

Croy, Hendel & Mackin, LLP Law Firm Spotlighted By The Waterville Area Chamber Of Commerce

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The Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce spotlight this month shines on Croy, Hendel & Mackin, LLP, a law firm with offices in Waterville and Perrysburg.

Attorney Paul Croy began his career at a law firm in Toledo before starting his own firm in Perrysburg in 1993.

Former Perrysburg High School teacher Sherry Hendel joined the firm in 1995, and Tom Mackin, who has practiced law as long as Croy, started working for the firm in 2000 and became partner in 2002.

All three of the attorneys earned their law degrees at The University of Toledo College of Law. Croy and Mackin also served as editors of the Law Review, which is a top honor in law school.

Croy has been a lifelong resident of the Waterville area and is a 1982 graduate of Anthony Wayne High School.

His mother, Sara "Sally" Croy, was a teacher in the Anthony Wayne Local School District and was recently inducted into the AW Alumni Association's Hall of Fame.

Croy has been a member or leader of the Boy Scouts for 35 years and serves as vice president of district

operations for the Erie Shores Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is a past president of the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Waterville Rotary and a former board member for the Black Swamp Conservancy and Camp Storer.

Croy is currently the chairman of Main Street Waterville, Inc., a group working to revitalize Waterville's downtown area as well as protecting and revitalizing the history of the village.

He is especially interested in the history of the buildings in the village since the Waterville office he took over from retired attorney George Williams in 1995 is the Crosby-Eldridge House, a part of Waterville's history since 1836.

"We have to care about preserving the history of Waterville and put in the effort necessary to do it," he said. "I live here, work here, go to church here and have children growing up here — I have a lot riding on this community."

"Waterville has always been a wonderful community and has treated me well. My parents instilled the importance of giving to the community and I'm glad to be able to give back in whatever way I can."

Croy said the firm has



Attorneys Paul Croy (left), Sherry Hendel and Tom Mackin of Croy, Hendel & Mackin, LLP serve area residents with personal service in all areas of estate planning and administration, business planning, real estate transactions, commercial and personal litigation, personal injury cases and probate litigation.

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clients from throughout the Toledo area who visit the Waterville office, which is where he will spend most of his time by the end of the year.

Hendel is from Newark, Ohio, near Columbus and met her husband, a Perrysburg native, while attending Bowling Green State University.

She is the former treasurer of the Perrysburg Chamber of Commerce, the current treasurer of the Perrysburg Kiwanis Club, membership chairman of the for the Perrysburg

League of Voters and board member for the Sunset Retirement Communities and the Toledo Estate Planning Council.

Mackin grew up in Avon Lake, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, and graduated from Muskingum College before attending The University of Toledo.

He has lived in Perrysburg for 15 years and served on city council since 1998. He also serves on the board for the Fort Meigs YMCA, coaches sports and is a member of the Perrysburg Rotary.

Mackin is currently a mayoral candidate in the city of Perrysburg.

Like Croy, Mackin served in a downtown Toledo firm, but now enjoys being able to serve in a community setting.

"We are a person-oriented firm that services the needs of the people where we live as well as beyond," Mackin said. "We help people solve problems by finding solutions to fix things people cannot fix themselves. That is what I enjoy about law."

Hendel has similar thoughts about practicing law.

"I enjoy doing the things that I feel help people," she said. "Someone comes in who needs help and I have the skills to help them. For some people, it is a matter of existence through fighting things like disinheritance."

One of the main focuses of Croy, Hendel & Mackin is estate planning including the drafting of wills and trusts.

Croy said there are many estate planning do-it-yourself seminars now, some presented by lawyers and some not, so people

for the firm include residential and commercial real estate transactions and development; business planning, formation and transactions; personal income tax planning and return preparation; commercial and personal litigation and dispute resolution including contracts, construction and real estate disputes; and personal injury and probate litigation including will contests and trust-related disputes.

Mackin brings years of experience to the litigation field including contract dispute litigation. He recently represented veterinarian Dr. Tim Reichert in his dispute with the Toledo Zoo.

For new entrepreneurs, Mackin can help form business structures to help them get started properly in their businesses.

"I enjoy seeing them grow and get more sophisticated in how they handle situations," he said. "If you have a good plan and structure, it helps enhance the good people you have working for you."

Croy, Hendel and Mackin bring a wealth of experience and local knowledge to their areas of practice in order to best serve the needs of their neighbors and clients across the Toledo area.

The firm can be reached at its Waterville office, located at 204 Farnsworth Rd., (419) 878-2931 or in its Perrysburg office at 801 W. South Boundary, Suite C, (419) 874-5610.

Other areas of practice

Rachel Adams Featured In Exhibit

Artwork by Rachel Adams, of Whitehouse, a senior at Notre Dame Academy, was selected to be included in the Focus 2005 exhibition.

The annual show featured works by high school students from Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. It was on view at the Center for Visual Arts at the Toledo Museum of Art from September 24 through October 16.

A jury selected 295 works, including Adams' scratch-



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Waterville Township Explores Maintenance Building Renovations At Wakeman Cemetery

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The Waterville Township trustees held a short meeting recently during which several issues were discussed including the renovation of the maintenance building in Wakeman Cemetery.

Trustee Les Disher said the maintenance building is in dire need of renovation.

The building needs painting or vinyl siding, windows, doors, eaves and a new heating unit. The current heater does not work and the unit is so old the township can no longer find replacement parts.

Disher said the research he has done shows the building could not be painted for the price of vinyl siding, and the siding would last much longer.

There are also "soft spots" in the building that would need repair before siding could be installed.

Clerk Kay Robertson said she would have a better idea of the funds available for the project after the personal property taxes are collected at the end of October; the proj-

ect will be revisited then.

In other business, the trustees:

■ Approved the language for the police levy, which will be on the ballot this November.

The trustees and Police Chief Bonnie Hearndon discussed ways to educate the township residents about the 1.9 mill levy and what the funds would mean to the department.

The police department has not asked for a new levy in over 15 years, and Hearndon said she has stretched every penny as far as she can.

■ Heard a report from solicitor Walt Celley, who has researched the Civil War and War of 1812 headstones that were recently replaced in Wakeman Cemetery.

The old headstones are currently being stored by the township.

Celley said the stones can go to family members or the Waterville Historical Society depending on what the trustees would like to do with them.

According to Celley, it is not unlawful for people to

possess the federally supplied stones as long as they are not stolen.

The trustees said they would contact the historical society about the stones.

■ Discussed the barn on the Blue Creek Conservancy property on Schadel Road. Disher said he received a call from Lucas County about the barn.

According to Disher, Whitehouse Fire Chief Darryl McNutt has been concerned about the safety of taking children on educational tours of the barn loft, which is not ADA compliant and does not have a suitable means of egress in case of fire.

Waterville Township contracts with the Whitehouse Fire Department for fire service in that part of the township.

According to Disher, the county inspected the site last Friday and would not sign off on the use of the loft due to safety reasons.

Disher said additional meetings in the future have been suggested to resolve the issue.

A.W. STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

■ **Kimberly Herrmann**, of Waterville, was named to the dean's list at Xavier University for the spring 2005 semester. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology.

■ **Anthony Westfall**, of Waterville, graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

■ **Hannah Miller** and

Laura Nowak, of Waterville, were named to the dean's list at Bluffton University for the fall semester 2004-05.

■ **Bradley Bellner**, of Whitehouse, has enrolled at the University of Findlay as a pre-veterinary medicine major. A 2005 graduate of Anthony Wayne High School, he is the son of Ronald and Glenda Bellner.