**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:                 Members of the Federal Practice Committee, Bar Association of Erie County**

**FROM:          Tim Graber, Chair**

**DATE:           May 7, 2020**

**RE:                 Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM via Zoom**

Please join us on **Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM via Zoom** web conferencing for a conversation withthe Honorable Frack P. Geraci, Jr., Chief, United States District Judge, regarding COVID-19 and the Federal Courts.

Please see below details to participate as well as attached for some helpful tips on using the Zoom platform. If you need assistance, contact Daniel Ortega at dortega@eriebar.org

**Join Zoom Meeting**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88221140900?pwd=QnN0S1cyZDNpbDNRY1hWSVRReVVndz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88221140900?pwd=QnN0S1cyZDNpbDNRY1hWSVRReVVndz09)

**Meeting ID: 882 2114 0900**

**Password: 857612**

**Dial by Phone**

**(646) 558-8656**

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*Thank You & Stay Well!*

Please remember during these challenging times that the Bar Association is here for you.

1. The Erie County Bar Foundation provides confidential assistance to attorneys dealing with mental and physical illness, financial hardship, alcohol and drug dependencies, and similar difficulties. If you need help, please visit our website by clicking [here](https://eriebar.org/eriecountybarfoundation/)or by contacting BAEC Executive Director, Anne Noble at anoble@eriebar.org

1. Lawyers Helping Lawyers provides a confidential channel of communication for attorneys and judges experiencing alcohol or drug-related difficulties. Please contact BAEC Executive Director, Anne Noble, at anoble@eriebar.org for more information.

1. Committee to Assist Lawyers with Depression is a peer support group that meets virtually every Tuesday and Friday at 12:30PM. Please contact BAEC Executive Assistant, Daniel Ortega, at dortega@eriebar.org for more information.

1. Governor Cuomo established a mental health helpline where you can call and schedule an appointment with a professional for FREE. The number is 1 (844) 863-9314. Over 6,000 professionals have volunteered to provide services for emotional stress and other mental health challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.