PBA Marks Law Day 2015 with Legal-Responsibilities Program at Luzerne County High School, May 4

Each year the nation observes Law Day during the month of May. The event, this year under the theme "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law," is designed to educate citizens of all ages about the legal system and to celebrate the American heritage of liberty, justice and equality. Among local events supported by the PBA was a program at the Wyoming Valley West High School in Luzerne County on May 4.

During the PBA Law Day presentation, 350 high school seniors learned about the legal responsibilities they will face as they turn 18. The PBA program covered these topics: understanding the change in status as a young person transitions from a juvenile to an adult with respect to criminal laws; understanding common civil law issues such as signing apartment and automobile leases, loan documents and contracts; understanding laws about underage drinking; and understanding Pennsylvania’s unified court system, the election of judges and the civic duty to vote.

Pictured below at the event, from left, are PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis; PBA Law-Related Education Committee Chair Phillip Yoon; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Zone 5 Board Member Guerline L. Laurore; PBA Treasurer David Schwager; and PBA Young Lawyer Division Immediate Past Chair Lars Anderson.