

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
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THE OATH

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The April 2015 Dinner Meeting of the Rock Island County Bar Association will be held at Abbey Station, Rock Island IL, on Thursday, April 23, 2015. The social hour will begin at **5:30pm** and dinner will be served at **6:45pm**.

Reservations: Please make your reservation by either returning the enclosed postcard or transmitting an email message to ricobar@churchillfirm.com by Monday, April 20, 2015.

If you respond by email, please include "April Meeting" as the subject and state whether or not you will attend. Make sure your email contains your name and meal preference. Meal choices are Filet Mignon, Baked Orange Roughy, or Vegetable Lasagna and the default designation will be beef if a preference is not given.

Guests: Remember that guests are always welcome to our Association meetings. If you wish to bring a guest to a dinner meeting please make a notation of the guest's name on the return postcard or in your reservation email message. The cost for dinner guests is \$25.00 per person and should be paid prior to or at the meeting to the Secretary-Treasurer.

2015 DUES STATEMENTS

The 2015 Dues Statements have been sent out. Please take a moment to arrange for your payment of your dues balance in order to minimize the time and cost of following up with additional statements and communication. Your attention to and assistance with this task will be sincerely appreciated.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in the Rock Island County Bar Association have been received from:

Mia Mayberry
Benjamin L. Meersman
Morgan J. Milner
Ann M. Neumann
John E. Remus
Eric A. Waldman
Victoria B. Wing

Any comments concerning the applicants should be directed to the President of the Association, Judge Ted Kutsunis, P.O. Box 3825, Rock Island, IL 61204-3825

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Service

The 2015 Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2015 at 1:30pm at the Rock Island County Justice Center

Law Day Luncheon

The Scott County Bar Association is hosting this year's Law Day Luncheon on Friday May 1, 2015 at The Outing Club. Please find the reservation form enclosed.

Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (LAP)

The Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program is conducting its Annual Volunteer Training on June 26, 2015. Please find information form enclosed.

July Bar Association Golf Outing and Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2015 at Short Hills Country Club

**Minutes of the January 29, 2015
Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Bar Association**

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Bar Association was held at the Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center on January 29, 2015 with a quorum of members in attendance. President Judge Ted Kutsunis presided over the meeting. President Kutsunis called the meeting to order at 7:15pm by introducing Judges and guests in attendance.

Guest of Robert Park, James McCluskey, addressed the Association as a candidate for the 3rd VP position of the ISBA.

Secretary Treasurer Mark Churchill addressed the Association regarding the 2014 Financial Statements. He advised that the decrease in revenue in 2014 was the result of only 1 billing going out to members for dues instead of the customary 2 or 3 and that delinquent dues will be collected in 2015. Sec/Treas Churchill also advised that the net amount received by the Association for hosting the 2014 Law Day Seminar was \$1,159.13 and that the net amount received by the Association for the 2014 Fall CLE Seminar was \$1,631.26. The 2014 Financial Statement of the Association, also set forth in THE OATH, were approved unanimously by voice vote.

President Kutsunis acknowledged the success of the 2014 October CLE Seminar presented by the Association and thanked co-chairs Bob Park and Mike Warner for their efforts. The Seminar was very well received and appreciated. Bob Park indicated he and Mr. Warner's intent to put on another seminar this fall.

Nominating Committee Chair, Jack Nathan, was then asked to present the Report of the Nominating Committee. He placed into nomination the following candidates for the respective offices listed:

1 year terms:

President – Ted Kutsunis

Vice Pres – Jon Fox

Sec/Treas - Mark Churchill

2 year terms:

Bd of Managers: Hany Koury / Ben Samuelson

The nominations were seconded and the members assembled voted unanimously to close the nominations and declare the slate of candidates duly elected.

President Kutsunis then recognized Amy Keys and Jeff Jacobs as retiring from the Board of Managers. They were presented with a commemorative plaque in appreciation for their two years of service to the Association.

President Kutsunis then recognized the following for their efforts and dedication to the Association:

Amy Keys as Chair of the Memorial Committee

Hany Koury as Chair of the Law Day Committee

Clay Lee as Social Chair

President Kutsunis then introduced Chief Judge Walter Braud who addressed the Association regarding updates and status of matters in the 14th Circuit.

President Kutsunis asked if there was any other business of the Association. There being none the meeting was adjourned without objection.

LAW DAY LUNCHEON 2015
Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law

**TO: ALL SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUDGES,
ATTORNEYS, PARALEGALS, LEGAL SECRETARIES, ALL COURT RELATED
PERSONNEL AND GUESTS**

The 2015 Law Day Luncheon is jointly sponsored by the Scott County, Iowa and Rock Island County, Illinois Bar Associations and Legal Secretaries Associations and will be held on **Friday, May 1, 2015**, at The Outing Club, 2109 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803. **Check-in begins at 11:45 a.m., with lunch being served at 12:00 p.m.**

The guest speaker will be Dr. Albert Zambone, Visiting Assistant Professor in History at Augustana College. Dr. Zambone earned his Master of Arts in Medieval Studies from The Catholic University of America and his Doctorate in History from the University of Oxford. In addition to his teaching duties, he is co-writing a new kind of history textbook and working on a biography of the greatest general of the American Revolution, Nathanael Greene. His presentation is titled "The Unplanned Birth and Curious Life of the Magna Carta."

The menu is as follows:

Tossed Mixed Greens
Roasted Breast of Chicken with Honey Sweet Chicken Marsala*
Creamy Risotto Parmesan
Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Layer Cake or Strawberries & Cream Layer Cake
Coffee, Tea, and Milk

**Vegetarian option available upon request*

Please return the attached reservation, together with your check in the amount of \$30.00 per person as quickly as possible in order to assist with the proper planning of this luncheon. All reservations must be received by **April 22, 2015**.

Make sure you are present for this year's event!

Your cooperation in returning the reservations promptly will be appreciated.

NAME(S): _____

FIRM OR ORGANIZATION _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
(\$30.00 per reservation)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

NOTE: RESERVATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

RETURN RESERVATION TO: ERICA HUNT
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LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE



April 2, 2015

Hon. Theodore G. Kutsunis, President
Rock Island Bar Association
Illinois Bar Center
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Springfield, IL 62701-1779

RE: Lawyers' Assistance Program Volunteer Training

Dear Hon. Kutsunis:

The Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (LAP) is conducting its Annual Volunteer Training on June 26, 2015 at the University of Illinois Springfield. The training provides for 6.0 hours of ethics credits, and is provided free of charge. We also will be conducting a simultaneous training at Loyola University School of Law in Chicago.

It is critical that we have trained LAP volunteers throughout the state to provide peer support and to conduct interventions. We are asking if you could select 2-3 Rock Island Bar lawyers to attend the training.

Please call me with any questions regarding LAP or the training at Corboy & Demetrio (312-346-3191) or LAP's Executive Director, Robin Belleau, at 312-726-6607. To reserve a seat please contact Bridget McLaughlin at bmclaughlin@illinoislap.org.

Very Truly Yours,

Francis Patrick Murphy
President
Lawyers' Assistance Program

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