

Twenty-Second Annual

MONROE COUNTY

BENCH BAR

CONFERENCE

Friday, September 28, 2018



Keystone Hall
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Tannersville PA 18372

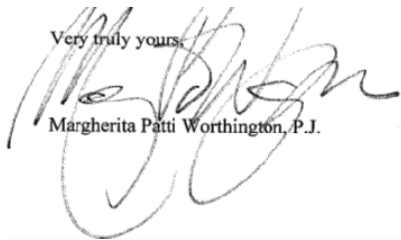
Dear Members of the Bar:

On behalf of the Judges of the 43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas, Monroe County, I would like to welcome you to the 2018 Monroe County Bench Bar Conference.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Bench Bar Committee, course planners, and faculty for planning a conference that promises to be an immensely rewarding opportunity for all involved.

We are honored to welcome Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra McCloskey Todd and Pennsylvania Superior Court Senior Judge Correale Stevens. We likewise are pleased to welcome Judge Thomas M. Blewitt, Retired U.S. Middle District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Michael Pierce, Esquire, Justin Mixon, Esquire, Robert Davis, Esquire, Senior Deputy Attorney General Bernard Anderson and David Schwager, Esquire, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Very truly yours,



Margherita Patti Worthington, P.J.



Dear Members of the Monroe County Bar Association:

On behalf of President Judge Worthington and the Bench Bar Committee, I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2018 Bench Bar Conference to be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 at the Monroe Campus of Northampton Community College in Tannersville, Pennsylvania. President Judge Worthington will present her annual state of the Bench review with other Monroe County Judges participating in the roundtable session.

We are returning to the Monroe Campus of Northampton Community College in large part due to the availability of its state of the art conference facilities and the provisions provided by the College's Culinary Arts program.

We will continue to allow time for members to network with the sponsors who so generously support our conference each year. We encourage everyone to arrive early to visit with sponsors and vendors as well as stay late for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Elizabeth Bensinger Weekes, Esquire
Chairperson, 2018 Bench Bar Conference

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 am

Arrive early. Spend time with our 2018 sponsors.
Mingle with your peers. Enjoy a light breakfast.

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8:30-9:30 am

PLENARY SESSION 1

K 202

Lessons in Leadership—What an original “Space Cowboy” can teach you about Leadership, Teamwork and Problem Solving”

1 Substantive Credit

Often Bar Associations are akin to commanding a ship. Come and learn what the original “Space Cowboy”, Captain James T. Kirk, of the Starship Enterprise, can teach bar leaders about being a true leader, teamwork, resource utilization, problem solving and board governance. This interactive presentation will give ideas and provide thought provoking commentary to help lead your own team and along the way you may even find some skills to be applied to your everyday practice of law!

Faculty:

Michael P. Pierce, Esquire

Pierce & Hughes

9:30-9:45 am

Sponsor Networking

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9:45-10:45 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Select A or B

BREAKOUT SESSION A

America’s Fascination with Serial Killers

K 202

1 Substantive Credit

This course will discuss characteristics of serial killers, forensic psychology, lawyers dealing with high profile cases and forensic evidentiary issues.

Faculty:

Superior Court President Judge Emirates Correale Stevens

Senior Deputy Attorney General Bernard Anderson

OR

BREAKOUT SESSION B

ADR—What, Why, How and When

K 201

1 Substantive Credit

Moderated discussion introducing the opportunities for ADR services to your clients, the bar, and the bench plus some hindsight from those that have gone before! This interactive session allows you to walk away with a better understanding of the benefits of ADR services and how it can assist you in your practice.

Faculty:

The Honorable Thomas M. Blewitt, Retired

JAMS ADR

David A. Fitzsimons, Esquire

Martson Law Offices

10:45-11:15 am

Sponsor Networking

K 200

11:15-12:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION 2

K 202

Immigration—It Affects Us All

1 Substantive Credit

An introduction to Immigration Law for all kinds of lawyers, with answers to your questions.

Faculty:

Justin R. Mixon, Esquire

Mixon Law Office

12:15-1:45 pm

LUNCH

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WELCOME

Elizabeth Bensinger Weekes, Esquire

Bench Bar Conference Chairperson

FROM THE BENCH

The Honorable Debra McCloskey Todd

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice

The Honorable Margherita Patti-Worthington

Court of Common Pleas 43rd Judicial District, President Judge

1:45-2:00 pm

Sponsor Networking

K 200

2:00-3:00 pm

JUDGES' ROUND TABLE

K 202

1 Substantive Credit

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 43RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Honorable Margherita Patti-Worthington, President Judge

Honorable Arthur L. Zulick

Honorable Jennifer Harlacher Sibum

Honorable Stephen M. Higgins

Honorable David J. Williamson

Questions may be emailed to dburdge@monroebar.org prior to event, provided to MCBA staff through the conclusion of lunch, or asked during the Round Table.

3:00-3:15 pm

Sponsorship Networking

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3:15-4:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION 3

P 202

Top Ten Dumb Lawyer Mistakes

1 Ethics Credit

The presenter will draw on 46 years prosecuting and defending ethics complaints and acting as an expert advisor and witness on professional liability and fiduciary duty cases. The top ten or so most important considerations which will help lawyers stay out of trouble with the Disciplinary Board, the courts and clients. We'll draw on attorney ethics rules, the adopted Rules of Professionalism, malpractice avoidance and client avoidance concepts learned over years of practice. You'll hear real-life stories and, perhaps, even a song or two to keep you engaged.

Faculty:

Robert H. Davis, Esquire

Law Office of Robert H. Davis, Esquire

4:15-5:15 pm

COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES

K 200

STATE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

David E. Schwager, Esquire

Chariton, Schwager & Malak

Pennsylvania Bar Association Vice President

EARN 5 CREDITS BY ATTENDING ALL DAY.

Materials will be available on MCBA website approximately 1 week prior to the event.

2018

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2018 Bench Bar Conference Raffles

MCBA will be giving away raffle prizes throughout the day!

MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Event Registration

REGISTER NOW!

Reservations made by phone or email are considered binding and subject to billing.

*Refund Policy: Requests for full refunds must be in writing and received no later than September 15, 2018
No refunds will be given for cancellations made after September 15, 2018.*

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION & PAYMENT BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Name: _____ PA Attorney ID #: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

PRE-REGISTRATION

MCBA MEMBERS:

___ 2018 Members	\$125.00
___ Admitted after 9/30/2013	\$ 85.00
___ MCBA Member Law Clerks	Free
___ Full Time—Non-Elected Member ADAs/PDs/NPLS	\$ 75.00

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___ Non-members	\$175.00
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WALK-INS

MCBA MEMBERS	\$150.00
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NON-MEMBERS	\$200.00
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§ Price includes CLE credits, course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, hors d'oeuvres and reception §

PLEASE SELECT YOUR BREAKOUT SESSION HERE (Circle only one)

BREAKOUT OPTION 1A— America's Fascination with Serial Killers

Or

BREAKOUT OPTION 1B — ADR— What, Why, How and When

Please note: Faculty and conference rooms subject to change.

If you have any questions, please call the MCBA office at 570.424.7288.

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