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20th Annual Monroe County Bench Bar Conference Shares Knowledge and Networking

TANNERSVILLE, PA: Monroe County Bar Association held its **20th Annual Monroe County Bench Bar Conference September 30** at **Northampton Community College Monroe Campus**. Members of the Stroudsburg based organization joined **Pennsylvania Bar Association**, alongside **Superior** and **Court of Common Pleas Judges** to share knowledge and networking for the overall advancement of legal professionals across the region. Created as a means of keeping up to date on information and what’s going on in each organization, the gathering also illustrated obligations and administration beyond the bench.

43rd Judicial District Court of Common Pleas President Judge the honorable Margherita Patti-Worthington, explained, “The goal is to collaborate to make sure justice is served.”

A strong advocate for educational and operational advancement in her fifth year as President Judge, she agrees this type of interaction offers an opportunity for, “A better understanding of pressures” faced by both sides of the bench.

Announcing a pivotal point in progress, “Monroe County is the first county in Pennsylvania to use PACFiling for Criminal cases [at the Common Pleas level],” Prothonotary Clerk of Courts for Monroe County, George Warden joined by Senior Deputy Monroe County Court of Clerks Lasea Koidl illustrated the online paperless procedure for attorneys.

Plenary Session presenter, Superior Court Judge the honorable Victor P. Stabile mixed a captivating cross practice session, “Potpourri [of] recent cases of interest.”

“There’s a reason they call it a practice of law,” he later explained applauding the “valuable” event’s purpose.

Monroe County Bar Association President, Jeffrey A. Durney commented, “It [Monroe County Bench Bar Conference] reflects well upon us [as a bar association].”

Satisfied with another successful selection of subjects by MCBA’s Bench Bar Committee he joined colleagues for continued collaboration later sharing the “State of the Bar” along with PBA President Elect Sharon Lopez discussing the “State of the Pennsylvania Bar Association”, followed by “State of the Bench” by Judge Worthington then Judges’ Round Table panel discussion.



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The Honorable Victor P. Stabile shares recent case facts presented before the Superior Court



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