



February Events

2/10/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

2/12/16 (Fri.)

MCBA High School
Mock Trials

Alcohol CLE

Breakfast at Kelly's
Bakery

McLean Co. Court
Not in Session

2/15/16 (Mon.)

Law & Justice Center
Closed

2/16/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

2/19/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at Kelly's
Bakery

2/23/16 (Tues.)

CLE Committee
Meeting

2/26/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at Kelly's
Bakery

March Events

3/4/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at Kelly's
Bakery

3/9/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

3/11/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at Kelly's
Bakery

3/15/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

Message from the President:

On behalf of the entire membership, I'd like to thank those members of the Bar who were able to attend the service for our former President, John T. Pratt this past Saturday. It was a very nice turnout to honor one of the true gentlemen of our profession. Thank you to those, who over the years, have continued to honor this tradition of the MCBA by attending the services of our fellow members as a group. It was a nice honor to a very good man.

Here are some interesting numbers regarding the filing of civil cases in Illinois according to the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.

Civil Lawsuit Filings are Dropping Significantly in Illinois:

- Civil case filings in Illinois have dropped 33 percent from 2010 to 2014.
- The number of medical malpractice cases in Illinois has been on a steady decline over the past decade, down 43 percent since 2003.
- The number of civil cases filed in Cook County dropped 40 percent from 2010 to 2014.
- The number of asbestos lawsuits filed in Madison County has declined 22 percent since 2013.

The ARDC reports that in 2014, there were 92,756 Attorneys on the Master Roll in Illinois, which represented a 1.8% increase from 2013.

And finally, from our "Closed Files": "We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world, and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read." Mark Twain

Tim Kelly, MCBA President

Mentor Needed!

The McLean County Bar Association Mentoring Program is seeking a mentor for a new lawyer in the county. Mentors must be licensed to practice law in IL for more than five years. By completing a one-year mentoring program with a new lawyer, the mentor will qualify for six hours of professionalism credit (which can be rolled over to future years). This particular mentee is practicing in-house and looking for a mentor who can help get them involved in local bar and pro bono activities.



If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact the mentoring program coordinator, Megan Green at megan.green.mmn4@statefarm.com. Thank

Member Announcement

Thank you very much to Tim Kelly, Kelly Rumley, and the members of the bar association for your kind expressions of sympathy and for sharing your great memories of dad.

The John T. Pratt Family



March Events (cont'd)

3/18/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

3/25/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

3/29/16 (Tues.)

CLE Committee
Meeting

April Events

4/1/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

4/8/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

4/11/16 (Mon.)

LITC Meeting

4/13/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

4/15/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

4/19/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

4/22/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

4/26/16 (Tues.)

CLE Committee
Meeting

4/29/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

February 16TH CLE Luncheon: Preparing for Catastrophic and End-of-Life Issues: The Role of Advanced Medical Directives

This one hour CLE luncheon program will provide an overview of the importance of advance directives and how they are relevant to attorneys. The presenter will go over the types of advanced directives, the Durable Power of Attorney Health Care form, discuss who should be involved in the process of completing Durable Power forms, and items to consider when choosing an advocate or agent. To register [online click here](#) or [by mail click here](#).

Free CLE Opportunity

Smart Start will be partnering with the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys (IACDL) to provide a **FREE CLE** training event titled *The Illinois BAIID Experience*.

This training will educate attorneys who represent DUI clients on what happens after a client is ordered to install a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID). The Smart Start Illinois staff will walk the attendees through the process from start to finish, experiencing everything the client does. A BAIID will be preinstalled on a Power Wheels vehicle as a functioning model where the Smart Start Operations Manager will explain how the unit is installed in a vehicle and demonstrate how it works. The staff will review and demonstrate how a shop trains the client as well as explaining the paperwork that is given to every Smart Start Client. Staff will also educate attendees on the requirements of the BAIID program set in Illinois Law and Administrative code, which are implemented and monitored by the Illinois Secretary of State, as well as review the new laws effective 1/1/16 for BAIID eligible clients. Attendees will learn about and watch the calibration and information download process which the client experiences several times during the program. Attendees will be educated on the process by which the Illinois Secretary of State reviews the data downloads from the client device and how attorneys may assist their clients through this delicate process. Plenty of time will be provided for attendee questions.

The training will be held approximately two blocks East of the McLean County Law & Justice Center in the Board Room of the United Way of McLean County located at 201 E. Grove Street in Bloomington. It will begin at 4:00pm with the presentation lasting an hour and time for questions afterward.

[Click here](#) for more information. Space is limited so we are asking everyone to RSVP by contacting Jared Holmes at jared.holmes@smartstartinc.com or 309-275-4099.



May Events

5/4/16 (Wed.)
Law Day

5/6/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

5/11/16 (Wed.)
BOG Meeting

5/13/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

5/17/16 (Tues.)
CLE Luncheon

5/20/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

5/27/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

5/30/16 (Mon.)
Law & Justice Cen-
ter Closed

5/31/16 (Tues.)
CLE Committee
Meeting

June Events

6/3/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

6/8/16 (Wed.)
BOG Meeting

6/10/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

6/17/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

CLE Opportunity

The 2016 Illinois CASA State Conference will take place on April 1, 2016 in East Peoria, Illinois. It is a daylong event that will feature nationally recognized child welfare expert Victor Vieth, Founder and Senior Director, Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center, who will present on the impact of trauma on child development and across a lifetime as well as courtroom advocacy in abuse and neglect cases. Additional breakout sessions will include: specialized services for older youth, an overview of abuse and neglect court in Illinois, DCFS policy and procedure, social and emotional learning, special education, kinship care, trauma informed practices for professionals, and a panel discussion with foster care alumni.

The conference has been approved by the Illinois MCLE Board for 6.25 hours of general CLE credit. Judge Flannell has approved this event for continuing GAL training pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 906(c) for attorneys serving as GALs in the Sixth Circuit. I am curious if you would be willing to do the same for the Eleventh Circuit as well as help spread the word about the conference to your local community. Additional information about the conference can be found on their website: [Illinois CASA State Conference](#). The conference agenda and course synopsis are attached for your review.

Announcement from the 11th Judicial Circuit

The 11th Judicial Circuit is publishing a temporary Financial Affairs Affidavit with instructions for Dissolution Cases that will be available until the Illinois Supreme Court approves the new form. A [copy of the form](#) and [instructions](#) are attached for your use.

MCBA Breakfast with the Bar at Kelly's Bakery & Cafe

Remember to have "Breakfast with the Bar" every Friday morning between 8 and 9 am. It's a great way to meet and talk with your fellow attorneys in an informal setting. Stay for 10 minutes and have a cup of coffee or stay for an hour and have a full breakfast before court. Grab an associate, partner or friend and come on down to Kelly's. See you Friday!

