

Introduction:

Congratulations on your successful application to the Pennsylvania Bar. As you are aware, this is a tremendous accomplishment, which should fill not only yourself with pride, but also your family and friends. For this reason, we cordially invite you to celebrate your success at the Lackawanna County New Lawyer Induction Ceremony. Please join us on December 4, 2009 for practice before the United States District Court in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County.

Time:

The induction ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Federal Courthouse on North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. Call the Lackawanna Bar Association for directions at 570-969-9161. Please arrive about thirty minutes early so you can pass through security. Normally, cameras are not permitted in the federal courthouse. However, for this occasion only, family and friends will be allowed to take photographs. The candidates will be sitting behind counsel table above the bar. Sponsors will take their seats in the jury box. Family and friends may sit in the general seating area. It is not necessary to have your payment and petition at this time. You may file it in the Federal Clerks office on your way to the next ceremony, or, you may file it at your own convenience at any time after the ceremony. Your certificate of entry will arrive in the mail at your home address.

Forms:

You will need to complete the forms for practice before the U.S. District Court in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County. You can find these forms online at www.lackawannabar.org. Please fill out those forms. The Federal forms may be filed at any time after the ceremony. Please hand in your County form to one of the Induction Ceremony Coordinators. A coordinator will file your County form with the President Judge, who will sign and return the same to the Lackawanna County Clerk of Courts. Should you have any questions regarding obtaining or filing these forms, please contact the Lackawanna County Bar Association.

Sponsors:

Each candidate will need a sponsor to move for their admission for practice. Choose an attorney who you wish to stand as your sponsor for both ceremonies. Sponsors need to be admitted to practice in each Jurisdiction in order to move for your admission. Please get your sponsor a copy of your Curriculum Vitae so that your sponsor may make an appropriate motion. If you do not have a sponsor, please contact the Lackawanna Bar Association for a volunteer sponsor.

Federal Ceremony:

Please rise when the panel of federal judges enters the courtroom. They will make a few remarks before each candidate is sworn in. Candidates will be sworn in, in alphabetical order.

The candidate's name will be announced, followed by their sponsor. The candidate and sponsor will approach the bench. The sponsor will then move for the candidate's admission. The Judges will accept the motion, and the candidate and sponsor will return to their seats. This will be repeated alphabetically by candidate until each candidate is sworn in.

Each Judge may make a short remark after each sponsor has made their motion. Please rise when the Judges exit the Courtroom. At this point, the Middle District Ceremony has concluded. Either file your Petition, along with appropriate payment at the Clerks office on your way out, or proceed directly to the County Courthouse if filing at another time.

County Ceremony:

Please proceed directly to the County Courthouse, as there is additional security that must be cleared. All candidates participating in the induction ceremony must participate in both ceremonies. Once clearing security, please take the elevator to the second floor. Again, candidates please should be seated in your assigned seat above the bar. Again, family and friends are free to sit anywhere in the general seating area behind the bar.

This ceremony will proceed much like the federal ceremony. However, after your sponsor has made your motion, please line up one by one behind the panel of Judges. Please remain standing until each candidate has taken their place behind the panel of Judges. Your photograph, as the new 2009 Lackawanna County New Lawyer Inductees, will be taken immediately after the event.

You should have already handed your Petition to a member of the Induction Ceremony Committee. If you have not, please hand it to one of them before leaving. A member of the induction ceremony committee will take care of having your Petition signed and filed.

Reception:

Candidates, sponsors, family and friends are invited to a reception immediately following the County Ceremony in the Lackawanna County Law Library, which is located on the ground floor of the County Courthouse.

Events as a Member:

The Lackawanna County Young Lawyers Division would like to cordially invite you to attend your first official Bar Function – the Young Lawyers Division Holiday Party to be held on the same evening. Details to follow.