

ILLINOIS CREDITORS BAR ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members,

Jean Paul Sartre, the famous French Existentialist philosopher, once cautioned that one should not set out to make order of the "chaos" but rather, merely attempt to create within it. Given the high volume nature of a collections law practice, we can all relate to this admonition.

It is the general purpose of the ICBA to enable us to more effectively and efficiently create within the "chaos". To this end, the ICBA works to educate its members, eliminate and clarify legislation, and facilitate the flow of communication and business among its members.

This year's educational ambitions for the ICBA include seminars both in Chicago and downstate on hot topics in Illinois and Bankruptcy Law from both the bench and bar. In addition, the logistics of telephone seminars are being explored.

The ICBA's legislative agenda includes proposals to amend and clarify legislation relating to Third Party Citations, Memoranda of Judgment, and Assignments of claims. Members are encouraged to introduce additional areas of law and topics of concern for proposed action.

Web site development, ListServe discussions and the proliferation of e-mail communication have greatly facilitated networking and education of ICBA members. These areas continue to grow and to serve as one of the great benefits of membership.

The strength and continued momentum of the ICBA depend upon the active involvement of its membership. We are fortunate to have a creative and proactive slate of Officers this year who I wish to thank for their

commitment of time and attention. I also wish to encourage all members to participate in the growth and promotion of our Bar as we, together, strive to effectively and efficiently "create within the chaos."

Sincerely,

Robert Becker
President 2000/2001 Term

Membership News and Benefits

Welcome New Members

The Illinois Creditors Creditors Bar Association would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Sheryl Dworkin, Chicago, IL
- Ron Hennings, Chicago, IL
- David Howard, Aurora, IL
- Carl Pellettieri, Jr., Chicago, IL

We look forward to providing you with valuable information and welcome comments, suggestions and article submissions for the newsletter.

NARCA Conference

The next NARCA conference is scheduled for June 8 - 11 in San Fransisco. The conference titled "Building the Partnership Bridge" will focus on building the bridge between attorney and client. In addition, such creditors as Citicorp, Nordstroms and Ford Motor will participate. For further information contact NARCA at (800) 633-6069.

Mark your calendars • Luncheon Seminar May 18, 2000

Article Of Interest

Pearson vs. Sledge 309 Ill.App. 3d 807, 723 N.E.2d 773, 243 Ill.Dec. 470 (1999, 1st Dist).

SUBROGATION LIEN FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES IS VALID

The 1st District Appellate Court reversed a decision of Judge John Laurie from Cook County with regard to the validity of a subrogation lien for medical expenses.

In the case, the insured recovered from the tortfeasor pursuant to a settlement of a pending lawsuit. The insured then tried to have the court adjudicate the lien 4 years later. The insured claimed that the policy provision failed to create a medical payment subrogation lien. The trial court agreed, but the Appellate Court reversed.

The reviewing court held that because medical payments, as compensation for bodily injury, fell within the definition of damages under the policy terms, medical payments were clearly covered by the provision for reimbursement included in the policy. See Pearson vs. Sledge, [need to insert the actual cite here] (1999, 1st Dist.).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Illinois Creditors Bar Association
is hosting a Luncheon Seminar!

Date: May 18 at Noon

Topic: Bankruptcy

Speaker: Judge Lopez-Cepero

Location: Midland Hotel

172 West Adams at La Salle

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May 15.
Contact Leigh-Ann Thompson
at Sierra847@aol.com or (847) 255-7920.

**The luncheon is complimentary
for members. There is a
\$20 fee for non-members.**