

Dear MCBA members,

I realize that updates are arriving rapidly from many sources at this time. First, my thoughts are with everyone affected by the developing COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation. I am writing to provide an update on the MCBA office, upcoming events, as well as to request that our members continue to support our community during and after the anticipated the current COVID-19 pandemic.

My first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our members and staff. We will be closing the physical MCBA office as of the close of business today, for the next two weeks, since events are canceled through the end of March. Executive Director Sam Iraca and her staff are set up to work remotely and will remain accessible via the MCBA's normal phone and e-mail contacts. Sam and the staff will continue to run the daily operations of the MCBA and be available to our members throughout this time.

What is the role of the Mercer County Bar Association at a time like this? We need to keep our membership informed regarding changes and updates to the courts, continue planning, adjusting and rescheduling events as needed, insure the MCBA will be fully operational when it is safe to resume regular business and to support our community.

I have asked our Community Projects Committee to assemble a list of donation links and suggestions for ways we can best support those most in need in Mercer County, such as TASK and Meals on Wheels, in the coming weeks. With the closing of schools throughout the area, local charities that provide food and services to lower income residents will be in high demand.

As you are aware, we have postponed or cancelled all events scheduled for the remainder of the month and will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation in the coming weeks. In addition, some events scheduled for late spring, such as the Golf Outing, will move to the fall to make room in the calendar for the events we have had to reschedule already.

The coronavirus outbreak is already affecting the day to day operations of our judiciary, the attorneys, law firms and businesses across the county, including our sponsors. The support of our sponsors is critical to the operation of the MCBA during a period of uncertainty such as this, and I ask that you continue to support them in the months to come.

Above all, I wish you all health and safety in the coming weeks.

Thank you,

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