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Twenty-Third Annual

MONROE COUNTY
BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

Friday, September 27, 2019
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 2019 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 Kevin M. Dougherty and Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Judge P. Kevin Brobson. The Bench and the Bar are excited to present a variety of relevant topics this year with panelists from across the state. Two plenary sessions will be offered, one on implicit bias and the other on the legalization of medical marijuana in Pennsylvania. Other topics include civil litigation, criminal, family law, and municipal law.

Please enjoy the conference and our beautiful Pocono Mountains.

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 2019 Bench Bar Conference to be held on Friday, September 27, 2019, 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 round-table 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.

Brian C. Jordan, Esquire
Chairperson, 2019 Bench Bar Conference
## EVENT SCHEDULE

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<td>8:00-8:30 am</td>
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<td>Arrive early. Visit our 2019 Sponsors. Enjoy a light breakfast. Mingle with your peers.</td>
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<td>Welcome by Brian C. Jordan, Bench Bar Chair</td>
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<td>8:35-9:35 am</td>
<td>PLENARY SESSION 1</td>
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<td><strong>The Case for Adjusting Your Perspective - Identifying and Combating Implicit Bias in the Practice of Law</strong>&lt;br&gt; 1 Ethics Credit&lt;br&gt;This one hour, interactive course will define what “implicit bias” is, identify types of implicit biases that affect attorneys in everyday practice of law and business development, including interactions with clients, other attorneys, and the court. Through vignettes and discussion, attendees will learn how to mitigate the impact of implicit bias and see how Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct and Code of Civility provide guidance in such situations.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Faculty</strong>&lt;br&gt;Donald E. Gual, Esquire - Amori &amp; Associates, L.L.C.&lt;br&gt;Michael J. Lyon, Esquire - WALSH PANCIO LLC&lt;br&gt;Keri A. Schantz, Esquire - Attorney at Law</td>
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<td><strong>Select 1A or 1B</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>1 Substantive Credit</strong>&lt;br&gt;K202&lt;br&gt;<strong>Breakout 1A - Potholes on the Road of Civil Litigation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Judge Sibum, Judge Williamson and Judge Zulick will discuss situations where the law can present some jarring bumps for lawyers in civil cases. The program will address what some of these issues are, involving service, preliminary objections, summary judgments, statutes of limitation, post-trial motions and 1925(b) concise statements and suggest ways to deal with them. We'll also discuss the case management systems, and give tips to help improve efficiency for lawyers and the bench. Mark Primrose, Esq. will moderate and will discuss procedures that present difficulties for lawyers that the bench should be aware of.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Faculty</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Hon. Arthur L. Zulick - 43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas&lt;br&gt;The Hon. Jennifer Harlacker Sibum - 43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas&lt;br&gt;The Hon. David J. Williamson - 43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas</td>
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<td><strong>Breakout 1B - 2019 Municipal Law Update</strong>&lt;br&gt;In this fast-moving session, learn about key developments in municipal law over the past year. Among the topics that will be discussed include short-term rentals, the explosion of wireless communications and its impact on municipal governments and residents, the regulation of signs and billboards after Reed v. Town of Gilbert, and much more. Recent legislative changes and initiatives will also be covered.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Faculty</strong>&lt;br&gt;Scott Coburn Esquire - Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors</td>
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EARN 5 CREDITS BY ATTENDING ALL DAY.<br>Materials will be available on MCBA website approximately 1 week prior to event.
11:15-12:15 am

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Select 2A or 2B
1 Substantive Credit

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Breakout 2A

State and Local Rules and the Impact on Family Law Practice in Monroe County

The panel will discuss the many changes, both locally and statewide, that are affecting your practice today. We will also touch on those anticipated changes and how we can prepare us and the families.

Faculty
The Hon. Jennifer Harlacher Sibum - 43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas
Elizabeth Bensinger Weekes, Esquire - Bensinger & Weekes
Todd W. Weitzmann, Esquire - Weitzmann, Weitzmann, & Huffman, LLC

OR

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Breakout 2B

DUI & Motor Vehicle Update

A comprehensive update on all things DUI and motor vehicle related. What's new from the legislature and appellate courts? How is the new ignition interlock law applied and being implemented? Answers to those questions and more.

Faculty
Edward F. Spreha, Esquire - Law Offices of Wagner & Spreha

12:15-1:45 pm

LUNCH

Pocono Hall

Welcome
Brian C. Jordan, Esquire
Cramer, Swetz, McManus & Jordan, P.C.
Bench Bar Conference Chairperson

From the Pennsylvania Bar
Anne N. John, Esquire
John & John Attorneys at Law
President - Pennsylvania Bar Association

From the Bench
The Hon. Margherita Patti-Worthington, President Judge
43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas

1:45-2:00 pm

Sponsor Networking

2:00-3:00 pm

JUDGES’ ROUND TABLE

Judges 43rd Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas of Monroe Court
(MCBA Members Only)

The Hon. Margherita Patti-Worthington
The Hon. Jonathan Mark
The Hon. Stephen M. Higgins
The Hon. Arthur L. Zulick
The Hon. Jennifer Harlacher Sibum
The Hon. David J. Williamson

Questions are encouraged and 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

Sponsor Networking

3:15-4:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION 2

Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania - Review of the First Two Years

The panel will discuss the impact of Pennsylvania’s Medical Marijuana Law on employment law, education law, family law, changes in regulations, eligibility and continuing conflicts between Federal and State Law, affects on Pennsylvania Practice, as well as other timely topics.

Faculty
Melissa Chapaska, Esquire - Hawke, McKeown & Sniscak, LLP
Timothy E. Gilbsbach, Esquire - Fox Rothschild LLP
William McDevitt, Esquire - Wilson Elser
Joseph McNelis, Esquire - Fox Rothschild LLP

4:15-5:15 pm

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2019 Bench Bar Conference Raffles

MCBA will be giving away raffle prizes throughout the event!
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: Request for refunds must be made in writing and received no later than September 16, 2019. No refunds will be given for cancellations after this date.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Name: _____________________________________  PA Attorney ID#: _____________________
Phone: _______________________________  Mail: _______________________________

Pre-Registration:

MCBA MEMBERS:

____ Member $125.00
____ Members Admitted after 9/30/2014 $  85.00
____ MCBA Member Law Clerks Free
____ Full-Time Non-Elected MCBA Members ADAs/PDs/NPLS $  75.00

NON-MEMBERS:

____ Non-members $195.00

Walk-Ins

MCBA Members $150.00
Non-Members $250.00

*Price includes CLE credits, continental breakfast, lunch, and cocktail reception*

PLEASE SELECT YOUR BREAKOUT SESSIONS HERE (Circle only one per session)

BREAKOUT 1A - Potholes on the Road of Civil Litigation
OR
BREAKOUT 1B - 2019 Municipal Law Update

BREAKOUT 2A - State and Local Rules and the Impact on Family Law Practice in Monroe County
OR
BREAKOUT 2B - DUI & Motor Vehicle Update

*Please note: Faculty and conference rooms subject to change*

Questions may be directed to the MCBA office at 570.424.7288