reduced only by the value of the automobile with the least value.

Anatomical Gift Act

The bill modifies R.C. 2108.05 to 2108.05, 2108.23, 2108.24, 2108.34 and 2133.07 to eliminate the following as a manner of making an anatomical gift: (a) specifying in the donor's will an intent to make such a gift, or (b) specifying an intent to make such gift in the donor's declaration governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment.

Guardianship Estate Planning

The bill amends R.C. 2111.50 allowing (but not requiring) a guardian to seek probate court approval to utilize estate planning procedures to protect, preserve, and administer the ward's estate for the ward's beneficiaries.

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Ohio Trust Code

The bill modifies the Ohio Trust Code and Ohio Legacy Trust Act (R.C. 5805.06, 5816.02, 5816.05, 5816.06, 5816.09, 5816.10 and 5816.14) to clarify that the change of a future or successor trustee named in a trust agreement, whether by a court order or by a private settlement agreement, is not prohibited.

In re Adoption of Y.E.F. (163 Ohio St. 3d 521)

In a case decided on December 22, 2020, the Ohio Supreme Court held that indigent parents are entitled to counsel in adoption proceedings as a matter of equal protection of the law under the Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution.

The Court found that because indigent parents facing the termination of their parental rights in adoption proceedings in probate courts are similarly situated to indigent parents facing termination of their parental rights in permanent custody proceedings in juvenile courts, they must be afforded the same right to appointed counsel that is statutorily provided to indigent parents in said permanent custody proceedings.

Therefore, the Lake County Probate Court will be making appointments for counsel in appropriate adoption cases when an indigent parent makes such request. Any attorneys who wish to be considered for these appointments should contact the Court in writing.

Ray v. McCloud

Case No. 2:18-cv-272

In a case decided on December 16, 2020, the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division enjoined the Ohio Department of Health from enforcing their policy of prohibiting transgender persons from changing their sex/gender designation on their birth certificates, finding such prohibition unconstitutional. The ODH announced that it would not appeal that decision, and would have a new policy in place by June 1, 2021. The new “policy” is that they will make changes to the sex marker on a birth certificate with an order from a probate court.

In August, the Ohio Supreme Court approved the adoption of a new standard probate form to use for those seeking to change their birth certificate, including the sex/gender designation. The Supreme Court authorized said changes to be made by way of an *Application For Correction Of Birth Record* pursuant to R.C. 3705.15. The modified forms are available on the Lake County Probate Court website. Also on our site is a checklist to assist and requirements to follow for those looking to make such a change.

Summary

So that’s what’s been happening at Probate Court. Always exciting, interesting, entertaining!

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7:00 - 7:55 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast	
7:55 - 8:00 a.m.	Introduction	Pamela Kurt, LCBA President
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	New Leaf Program and Geauga County Updates	Judge Carolyn Paschke
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Chardon Municipal Court Updates	Judge Terri Stupica
10:00-10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Lake County Domestic and Juvenile Updates	Judge Colleen Falkowski Judge Karen Lawson
11:15-12:45 p.m.	Supreme Court Update	Justice Michael P. Donnelly Justice Patrick F. Fischer
12:45- 1:45 p.m.	LUNCH- Ed Regovich Catering	
1:45 - 2:30 p.m.	Willoughby Court Update and Veterans Treatment Docket	Judge Marisa Cornachio
2:30 -3:15 p.m.	Criminal Law Update	Colleen O'Toole, Ashtabula County Prosecutor
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Professionalism	Judge Mary Jane Trapp

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10:00- 11:00 a.m.	More Than Simple Math-A Panel Discussion: The Complexities of Spousal Support	Magistrate Lynne Yohe Magistrate Jason Parker
11:00-12:00 p.m.	Professional Conduct	Judge Mary Jane Trapp

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8:45 a.m.	REGISTRATION and SIGN ON to GoToWebinar	
9:00- 10:00 a.m.	New & Noteworthy: View from the Bench	Judge Colleen Falkowski Judge Karen Lawson
10:00- 11:00 a.m.	Tracing Separate Property in Retirement: When a Passive Growth Analysis is Important	David Kelley QDRO Group
11:00-12:00 p.m.	Quiz Show Part 2	Judge Colleen Falkowski Darya Klammer, Esq. Anna Parise, Esq.

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2021 GOLF OUTING WRAPUP

For the first time in the last 30 years we were completely booked with a record breaking 136 participants at the Golf Outing this year. Following breakfast, which was sponsored by Aligned Chiropractic, we "teed it up" for hours of fun in the sun at Manakiki Golf Course.

Grill Master, Ben Aveni of Lake County Attorney's Title provided grilled sausages and hotdogs on hole 9 and the firm of Nager, Romaine & Schneiberg provided sandwiches and cookies on hole 18. In between, of course, we had several world class sponsors who sat on their sponsored holes and handed out, beverages, snacks and drinks to the golfers, including Metro Appraisal Group, Global Real Estate Advisors, Aligned Chiropractic, and Platinum Real Estate. Every golfer had a chance to win a special prize for a hole in one, including a chance to win a Porsche on hole 15, which was sponsored by Rick or Beachwood Porsche. (Judge Malchesky was kind enough to monitor the integrity of every participant on the Porsche hole) Many thanks to Lighthouse Advisers for sponsoring drinks and snacks on the beverage cart this year. I would also like to thank Joe Hada of Hada Law, for setting up a tent with breathalyzer machine to educate the golfers on their alcohol levels and making sure that everyone drove home legally and safely. A complete list of hole sponsors and donations is included in this issue and I cannot thank them enough for making this outing successful, in financial terms.

There were several skill prize winners including, Low gross Men, Low Gross Mixed, High Gross Men, High Gross Mixed, Low Putts and Individual award winners. A complete list of winners are attached to this article.

Every golfer was given a special door prize upon arrival and a large raffle took place following the banquet. Jeff Black won one the large golf packages and Celina Colombo won the main raffle prize, of a large screen TV, sound bar, and fire stick with Alexa remote, which was donated by Carver Financial.

Ruth Ann and Beth are always indispensable to the outing and it could not take place without their efforts. Many thanks to the LCBA golf committee which was forced into action, following the retirement of Gary Zeid, particularly to those that donated extra time and effort into making this event successful, including Jan Bell, Jeff Black, Michael Murray, Mark Zicarelli, Donald Mausar and Jeff Kakish.

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5	Women's closest to pin	Melissa Aveni
6	Men's long drive in fairway	Brian Johnson
9	Women's long putt	Nicki Tomazik
10	Women's short drive in bounds	Abby Bell
11	Men's closest to pin	Jim Matthews
12	Women's long drive in fairway	Gina McCartney
17	Men's long putt	Joe Baker
High gross Men		Cory Hinton, Tim Moore, Justin Wirick and Eric Foisel
High gross Mixed		Pam Kurt, Nick Sidoti, Christine Tibaldi and Chris Tucci
Least putts Men		Rob Somogyi, John Carmosino, Brian DeLisio, Jason Ujcz
Least putts Mixed		Judge Terri Stupica, Judge Mary Jane Trapp, Judge Cynthia Rice and Judge Thomas Wright
Low gross Mixed		Joe Baker
Skins Game Split between		Don Mausar group and Adam Parker group





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**FISCAL YTD BALANCE SHEET
FISCAL YTD AS OF JULY 31, 2021**

ASSETS

Total Current Assets	\$ 176,785.26
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,269.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 174,830.48

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,269.99</u>
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EQUITY

Retained Earnings	178,276.23
Net Income	<u>- 479.99</u>

TOTAL EQUITY	177,796.24
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>178,055.25</u>
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**FISCAL YTD PROFIT & LOSS
THROUGH JULY 31, 2021**

INCOME

402-Dues	5,250.00
404-Interest Income	14.10
405-LLV Ads	20.00
407-Notary Fees	6,590.00
409-Weekly Lunch	725.00
410-Misc. Income	1,257.53
412-Golf Outing	7,935.00
429-Website Listing	1,350.00
450-Annual Meeting	1,140.00
4999-Uncat	.60

Total Income	25,602.23
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EXPENSE

601-Accounting Fees	645.00
604-Bank Charges	299.73
608-Flowers & Memorials	639.77
611-Golf Outings	2,213.20
611-Employee Retirement	500.00
613-Insurance-Health	2,465.28
614-Misc Social Event	1.00
622-Lunch Payments (Monthly Lunch)	1,096.07
624-Membership(COSE/CHAMBER)	170.00
628-Notary Costs	45.00
631-Office Expense	949.04
634-Office Supplies	285.34
637-Payroll Taxes	1,014.93
639-Postage Machine Rental	221.18

640-Postage	349.99
643-Telephone Yellow Pages	180.00
647-Rent	2,054.16
648-County Telephone	22.36
650-Wages	7,530.14
651-Wages—Part Time	3,630.51
679-Board Meeting Expense	20.70
680-Annual Meeting Expense	2,398.82

Total Expense	<u>26,732.22</u>
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Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,129.99</u>
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Other Income	
500-Bar Foundation Dues	<u>650.00</u>

Total Other Income	<u>650.00</u>
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Net Income	<u>\$ - 479.99</u>
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"THE BOYS (& GIRLS) OF SUMMER"

ARE BACK

LCBA & GCBA

Softball Game



All available and able players welcome!

Concord Twp. Field by Concord Twp. Hall

7229 Ravenna Road, Concord Twp., OH 44077

(Near the Intersection of Rt. 608 & Ravenna Rd.)

September 22nd

5:00 pm

Bring gloves, bats and other equipment.

Stretching, calisthenics & warm-ups start at 4:00 p.m. Post-game press conference immediately after the game. We need players, so please email Bob Leach & Brian Bly to sign up. We are seeking one of our many objective and impartial Judges to umpire/officiate.



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Team LCBA	Team GCBA
Bob Leach	Brian Bly
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Thanks to the Lake County Bar Association President Pamela Kurt for resurrecting the game & to Judge Paul Malchesky for arranging and reserving the field for us.

Please register by email today!!

Lady Lawyer Lunch!

**Let's get
together!**

**Lunch on your own but
great company!**

The 3rd Wednesday of every month
at Noon gather for lunch!

***Sept. meeting at
The Local Tavern Fish
Bar
11 Chester St.
Painesville, OH***



***Contact Attorney Pamela Kurt if interested:
PKurt@KurtLaw.com***

Would you like to join a strategic committee?



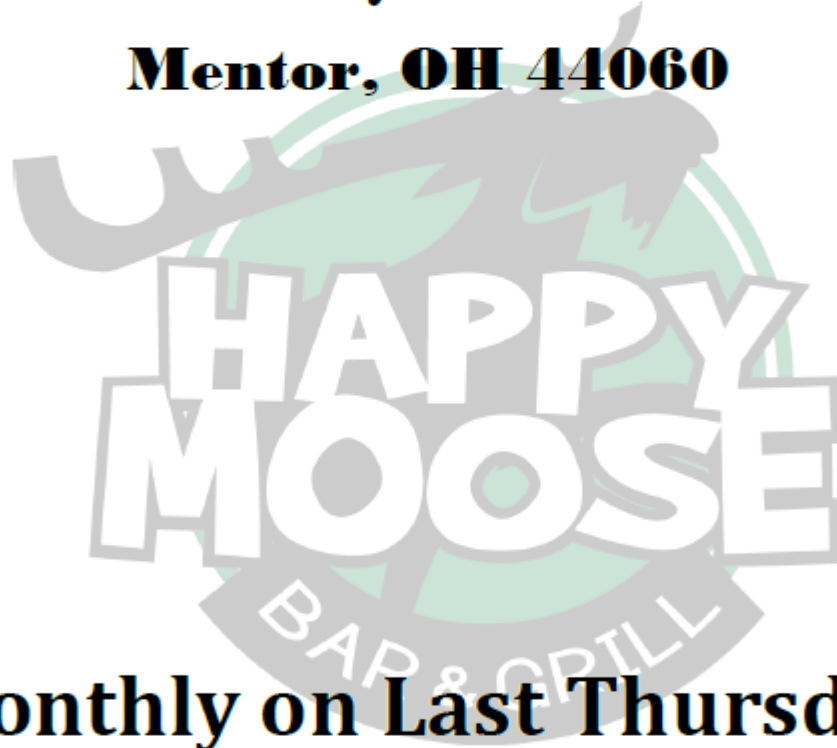
Commitment. Meeting September 2021 thru January 2022

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LCBA Board
Networking Event

Happy Moose
7693 Reynolds Road
Mentor, OH 44060



Monthly on Last Thursday
5pm to 7pm

An informal gathering for networking and building
relationships!

Lake County Bar Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2021

The meeting occurred in person at the conclusion of the annual meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 P.M. by President Pam Kurt. In attendance were President Pam Kurt; Vice President Lori Kilpeck; Secretary Jan Bell; Past President Joshua Strickland; Trustees Judge Richard Collins (Ret.), John Rogers, Jr., and Laura Barnard; District 18 Representative Anna Parise; Executive Director Ruth Ann Shultz and Administrative Assistant Bethany Hess.

Anna Parise moved to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Josh Strickland. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Treasurers' report was given by Doug Heiser at the Annual Meeting. Income is down due to the pandemic. Monies from the Bar Foundation and a PPP loan helped to bridge the gap. There was discussion of bar members (90) who have not yet paid their dues. A list was provided to the board. President Kurt sent a reminder post card on June 7, 2021 which will hopefully generate a robust response.

The Board returned to Old Business. The strategic planning meeting remains tabled. That meeting will hopefully occur in conjunction with the September Executive Board meeting. The PPP loan forgiveness procedure is in process. Ruth Ann has to complete the requisite paperwork and submit it by the July 31, 2021 deadline. Doug Heiser can assist if necessary.

The Board moved to New Business. Jan Bell inquired about starting a Pickleball league within the Bar Association. It was decided that a formal committee was not necessary and that information could be placed in the Lake Legal Views and also in an email blast to Bar Association members. (The excitement was palpable). Josh Strickland moved to approve the \$500 expenditure for the Procrastinator Seminar. Per Ruth Ann, attendees/participants will pay at least \$100. John Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The appointment of Treasurer was tabled until the July meeting.

The staff wage review was tabled.

The Executive Director gave an oral monthly report. She identified the two new bar members, Michael Garcar and Nicolette Tomazic, both of Mentor. She indicated the PPP loan forgiveness application is in process. Kevin Goodman will replace Mike Lucas as the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee. Eric Condon is replacing Don Mausar who has served for 10 years. Kim Baioni is replacing Jim Reardon who resigned from the committee. New lay members are former Clerk of Courts, Maureen Kelly and Jessie Baginsky from Leadership Lake County. The Commissioners passed a resolution to proceed with increased assigned counsel fees. The bar association was asked for input and will meet with county officials and representatives from the Prosecutor's office in the near future for the next phase. All county doors are now open. Lunch forums are scheduled for June and July. Real Estate Committee is planning an in person CLE for November 12. Fall Court News Update Seminar is tentatively scheduled for October 21. The Golf Outing is August 27. Robert Zulantz passed away last week unexpectedly. Mark Ziccarelli's mother also died recently.

Thereupon the Board entered into Executive Session. The Board returned from executive session at 2:10 p.m.

Lori Kilpeck moved to adjourn the meeting. John Rogers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Lake County Bar Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting on July 9, 2021 did not occur due to lack of a quorum. The meeting was re-scheduled for July 16, 2021 and was also cancelled due to lack of quorum.

A meeting was held via Zoom on July 23, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by President Pam Kurt. Participating in the meeting were President Kurt; Vice President Lori Kilpeck; Secretary Jan Bell; Past President Josh Strickland; Trustee Judge Richard Collins (Ret.); District 18 Representative Anna Parise; Executive Director Ruth Ann Shultz; and Administrative Assistant Bethany Hess.

There was discussion regarding the former Judges Seminar. It was tentatively scheduled for October 8, 2021. Justices Fisher and Donnelly and attorney Mark Abood were slated to speak at the seminar. There was discussion about when to hold the seminar; what to title the seminar; where it would occur; who would be responsible for organizing it, etc.

It was decided that the seminar would be called the Annual Fall Seminar and it would be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Ruth Ann to send out a Save the Date.

Lori, Jan and Anna agreed to assist Pam with the seminar. The caterer and venue need to be contacted re: contracting for 2021.

As Stephanie Landgraf has officially resigned from the Treasurer position. There was discussion regarding filling the vacancy. Anna Parise expressed a willingness to assume the position, while maintaining her District 18 Representative position. Anna was excused from the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Discussion regarding filling the position ensued. Jan Bell made a motion that Anna Parise become the Treasurer and Jan remain the Secretary. Judge Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Kurt indicated that there would be Board Member Orientation after the August Board Meeting, therefore the Board should plan to stay after the meeting, hopefully no longer than 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Josh Strickland moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:06. Lori Kilpeck seconded the motion. Without opposition, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BAR EVENTS

It's time to get involved!! Mark these monthly events on your calendar so you don't miss a thing!!

First Thursday of each month:	LCCLDA lunch at Pub Frato at noon
Second Friday of each month:	Executive Board Meeting at noon
Third Tuesday of each month:	Real Estate Committee Meeting at Tony Aveni's office 8:00 a.m.
Third Thursday of each month:	Certified Grievance Committee Meeting, 2nd Floor West Annex
Last Wednesday of each month:	Lunch Forum Hellriegel's at noon 1.0 CLE Except Aug, Nov, Dec
Last Thursday of each month:	Probate Committee breakfast at Sunny Street at 8:00 a.m.
Last Thursday of each month:	Networking Happy Hour at the Happy Moose from 5:00—7:00 p.m.

If you need contact information to participate in these events, email barassociation@lakecountyohio.gov .

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NEW MEMBER

Matthew Turkalj resides in Mentor on the Lake and is employed by Reminger Co., L.P.A.

MOVING ON

Adrienne Foster has moved to Carlisle Law, Beachwood, OH.

Tina Scibona is now employed by the Ashtabula County Public Defender’s Office.

Congratulations on your new positions!

