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## Member Spotlight

### Carla S. Donnelly



Meet Carla S. Donnelly, a Partner with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP in the firm's Pittsburgh, PA office. Carla is Co-Chair of the Women in the Profession (WIP) and serves on the Council for the PBA Family Law Section.

#### How did you first get involved with the PBA?

"I moved from Atlanta, GA to Pittsburgh, PA in 2013 and my partner, Ken Horoho, suggested I attend the WIP Retreat that November. I went without knowing anyone and met a wonderful group of women attorneys. Before I knew it, three years later I was Co-Chair of the Retreat and it just took off from there."

#### What do you value about your PBA membership?

"I value the opportunities to connect with attorneys around the commonwealth with no agenda other than to connect and learn from and support one another. I also value the PBA's role in allowing its members to weigh in on substantive changes to the law in their various areas of expertise. For example, the members of the Family Law Section have been able to help shape changes to laws that impact many Pennsylvanians."

#### What advice do you have for lawyers in Western PA who want to get involved in the PBA?

"Just show up! All of the sections and committees are seeking geographic diversity and coming from Western PA you will be welcomed with open arms."

#### What are the biggest challenges facing lawyers in PA?

"Navigating AI. It remains to be seen how it will truly impact our profession." Note: Delve into issues related to AI by going to [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org) and search "AI" to find live and on-demand courses available to PBA members.

#### What are your greatest personal achievements?

"Raising my teenage daughter to be a kind and caring person."

#### What are your greatest professional achievements/career highlight?

"As I look back [over a 30-year career], two achievements stand out. Being selected for the Lynnette Norton Award from the WIP. Also, moving states mid-career and building a successful family law practice for a second time."



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