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**The Colonial Theatre – Bringing the Arts
and Entertainment to Phoenixville**

Our July PCTV programming is the second in our series focusing on local non-profit organizations. This month, on OWM's PCTV show, [Legal Talk](#), [David A. Megay, Esq.](#), and I had an opportunity to visit Mary Foote, Executive Director of [The Colonial Theatre](#). The Colonial Theatre is located right in the heart of downtown Phoenixville and has been a centerpiece of the community for over 100 years. Most recently, it has been one of the key anchors in the revitalization of Phoenixville's downtown, providing arts and entertainment to the area's residents.

The Colonial Theatre opened with its first stage show in 1903 in Phoenixville and, since that time, has brought many notable acts which include Harry Houdini in 1917. Also, in 1957, *The Blob*, starring Steve McQueen, was partially filmed at The Colonial Theatre and other spots in and around Phoenixville. To this day, you can participate in Blobfest and recreate the famous scene from the movie where moviegoers run out of The Colonial Theatre to escape the Blob.

In 1998, The Colonial Theatre was purchased by the Phoenixville Area Economic Development Corporation, a local non-profit geared towards economic development in the Borough of Phoenixville. The Theatre was ultimately transferred to the Association for The Colonial Theatre, a non-profit formed for the purpose of operating the Theatre.

Since that time, the Theatre has seen significant investments and renovations. Through several rounds of funding, improvements were made, such as replacing existing seats, adding an elevator, renovating the upper levels of the Theatre, and many other improvements.

The most recent round of renovations are not related to the original Theatre, but to the acquisition and renovation of the building next door, a former bank building and newspaper office, which was acquired by The Colonial Theatre in 2011. Since its acquisition, the Association for The Colonial Theatre has invested significant time, energy and money in renovating the building.

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Recently, the Association held a grand opening for the new space which provides two new theatres, expanded lobby space and many other amenities.

Now with three screens, The Colonial Theatre has the opportunity to present a wider range of shows and other programming to the Phoenixville and surrounding community. If you want to find out more information about the expansion and fundraising efforts, please do not hesitate to check out the Bank on the Arts page which can be found at <https://thecolonialtheatre.com/support/capital-campaign/>.

OWM is a proud sponsor of the Bank on the Arts drive and wishes continued success to this wonderful community partner. We invite you to check out the Colonial Theatre's upcoming lineup of events which can be found at <https://thecolonialtheatre.com/>.

If you would care to discuss the above in detail, please call me at 610-323-2800 or email me at jkovalesski@owmlaw.com. Also, please watch OWM's July 2017 Legal Talk program regarding The Colonial Theatre – Bringing the Arts and Entertainment to Phoenixville to on our website [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[Rebecca A. Hobbs, Esq., CELA](#), and [Joseph K. Koury, Esq.](#), speaking at Bon Homie Adult Day Center, 470 N. Lewis Rd., Limerick, PA, on 7/31/17 at 3:00 p.m. regarding "The Importance of Guardianship." RSVP Karen Weglos at (610) 792-8800 or email bonhomieadc.karen@comcast.net by 7/28/17.

[David A. Megay, Esq.](#), speaking at Chester County Night School Seminars at Owen J. Roberts Middle School, Pottstown, PA on 9/19/17 from 6:30p.m.-8:30 p.m. entitled "Ask the Lawyer: Buying and Selling Real Estate in Pennsylvania," and on 10/24/17 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. entitled "Ask the Lawyer: Starting and Operating Your Own Business" (contact Chester County Night School at 610-692-1964 or online at www.chestercountynightschool.org).

Watch Legal Talk, brought to you by OWM, on PCTV, Tuesdays at 8:30 on Channel 28, and Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on Channel 98, or on our website [here](#).

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