

To: Tompkins County Bar Association

Re: 2022 President's Report

From: Teresa McNamara

Hello, members of the Tompkins County Bar Association. Every year since 2020 seems to give us no idea of what to expect, and 2022 was no exception.

The Executive Committee continued to conduct all of our monthly meetings over Zoom this year. It has proven to be an effective and convenient way to meet, allowing for more accommodation around everyone's busy schedules. I was even able to run a meeting while on vacation out of state. It's no substitute for seeing folks in person, but it has allowed us to seamlessly conduct the business of the TCBA.

One big move we made this year was to update and improve the TCBA website. Working under the direction of our Treasurer, Hayden Brainard, we hired a company to help us make a more user-friendly and member-driven website. There are members only features available with your log-in, such as CLE recordings. And we're especially excited to include a feature that gives members the ability to update their professional information and pay their dues directly on the website. This makes the jobs of both our Treasurer and Secretary a little easier.

We continue to be in a strong financial position, and look forward to that position improving as we increase and strengthen our membership. We were happy to be able to host the Summer Social again last August at Pasto Vitto and thank our Social Chair, Judge Scott Miller, for organizing that event, as well as member memorials this past year. And the upcoming Annual Dinner!

The board has kept up discussions related to Access to Justice and other initiatives led by the legal community. We are joining a lawsuit in Upstate New York to for higher assigned counsel rates for Upstate attorneys, an issue that we see as vital to providing Access to Justice in our community. We are pleased to have received nothing but support from our members when we shared this news last week.

I will end by thanking everyone who served on the board in 2022 along with me, and provided support, guidance, and assistance along the way. Welcome to our new members, thank you to our returning members, and I am looking forward to seeing you in person at our Annual Dinner on November, 17th!

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa McNamara  
TCBA President, 2022