



July Events

7/4/16 (Mon.)

Law & Justice Cen-
ter Closed

7/8/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

7/13/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

7/15/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

7/19/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

Family Law Com-
mittee Meeting

7/22/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

7/26/16 (Tues.)

CLE Committee
Meeting

7/29/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

August Events

8/5/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

8/10/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

8/12/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

8/15/16 (Mon.)

MCBA Golf Outing

8/16/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

8/19/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

Message from the President:

Perhaps you read some of the articles last week about a teenage programmer who designed a chatbot, DoNotPay, which has been responsible for successfully challenging over 160,000 parking ticket cases. The free service is described by its 19 year old creator as "the world's first robot lawyer." In addition to DoNotPay, earlier this year the large law firm BakerHostleter announced it "hired" a robot attorney to help with bankruptcy cases. The AI machine will conduct legal research for the firm, and goes by the name ROSS. In the case of ROSS, BakerHostleter stresses that it is meant to complement attorney work, as opposed to replace any human attorneys. They frame it as something similar to Westlaw or Google, in the sense that it is a technology that has opened the door to more efficient and effective legal work.

In addition to these developments, there continues to be the promises from automated legal document generators that real lawyers can easily be replaced if all someone wants to do is a simple will or trust. All of these developments beg the question, what is the role of attorneys in an increasingly automated world? My hope is that all of these tools do indeed serve as a complement to what we do, but it's difficult to not have some concern when people start touting the rise of the robot lawyers. Can a computer program effectively navigate interpersonal conflicts associated with a family law case? Will a robot lawyer have the appropriate level of empathy to help a couple through the legal challenges associated with adopting a child? When you start asking these questions, you can quickly see how important we are in managing all aspects of a legal case. Regardless, as a profession we will need to continue to recognize the rapid pace at which technology is changing what it means to be an attorney, while at the same time effectively communicate to the public the valuable role we play in their lives.

Ryan Gammelgard, MCBA President

New MCBA Members in June 2016

Please welcome the new attorneys who joined the MCBA in June.

Elizabeth Kurt, UnityPoint Health

Patrick Sheehan, McLean County State's Attorney's Office

Doug Johnson, Johnson Law Group

Shane Mahoney, Robert T. Varney & Associates

Their contact info is available on the MCBA website.



August Events (cont'd)

8/26/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

8/30/16 (Tues.)
CLE Committee
Meeting

September Events

9/2/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

9/5/16 (Mon.)
Law & Justice Cen-
ter Closed

9/9/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

9/14/16 (Wed.)
BOG Meeting

9/16/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

9/20/16 (Tues.)
CLE Luncheon

9/23/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

9/27/16 (Tues.)
CLE Committee
Meeting

9/30/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

MCBA Golf Outing

Registration is open for the Annual MCBA Golf Outing & Dinner on Monday August 15th, 2016 at the Bloomington Country Club. Click [here for more information and to register online](#) or [here to register by mail](#). Registrations must be received by August 8th.



Federal Bar Association CLE Opportunity

The Central District of Illinois Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is hosting a CLE seminar on Wednesday, July 20th from 8:30-12:00 at the federal courthouse in Peoria. The agenda includes presentations about "demystifying federal court," a refresher course about the Federal Rules of Evidence and privileges, filing confidential documents, and an overview of the district court's Local Rules. There will be a panel discussion with federal Judge Sue Myerscough and a presentation about search warrants by a federal defender. A flyer with more information and how to register is [attached here](#).

July "Bankruptcy and Title Related Issues" CLE Luncheon (1 Hour General CLE Credit Anticipated) at Second Presbyterian Church on July 19th at Noon

Please join the McLean County Bar Association for a special Bankruptcy CLE luncheon. Presenters are: Paul Bender, Frank Hoffman, Jim Finegan, Clay Cox and Timothy Howard. This is designed to cover bankruptcy topics relevant to Bankruptcy Attorneys from the aspects of the Trustee, Debtor Attorney and Creditor Attorney. The CLE will conclude with an opportunity for participants to ask questions.

You can register online at <http://www.mcleancountybarassociation.com/july-cle-luncheon-registration.html> or by mail by using [the attached form](#). Cost is \$15 before July 11th. After July 11th, cost increases to \$20. Printed materials are an additional \$5.

Member Announcement

Cox & Associates, LLC is pleased to announce its recent addition of Jake Fulk, formerly of Ronda Glenn Law Office and Prairie State Legal Services. Jake will continue to focus his practice on Family Law while the Estate Administration, Business Law, Civil Litigation, Estate Planning, Real Estate, Tax Law, and Bankruptcy practice areas of the firm remain active.



October Events

10/7/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

10/10/16 (Mon.)

Law & Justice Cen-
ter Closed

10/12/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

10/14/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

10/18/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

10/21/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

10/25/16 (Tues.)

CLE Committee
Meeting

10/28/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

**November
Events**

11/4/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

11/9/16 (Wed.)

BOG Meeting

11/11/16 (Fri.)

Law & Justice Cen-
ter Closed

11/15/16 (Tues.)

CLE Luncheon

11/18/16 (Fri.)

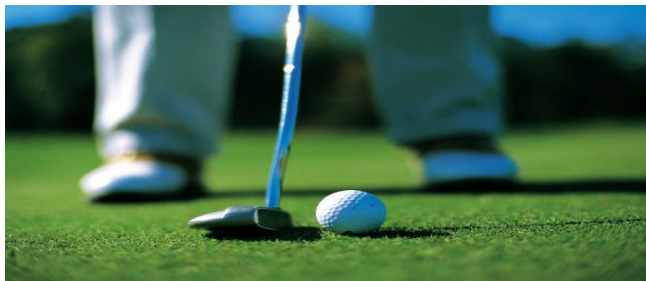
Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

11/25/16 (Fri.)

Breakfast at
Kelly's Bakery

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The McLean County Bar Association Mentoring Program is seeking a mentor for a new lawyer in the county. A mentor must be licensed in the state for more than five years. The mentee is currently working as a lawyer and has requested a mentor to assist with assessing career paths and to act as a resource for involvement in bar activities. By completing eight meetings with the new lawyer, the mentor will qualify for six hours of professionalism credit (which can be rolled over to future years). If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact the mentoring program coordinator, Megan Green at megan.green.mmn4@statefarm.com. Thank you!



Save The Date

McLean County Recovery Court

Golf Outing

September 16, 2016

Lakeside Country Club

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!



CAC Seminar & CLE Opportunity—November 8 and 9, 2016

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for a fall training program by the Children's Advocacy Center. This program will be held on November 8th and 9th at the Marriott in Uptown Normal.



November Events

(cont'd)

11/29/16 (Tues.)
CLE Committee Meeting

December Events

12/2/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at Kelly's Bakery

12/9/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at Kelly's Bakery

12/14/16 (Wed.)
BOG Meeting

12/16/16 (Fri.)
Breakfast at Kelly's Bakery

12/20/16 (Tues.)
Holiday Luncheon

12/23/16 (Fri.)
Law & Justice Center Closed

12/26/16 (Mon.)
Law & Justice Center Closed

Paralegal Position

Wanted for family law firm. Positive attitude, ability to work in a fast paced, high stress environment with lots of client contact and case management responsibilities essential. Necessary skills include math, research, processing of discovery and high degree of competency working with computers. Salary level based upon level of experience. Great benefits package. Send resume and references to Susan at Ronda Glenn Law Offices, 221 E. Front St., Bloomington, Illinois 61701. No phone calls please.



Illinois JusticeCorps Fellow applications are now open!

Fellows take on the leadership role for our JusticeCorps team in each courthouse and serve as role models and leaders for our student volunteers. Candidates should be motivated, independent, creative, and work well with others under pressure. Candidates should also have a passion for public service and an interest in providing access to justice for underrepresented people.

Fellows take on a 9-month or 1-year commitment to service with the program. These positions come with a modest living allowance and a monetary educational award which can be used towards student loans or future tuition.

Illinois JusticeCorps is looking for:

Full-time Fellows in:

Edwardsville, Champaign-Urbana, Galesburg, and Rockford.

Half-time Fellows in:

Joliet, Kankakee, and Bloomington-Normal.

For details and application information, please contact **Jon Legg, Regional Program Coordinator**, at jlegg@iljusticecorps.org or (872) 216-4053.

Pass it on! Please pass this along to anyone you think might be interested!

CIPA Annual Seminar—Please join us!

CIPA is honored to partner with the McLean County Bar Association to present CIPA's 27th Annual Seminar on Friday, September 16th from 8:00 am - 4:15 pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington.

Visit <http://ciparalegal.org/annual-seminar/> for details. Please contact **Debi** or **Chris** with any questions. We hope to see you there!

