New Magistrate Judge Maureen Kelly sworn-in to U.S. District Court

by Tracy Carbasho

Those who watched the swearing-in ceremony for U.S. Magistrate Judge Maureen Kelly may have thought they were observing the presentation of a lifetime achievement award.

“All my life, I have seen in my mother the qualities I hold to be those of a judge,” said her son, Connor Hayes. “As such, it gives me great pride and joy to now see my mom serving this court just as she has served so many others in the course of her life.”

The formal ceremony was held on July 11 with more than 300 colleagues, friends, and family members looking on as U.S. District Court Chief Judge Gary Lancaster administered the oath of office to Kelly. The event had all of the makings of a grand awards ceremony with speakers talking about Kelly’s achievements and showing emotion regarding their friendship with her, as well as attendees coming from many states, including Ohio, New Jersey, Illinois, and Minnesota.

While her career leading to the bench has been impressive, her friends say that serving as a federal magistrate judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania is just the beginning of more accomplishments to come.

“If you look at her resume, you can see that she’s had an outstanding career. This is just another stage in what’s been a tremendous contribution to the profession and the community,” said Lancaster. “She has an intuitive sense of justice and a commitment to equal justice, and we are happy to have her in the U.S. District Court. She will be a tremendous asset.”

Kelly, who previously practiced employment law at Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, was chosen by a selection panel to fill the vacancy created by the death of Magistrate Judge Amy Reynolds Hay. The panel, appointed by Lancaster, made recommendations and the final decision was rendered by the judges of the U.S. District Court. Magistrate judges serve eight-year terms.

District Judge Donetta Ambrose was among the speakers who welcomed Kelly as the newest member of the bench.

“If success is measured by the people who love and admire you, as I look out into this audience today filled with your family and your friends, I would say that you’re ahead by about 50 lifetimes,” said Ambrose. “I know that in this position you will continue to excel and will create a legacy equal to your reputation as an exemplary lawyer and as a leader in the profession and the community.”

Ambrose talked about the early days of Kelly’s career when she was recognized for her skills as a litigator, which helped her become a partner at Thorp Reed & Armstrong and then a shareholder at Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir.

Recognized as a preeminent employment litigation lawyer, Kelly was named a Pennsylvania Lawyer of Allegheny County in 1996 and inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2006. “That in itself would make for an illustrious career, but for Maureen it is only part of her legacy,” said Ambrose. “She is passionately devoted to her profession. Whether serving by appointment of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as chair of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Board or serving on the American Bar Association’s Commission on 10LITA, Maureen has made it her professional mission to ensure that there is funding for ways to increase access to justice for individuals and families living in poverty and to improving our system of justice.”

Kelly’s dedication to equal access to justice has included serving as a board member for the Pennsylvania Association’s Political Action Committee, which serves as a watchdog of sorts regarding legislative issues that could impact the legal profession.

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Schulberg said ACBA representatives travel to Harrisburg at least twice a year and will do so again this fall to gauge the momentum of any proposed legislation that might impact the profession. The PAC has hosted local events to discuss issues with lawmakers and to raise funds for Committee efforts. The Committee’s budget limits the amount of work that can be done, but members try to host a breakfast or other meeting with the Allegheny County legislative delegation at least once a year.

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County whistleblowing: Allegheny County false claims ordinance

by Andrew M. Stone

On May 24, 2011, Chief Executive Dan Onorato signed into law the Allegheny County False Claims Ordinance (No. 06-11-OR), which authorizes citizens to bring lawsuits to recover treble damages for fraudulent claims submitted to the county. The private citizen that brings the civil qui tam action on behalf of the county is entitled to a reward or bounty in the form of a percentage of the recovery. The Allegheny County False Claims Ordinance, introduced by Councilman Ed Kress, is modeled on the federal False Claims Act. As with the federal law, the qui tam provisions of the ordinance are designed to encourage private citizens who know about fraud in a government contract or program to “blow-the-whistle” and report the fraud to the County Solicitor. The county investigates the allegations and decides whether to opt-in and take over the litigation. If the county declines to proceed with a case, the private citizen can nevertheless proceed on behalf of the county. If the case results in a recovery, the whistleblower is entitled to a reward of 10 to 30 percent of the total amount recovered, plus costs and attorneys’ fees.

Importantly, the ordinance also protects whistleblowers from retaliatory discrimination, providing for reinstatement, two times back-pay, attorneys’ fees and costs, and compensation for special damages. The Allegheny County False Claims Ordinance builds on a long tradition of qui tam laws in Anglo-American jurisprudence, stretching back to colonial times in this country, and beyond that to medieval England. The federal False Claims Act is widely regarded as the federal government’s most effective weapon to fight fraud in government contracting. First enacted by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, the federal False Claims Act was reinvigorated in 1986 and is credited with recovering more than 28 billion dollars over the last 25 years. The success of the federal law has spawned interest in qui tam laws at the state and local level. Qui tam laws, also known as “informers’ actions” are particularly effective in uncovering and deterring fraud because they incentivize co-conspirators or other insiders with information to come forward with detailed direct evidence of fraud that would otherwise be beyond the reach of law enforcement. Knowledgeable whistleblowers are an invaluable source of information for government investigators, often providing a “road map” to the evidence needed to prove a fraudulent scheme. With the enactment of the Allegheny County False Claims Ordinance, the county has deployed a potent new weapon to fight fraud and protect taxpayer money.

Andrew M. Stone is a Pittsburgh based lawyer who represents whistleblowers in claims under the federal False Claims Act and other qui tam laws.

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Supreme Court issues judicial guide to benefit children, families

by Art Heinz

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has issued an 800-page guide, developed by judges for judges, to enhance their ability to handle the complex social, developmental, and interpersonal issues inherent in court dependency cases involving abused and neglected children.

“This guide is a valuable resource that presents a social science context for the complex and challenging decisions being made daily by all who sit in dependency court,” said Justice Max Baer who oversaw the effort on behalf of the Supreme Court. “It covers topics that are part of our day-to-day work, but not part of the training we receive as lawyers and judges.”

Over the last year, a team of experienced judges and social science experts spent countless hours of thoughtful review and analysis to develop resource material designed to assist judges and judicial officers in 14 areas, including child attachment and bonding; child development; domestic violence; grief and loss; individual case planning; mental health; neglect and deprivation; physical/sexual/emotional abuse; placement; safety and risk; substance abuse; transitioning youth; trauma; and visitation.

The guide is part of the court’s ongoing efforts to improve the lives of Pennsylvania’s abused and neglected children, getting them out of temporary foster care and into safe, permanent homes. It serves as a supplemental resource to the previously released Dependency Benchbook which has become the central document for dependency proceedings in Pennsylvania and is used by countless judges to the benefit of children and families. Each section of the supplemental guide connects the elements of social science to the many judicial proceedings and practices outlined in the judicial benchbook.

“The Dependency Benchbook,” Justice Baer said, “is an historic effort, and we collectively agree it will result in healthier children, stronger families, and ultimately, a more vigorous and productive Pennsylvania.”

Lackawanna County Common Pleas Court Judge Chester Harbut chaired the Dependency Benchbook Committee and efforts to develop the supplemental resource guide. Expert consultants included Dr. Judith Silver, PhD, Pediatric Psychologist, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; Dr. Pearl S. Berman, Professor of Psychology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Jim Nice, Family Unity Project; and Kevin Campbell, Founder, Center for Family Finding and Youth Connectedness—an agency that specializes in reconnecting foster care children with lost biological family members through specialized investigative techniques including an internet-based search technology, when needed.

In 2006 the Supreme Court began efforts to reduce delays in placing abused and neglected children safely and permanently in loving, caring homes and to improve the lives of abused and neglected children. Those efforts, which have been led by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts’ Office of Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC), in close partnership with the state Department of Public Welfare’s Office of Children, Youth and Families, are paying off.

State Department of Welfare statistics show a consistent decline in the number of Pennsylvania children in foster care. In September 2010, that number had dropped below 15,000, resulting in an estimated savings of $220 million in the costs for administering foster care programs throughout Pennsylvania.

The creation of the resource guide and the OCFC was made possible through Court Improvement Project grant run by the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
GINA prohibits financial benefit as inducement to provide genetic info

by Maria Greco Danaher

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) generally prohibits employers from requesting, requiring, or purchasing genetic information. However, the Act sets forth specific exceptions to that prohibition, one of which allows an employer to acquire genetic information about an employee or that employee’s family members when the employer offers a wellness program to employees on a voluntary basis. In June of this year, the EEOC provided guidance in the form of an opinion letter on certain issues affecting workplace wellness programs.

The letter, which addresses issues related both to the GINA and to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), responds to a specific request to the EEOC to make clear that offering incentives for participation in a wellness program does not violate the GINA or the ADA, and asking for assurance that family medical history that is voluntarily provided by employee in a wellness program may be used to guide employees into disease management programs.

The EEOC begins the opinion letter by pointing out that it classifies wellness programs as “voluntary” medical exam/activity, and that Title I of the ADA allows employers to conduct “voluntary” medical exams, specifically those including obtaining medical histories, so long as any medical information obtained is kept separate and apart from personnel records. However, the EEOC has not taken a position on whether the ADA allows an employer to offer financial incentives for employees who participate in wellness programs that include disability-related inquiries or medical examinations.

The EEOC’s opinion letter states that GINA allows an employer to use genetic information voluntarily provided by an employee in order to “guide that individual into an appropriate disease management program.” However, the letter also spells out parameters related to the gathering and compilation of information for such programs. First, an employer who is coordinating a wellness program must obtain prior voluntary and knowing authorization from an employee in writing before acquiring genetic information for the program. Further, according to the EEOC’s opinion letter, any individually identifiable genetic information provided under the wellness program exception is available only for purposes of such services in aggregate terms that do not disclose the identity of specific individuals.

Finally, an employer may not offer any financial inducement for individuals to provide genetic information for purposes of a wellness program. However, the wellness program may offer financial inducements for completion of health risk assessments that include questions about family medical history or other genetic information, provided the covered entity makes clear, in language reasonably likely to be understood by those completing the health risk assessment, that the inducement will be made available whether or not the participant answers questions regarding genetic information. In other words, if the assessment contains a mix of questions, certain questions of which are related to genetic information, any financial incentive paid to employees for participation in the assessment must be paid regardless of whether the individual answers the genetic information questions or not.

While an opinion letter from the EEOC does not have the force of law and does not typically receive the deference of a federal regulation, such letters are of interest to knowledgeable employers. As more and more companies begin to develop and institute wellness programs for employees, it is important to understand the way in which these programs will be viewed by the government agencies charged with regulating and assuring non-discrimination in their implementation.

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YLD creates Legal Guide for Families in Medical Crisis

by Matt Sober

When it came time for Young Lawyers Division Chair Mike Feeney to decide on a project for the group, he didn’t have to look far for inspiration.

Feeney was the driving force behind creation of the Legal Guide for Families in Medical Crisis, an online resource designed to help Allegheny County residents navigate the convoluted health care system.

The guide was conceived in response to a plea from Feeney’s young niece, Ellie, who has Mitochondrial disease. The condition prevents the body from producing the energy it needs to sustain life and grow, and it has left Ellie unable to walk, eat, or breathe independently, or do virtually anything else children her age are able to do.

“In thinking what my sister’s family has gone through, including the difficulties they’ve faced in navigating the health-care system, I realized if I saw an opportunity for our legal community to help similarly situated families more easily find the answers they need,” said Feeney, whose tenure as YLD chair recently ended.

The project was an ambitious undertaking from the beginning, and it became even more after committee members met for the first time April 11. First started with a list of what the sections of the guide would be, then we realized we could include a lot more. So that was exciting,” said Jacklyn Belczyk, a member of the YLD sub-committee that produced the guide, which includes topics as varied as patient rights, workers’ compensation, and estate planning.

“It deals with insurance issues, types of care, resources for support groups, and any questions people might have when facing a medical crisis in their family,” said Belczyk.

Feeney is grateful for the efforts of all who volunteered.

“It took the hard work of 16 young lawyers to piece it together, section by section, in a way that made sense. The original concept for the LGFM was to do it as a single grouping of links to existing online resources,” Feeney said. “Because the specialties of the volunteer attorneys were so broad, we were able to expand the scope of the guide far beyond what we initially envisioned. What the LGFM sub-committee ultimately achieved was more than 60 pages of original content on very difficult issues.”

Feeney also noted that the guide includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes, includes a disclaimer explaining that it’s strictly for informational purposes.

After the content was written and reviewed, Belczyk undertook the tedious task of compiling and formatting more content before it was handed over to the web designer.

“I took all of the great information that our young lawyers submitted and put it into one cohesive package. Everyone sent me great material,” Belczyk said.

Feeney says that ACBA staff deserve credit for making the guide a reality, as well.

“The ACBA Publications Department was extraordinarily helpful in converting the substantive content into a website that is both attractive and easy to navigate,” he said. “Matt Mraz, the ACBA’s webmaster, designed the site himself and was very responsive to our suggestions and comments throughout the entire process.

Even with site up and running, though, Feeney says the work will continue.

“Given how quickly health care laws change, we felt it was important to have a system in place to ensure that the LGFM stays up-to-date. First, we established an e-mail address (YLDLGFM@acba.org) and a ‘contact us’ section of the website, so that the public can e-mail us with suggestions. And, second, we’ve established accountability by appointing two co-chairs to oversee the project on an ongoing basis.”

And there also is the matter of informing the public about this new resource. The YLD plans to place postcards with the LGFM address in the lobbies and waiting rooms of participating health care facilities.

“Hopefully between that and word of mouth, it’ll spread and be useful to people,” Belczyk said.

Ellel is confident that will be the case.

“Perhaps the greatest success of this project is its accessibility to the public, either getting better themselves or caring for a loved one,” she said.

“We’re trying to do is the legwork for people. I think it will give people

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Lawyer Referral Service panelists offer guidance to consumers

by Susan Jacobs Jablow

When you need to find a lawyer, how do you know who to call? For the average consumer, finding the right lawyer can be a daunting task. Searching online or in the yellow pages will turn up hundreds of possibilities, but offers the consumer no information about the lawyers’ credentials and experience.

To alleviate confusion, the Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service offers important guidance to consumers and helps them find attorneys in a variety of practices, including very specialized areas of law.

“It’s a more reliable way to go,” said Carol Sikov Gross, a partner with Sikov and Love, P.A. and a long-time member of the service.

To join the referral service, which is certified by the American Bar Association, lawyers must have current liability insurance. Additionally, for some specific practice areas, lawyers must fill out a separate application and have proof they have handled a certain number of cases and have completed CLE requirements, showing they possess the necessary expertise to handle particularly sensitive or specialized issues, such as medical malpractice and complicated paternity or custody cases.

“We really screen the lawyers,” said Whitney Hughes, Director of the Lawyer Referral Service. “It’s not like you just pay a fee and your name is listed.”

The thorough application process ensures that all the attorneys listed with the panel are competent, professional, and interested in serving the public.

When consumers call the service, they pay $30 for a referral, which guarantees them up to a half hour consultation with an attorney, either over the phone or in person. (For some matters, such as personal injury cases, there is no cost for the initial consultation.) The referral fee goes to the service, not the attorney. If the client decides to hire the attorney after a consultation, the client is billed at the lawyer’s regular rate, and the attorney agrees to pay the service 15 percent of fees collected above $300.

Sometimes referrals lead to interesting clients and cases, but often consumers’ questions are answered in the consultation.

“Not all people who call become clients. They have the half hour consultation and are satisfied,” said Gross. “These are people who otherwise wouldn’t know how to connect with a good lawyer. It’s a valuable service to the community.”

While a certain amount of altruism is involved in the service, it is also a great way to get referrals and build a practice. Annual membership costs $350 for ACBA members and $550 for non-members, with lower rates for attorneys who sign up at the “modest means” level, indicating their willingness to handle less complex cases, such as uncontested divorces and simple wills, for low, fixed rates.

“If you consider the cost of advertising, we are a very reasonable investment considering what you have the potential to gain,” said Hughes.

When consumers call the service, a staff member asks about their legal needs and their ability to pay. If the person cannot afford to pay for an attorney, he/she is referred to agencies that provide free or reduced rate legal services. Those able to pay are asked about their situation, so they can be referred to the right type of attorney.

“They get to talk to a person,” said Hughes. “It’s a warm and fuzzy, touchy-feely process.”

If clients prefer to register online, they can also pay to get referrals through the ACBA website, though most clients do call and benefit from speaking to someone who can guide them to the right type of lawyer.

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by Tracy Carbasho

Her extensive involvement with the Allegheny County Bar Foundation makes Carol Behers ideally suited to serve as the organization’s president. She has served the foundation as a member of the board for six years, assuming the leadership roles of vice president and secretary. In addition, she has worked on the foundation’s Building Bridges to the Future endowment campaign, which focuses on fundraising at medium-size law firms.

During that time, the campaign was successful in raising $1 million for the endowment. She noted that Edward O’Connor, special counsel at Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott who has a long history with the ACBF, was an inspiration to her.

Behers, a principal at Raphael Ramsden & Behers, also co-chaired the foundation’s Fellows Committee, recruiting several classes of new fellows and assisting in planning various events. The Young Lawyers Fellows Program was launched during her tenure as co-chair to recognize young attorneys who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to public service. Never one to forget to give credit where due, Behers said the ACBA Young Lawyers Division and Mark Martini, an associate at Robb Ramsden & Behers, were instrumental in getting the Young Lawyers Fellows Program off the ground.

Her professional practice has also given her an appropriate perspective to help her understand the challenges faced by the ACBF and the people it serves. Behers practiced almost exclusively in the area of family law for over 25 years. I had the privilege of serving as chair of the Family Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association and serving on many of its Committees over the years,” she said. “Low-income family law clients have a tremendous need for pro bono legal services as they face the breakup of their family and economic challenges. I had many opportunities to provide volunteer services to indigent clients and to appreciate the complex problems they face.”

Behers previously served on a statewide task force for a Model Unified Family Court System in Pennsylvania and she is currently chairing the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee.

She is also certified in collaborative law, an alternative approach to family law dispute resolution.

Behers said her primary objectives as ACBF president will be to continue the outstanding work done by her predecessor to be a champion and a voice about the work of the foundation to the bar at large and the public, and to increase fundraising efforts. She recently answered questions from the Lawyers Journal about her new role.

What are the biggest challenges facing the ACBF and how can they be overcome?

“The biggest challenges are financial ones. We are still going through a recovery phase from the economic downturn of a few years ago. Program cutbacks, funding reductions, budget, and severe unemployment have all contributed to greater demands for grants and for public legal service. However, I believe we can meet the challenges one day at a time. Together, we can make a difference.”

What do you believe are the biggest accomplishments of the ACBF?

“Growing the endowment to $1 million due to the generosity of law firms and individual lawyers in Allegheny County and raising $1 million during the Attorneys Against Hunger Campaign thanks to the efforts of the AAH Committee, particularly Bryan Neft, Mary McGinley, and the McGinley family, LexisNexis, Steidl & Steenberg, and PNC. Reaching those milestones is impressive.”

Is there a best-kept secret about the ACBF that people might not know?

“The best-kept secret is that it is not as hard as you may imagine to raise funds. When I initially became a board member, I thought it would be impossible. The ACBF does such good work that it is easy to become passionate about it, and passion is contagious. Talking to members of the bar about the ACBF is the best way to market it and a great way to meet new people.”

What would you like the ACBF to achieve during your presidency?

“I hope to achieve the goal of 1,000 full fellows and increase the number of sustaining and patron fellows. Most importantly, I would like to see the foundation become self-sustaining financially by implementing policies that will achieve that goal.”

What do you think ACBA members to know about the type of president you will be?

“I am very receptive to ideas and input from foundation members and the full bar. In December 2010, we held a retreat of the full board and I hope to continue that tradition. It is my intention to attend meetings of the various committees of the foundation and to keep up-to-date with their work. I also intend to remain active on the Fellows Committee. Our board and executive committee are comprised of talented individuals from diverse practice areas who share a passion for the work of the foundation. I respect and admire them and look forward to working together for the good of the foundation.”

Will you do anything differently as president?

“I do not have any immediate plans for changing the program operations. However, I am anxious to receive feedback from our consultant and then to discuss any proposed changes with the officers and the board.”

What will be the most rewarding aspects of serving as president?

“Of all the work I have done throughout my professional career, being active in the ACBF has been the most rewarding overall. The Pro Bono Center and the ACBA/ACBF projects and programs have served many individuals and families that would otherwise be denied access to justice. It is so moving to hear from grant recipients and to know that our efforts really make a difference. Pro Bono Coordinator Barbara Griffin does an outstanding job of coordinating the work of the volunteer attorneys. Having the opportunity to work closely with Barbara, ACBF Director Lorrie Albert and with the officers of the foundation will be the best part. Most of all, having the opportunity to lead this outstanding organization, which sets the gold standard, will be rewarding.”

What will be the most demanding aspect of serving as president?

“Probably living up to all of the expectations and following in the footsteps of Vicki Beatty, immediate past president. I am very excited that the foundation has received a grant from the Forbes Fund for a consultant, Nancy Young. Nancy has a wealth of experience in fundraising, and I am anxious to share ideas with her as to how to improve those efforts.”

What would you like your members to do with the ACBA over the years help you in your role as president?

“My involvement with the ACBA has provided me with the opportunity to meet lawyers from a variety of practice areas, which will help to spread the word and hopefully encourage the involvement of my colleagues. I truly believe every lawyer should be a member of the ACBA/ACBF staff. They are a highly motivated, extremely dedicated, and conscientious group of individuals. The foundation could not have reached its level of excellence without their hard work. I look forward to working with all of them, particularly ACBA Executive Director David Blaner and Foundation Director Lorrie Albert.”

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Kelly, who is known to her friends as Mo, said helping others has always been important both in her professional and personal life. “I did not always aspire to be a judge, but service has always been an important part of who I am. Following graduation from the University of Notre Dame, I participated in a postgraduate volunteer program for a year,” she said. “After graduating from law school and joining Thaddeus Reed & Armstrong, I became very involved with the Neighborhood Legal Services Association and their legal services on a statewide and now national level. For me, this opportunity in public service was a wonderful fit.”

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“In this day with the economy and the cuts that are being made, there will be another move at some point to tax lawyers’ salaries,” added Reed & Armstrong’s Goodrich. “We need people to help all the time and not just when there is a crisis. Right now, we have been proactive, and I think we need to continue to encourage our colleagues to become more involved.

“At a time when the profession is under attack from all directions, it’s important that those who guide us in the political process know that we support them,” said Goodrich, a partner at Goodrich and Goodrich. “We need people to help us all, not just when there is a crisis. Right now, we have been proactive, and we need more people to be proactive by attending events and contributing some of their own money.”

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This program will provide insight on preparing an equitable distribution case, including procedural and housekeeping issues.

Credits: 2 CLE credits (substantive) • When: Friday, September 9, 2011; Registration at 9:00 a.m. • Where: ACBA Conference Center Auditorium, 920 City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 • Tuition: $75 for Juvenile Law Committee or Family Law Section Members; $70 for Non-Members; $85 for Non-ACBA Members. Sponsored by ACBA.

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This program will cover the new amendments to the adoption law Act 101 and its impact in Allegheny County as well as ethical considerations.

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This program will help lawyers answer clients’ questions regarding the latest in property assessments, including how property owners should prepare for 2012 values.

Credits: 1 CLE credit (substantive) • When: Friday, September 9, 2011; Registration & Lunch at 11:30 a.m. • Where: Pittsburgh River Club, One Oak Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 • Tuition: $10 for Taxation Section Members; $50 for Non-Section Members; $70 for Non-ACBA Members. Sponsored by ACBA.

People on the Move

Jesse A. Hirshman has rejoined The Webb Law Firm where he has continued his legal career as a law clerk and associate. Hirshman focuses his practice in intellectual property law with a strong emphasis on biotechnology.

Cohen & Grigsby is pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Colombo as an associate in the firm’s Labor and Employment Group. Colombo focuses his practice on National Labor Relations Act matters, federal and state discrimination actions and compliance with various federal and state laws.

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