Another summer has passed, and the Decatur Bar Association is primed for an eventful fall and winter. I have added some art and color to this month’s President’s Page. I hope you find this a welcome change. Please feel free to contact me or another member of the DBA board if you have an idea for something the DBA could be doing or if you wish to become more involved with our existing projects.

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Judicial Vacancy

With the retirement of the Honorable Brian L. McPheters, a position as Associate Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit will be available as of December 11, 2017. Interested applicants must apply by 5:00 P.M. on October 13, 2017. Applications may be obtained at and submitted to www.illinoiscourts.gov

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The annual cook-out lunch to raise money for the Salvation Army is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2017. DBA Members can help the Salvation Army just by showing up to enjoy lunch with colleagues. The suggested donation per person is $25.00, but we are of course free to give more if we wish. Last year we raised $2,625.00. With a good turnout this year, that figure can be topped.

Drew Hickey has once again taken on the organization of this event, which will afford the members of the DBA the opportunity to enjoy some lunch with colleagues and the satisfaction of giving to those in need. More details will follow. Thanks to Drew for all of her efforts in planning this cook-out.

The DBA Facebook group is up and open only to DBA members. The Facebook group is intended to be another forum for instant information exchange about the DBA and law practice in Central Illinois. If you wish to join the Facebook group, get in touch with Drew or I on Facebook or send us your Facebook contact information, and one of us will invite you. A big thanks to Drew for setting this up!

The second in what is hopefully a long string of annual social events to celebrate (and sometimes mourn) the bar exam results of our newest colleagues is scheduled for October 12, 2017, at Paco’s Sol Bistro from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Craig Runyon is again planning this event, which was a huge success last year.

The annual DBA Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2017 at the Decatur Club. If you have any interest in hosting or sponsoring the Christmas party, please get in touch with me or another member of the DBA Executive Committee.
New Members

J. Rayne Devivo
Kehart, Wise, Toth & Lewis

Maria D. Gray
Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Please be sure to thank these new members for their support of the Decatur Bar Association next time you see them.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I note the recent passing of two long-time DBA members.

Rex Brown passed away on September 10, 2017. A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2017, from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. at Doherty’s Pub & Pins, 242 E. William Street in Decatur.

Jon Baxter passed away on September 11, 2017. A memorial service celebrating Jon’s life is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Friday, September 15, 2017, at the Decatur Public Library.

COMMITTEES

Law Week
Regan Lewis
Bret Coale
Bill McNutt
Hon. Phoebe Bowers

Bench & Bar
Hon. Phoebe Bowers
Gary Geisler
Hon. Erick Hubbard

Blood Drive
Regan Lewis
Drew Hickey

CLE
Carol Craig
Jim Jankowicz
Phil Tibbs
Kim Rykhus
Amy Waks
Josh Dubbelde
Andrew Erickson

Salvation Army Cookout
Drew Hickey

Young Lawyers
Amanda Doyle
Craig Runyon
Jessica Jolly
Veronika Jones

Fall Social/Corn Roast
Bret Coale
Amy Waks
Carol Craig
Regan Lewis

Nominating
Darrel Parrish
Hon. Erick Hubbard

Website
Bret Coale
Craig Runyon
Darrel Parrish

Criminal
Phil Tibbs
Lindsey Shelton

Memorials
Jeff Richardson
Lindsey Wise
Jim Jankowicz
Jon Robinson
Drew Weatherford
Nick Burton

Golf Outing
David Reimer
Carol Craig
Regan Lewis

Annual Meeting
Darrel Parish
Bret Coale
Carol Craig
David Reimer

Law Library
Bill McNutt
Darrel Parish
Jim Jankowicz

Fundraising
Bret Coale
Amy Waks

There are a number of opportunities to get involved with the DBA. The experience is very rewarding, and it affords us the opportunity to work with colleagues in all areas of practice.

If you see a committee you would like to assist on, please reach out to me or another member of the DBA executive committee. If there is an area the DBA is not covering with a committee that you would like covered, let us know that as well.
CORN ROAST RECAP

The annual DBA Corn Roast took place Friday, August 18, at Fletcher Park in Mount Zion. A good time was had by all, as DBA members and their families enjoyed some good food, comradery and relaxation. MRI Creative Catering served a delicious meal, George A. Mueller Beer Co., sponsored by LexisNexis, provided the beverages, and Mr. Softee, sponsored by Lisa Hahn-Peterman and ChemDry of Macon County, provided desert.

The Corn Roast would not have been possible without the efforts of several DBA Members, particularly Carol Craig, Drew Hickey, Amy Waks, Regan Lewis and Shane Mendenhall, who all provided invaluable help in making the event a success.

Thank you!

Thanks is due to the Corn Roast’s sponsors, LexisNexis, Lisa Hahn-Peterman, and ChemDry of Macon County. Additionally, thanks to David and Shirley Hardin for providing Tandemonium bike rides.

Above: Members of the bench turned out in force this year to enjoy the Corn Roast, including new DBA Members, The Hon. Roger B. Weber and The Hon. Randall B. Rosebaum, who made the trip from Champaign.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the sweet treats from Mr. Softee at the Corn Roast.
GOLF OUTING RECAP

Thanks again to David Reimer, Carol Craig, and Regan Lewis for their contribution to the golf outing and annual meeting. A big thanks also is due to Macon County Title, the sponsor of this year’s golf outing. David Reimer presented the awards at the Corn Roast, with this year’s winners as follows:

Team Winners:

1st Place (61): Andy Erickson, Faiq Mihlar, Kevin Born, David Reimer
2nd Place (64): Jon Robinson, Phil Bateman
3rd Place (66): Andy Bourey, Paul Chiligiris, Craig Runyon, Thomas Sanner

Individual Winners:

Longest Putt (#1) – Walt Burger
Longest Drive (#13) – Jon Robinson
Closest to Pin (#17) – Jon Robinson

Some controversy erupted during the awards presentation at the Corn Roast given David’s presence on the winning team, but Mr. Reimer assures there was no more than the usual chicanery in determining the winners. In all seriousness, David’s efforts at organizing the golf outing are outstanding and appreciated.

SPONSORSHIP

Many events enjoyed by DBA members are possible only with the help of sponsors. In planning these events, we do our best to reach out to appropriate businesses that may want an audience with DBA members. The result is usually a big win for the DBA in that we enjoy the benefits of the sponsorship and we are made aware of products and services that are beneficial to our practices. If you know of a business who may want to get involved in a future DBA event, please contact me or another member of the DBA Executive Committee.

ANNUAL DUES

If you have not already paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. The appropriate form is available on the DBA website, but I will be happy to provide one to you as well.
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The CLE Committee has managed to fill up our Fall with some great opportunities for continuing legal education through brown bag programs at the courthouse. These programs are presented free of charge and represent a great opportunity to learn something new, obtain CLE credit, and network with colleagues. The following programs have been scheduled so far:

Forcible Entry and Detainer Actions: Money Judgments and Possession
Presented by: Shane Mendenhall
WHEN: Thursday, October 12, 2017
WHERE: Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Macon County Courthouse
Credit: 1.0 General MCLE
Lunch sponsored by Jim Jankowicz

New Child Support Rules
Presented by: Sally Kolb and Co-Sponsored by PILI
WHEN: Wednesday, October 18, 2017
WHERE: Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Macon County Courthouse
Credit: 1.0 General MCLE
Lunch Sponsored by Jeff Richardson

E-Filing: Civil Update and Preview of Criminal E-Filing
Presented by: Macon County Circuit Clerk, Lois Durbin
WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 2017
WHERE: Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Macon County Courthouse
Credit: 1.0 General MCLE

Be on the lookout for more information on these upcoming free CLE presentations and more. The CLE Committee’s work in this regard has brought us many very interesting brown bag CLEs in addition to the always-informative annual CLE day in May. Continuing thanks are in order to Carol Craig and the CLE Committee for their hard work on these events, and additional thanks are in order to those, like Jim Janckowicz and Jeff Richardson, who have volunteered to sponsor the lunches.

If you are interested in presenting a CLE, sponsoring a CLE lunch, or have thoughts on a topic for presentation, please contact Carol Craig at ccraig@townandcountrybank.com.