

PLDIC Leadership Thanks Peter Russ for Service

"Peter, of course, deserves a huge thank you for his long years of service on the PLDIC board, all of them as the organization's treasurer. But that's just the half of it - maybe even less than half. Bringing this organization into being required courage and vision and steadfastness in the face of obstacles. I'd like to think I brought some of that to the table, but without others - and particularly without Peter - my share of those traits would never have been enough. I was 'a usual suspect' - people expected me to be ranting and raving about the importance of diversity and inclusion. Peter was not. A solid law firm partner, hugely successful, with a corner office and a very big desk. Having him lend his presence, his stature and his conviction to the cause stiffened my spine, convinced me that others too would believe, as Peter did, that what we were doing needed to be done, was important, and ultimately, would make a difference, both for individual attorneys and law students and for our organizations. He was there from the beginning and thanks to him, there was a beginning."

- Susan Yohe, former PLDIC Executive Director

"Thank you Peter for your dedication to the mission of the PLDIC. I know I speak for the rest of the board in saying job well done. Wishing you the best in your next endeavor."

- Eric Cottle, former PLDIC Board Chair

"Peter has been an absolute lynchpin in the formation and successful operation of the Coalition. He single-handedly built our financial systems and infrastructure, and he has maintained them seamlessly in a transparent and professional fashion. Just as importantly, he has brought clear, thoughtful, and insightful counsel and decision-making to our Board, critically shaping who and what we have become. The Pittsburgh legal community has been blessed to have Peter as a Board Member and Treasurer for the Coalition, and I personally thank him for all that he has done."

- Don Bluedorn, former PLDIC Board Chair