

Bench-Bar Conference

April 18, 2018 DoubleTree by Hilton

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Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:15 AM in the main ballroom.

Cocktails at 5:15 PM

New for this year: Spring Meeting to be held during lunch

Agenda

Criminal Law	Family Law	Civil Litigation	Municipal	Orphans Court
9:00 AM Choose 1 of 2 Seminars				
Criminal Bench Roundtable The Judges of the Criminal Division, together with the District Attorney and Chief Public Defender, will discuss issues of concern to the Bench and the Criminal Bar. <i>(1 hour substantive credit)</i>		Avoiding Malpractice Paul C. Troy, Esquire, will discuss issues related to avoiding professional liability. <i>(1 hour ethics)(5% USI Affinity discount)</i>		<i>Agenda continues</i>

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10:15 AM Choose 1 of 5 Seminars				
Criminal Law Update Back by popular demand, Stuart Suss, Esquire, will review recent appellate decisions on criminal law and procedure. <i>*(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Parental Alienation, Part 1 Attorney Hilary Vesell will discuss how to heal families through effective reunification therapy after parental alienation has occurred. Jill M. Scheidt, Esquire, will moderate. <i>*(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Learning Professionalism from Billy Joel Professor Randy Lee finds lessons for a busy litigator in Billy Joel's world and music. <i>(1 hour ethics credit)</i>	Right to Know Today BCBA President Joan E. London will moderate a panel of Craig J. Staudenmaier, Esquire, J. Chadwick Schnee, Esquire, and Michelle R. Mayfield, Esquire, on the RTK issues faced by municipalities. <i>(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Business Evaluation for Estate Planners Mark S. Caltagirone, CPA and Brian R. Ott, Esquire will discuss the mechanics of such evaluations in order to create the appropriate estate plan. <i>(1 hour substantive credit)</i>
11:30 AM Choose 1 of 4 Seminars				
MDJ Roundtable Moderated by Victor M. Frederick IV, Esquire, a panel of MDJs will discuss and field questions of concern to practitioners. <i>(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Parental Alienation, Part 2 Attorney will conduct this workshop to discuss specific factual scenarios. Jill M. Scheidt, Esquire, will moderate. <i>*(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	MDJ Roundtable Moderated by Victor M. Frederick IV, Esquire, a panel of MDJs will discuss and field questions of concern to practitioners. <i>(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Municipal Law Update The panel of Elizabeth A. Magovern, Esquire, and Kourtney E. Bernecker, Esquire, will review recent appellate decisions on municipal law. <i>*(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Ethics for Estate Planners C. Thomas Work, Esquire, will explore the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct for those who practice in Orphans' Court and do estate planning. <i>(1 hour ethics credit)</i>

12:30 PM Lunch

Spring Meeting

State of the Bench by President Judge Thomas G. Parisi

State of the Bar by President Joan E. London

1:45 PM Plenary Seminar

Helping the Judge and the Attorney with Substance Abuse

Link Christin, JD, of Caron Treatment Center, will discuss how to approach attorneys with substance abuse problems and the course of treatment for them.

**(1 hour ethics credit)*

3:00 PM Choose 1 of 5 Seminars				
Ethics for the Criminal Bar Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire, will discuss ethical rules applicable to both prosecutors and defense attorneys. <i>*(1 hour ethics credit)</i>	Tech in Family Law and its Admission into Evidence Joel B. Bernbaum, Esquire, will highlight the various technology tools available to the family law practitioner and how to admit findings from social media into evidence. <i>*(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Settlement Approaches and Voir Dire Practice in Berks County Judges of the Civil Division will discuss their approach to settlement of cases and how they conduct voir dire while Michael W. McGuckin, Esquire and Jeffrey D. Bukowski, Esquire will share their experience. <i>(1 hour substantive credit)</i>	Ethics for Municipal Law Practitioners Matthew Crème, Esquire, and Daniel J. Siegel, Esquire, will explore the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct for those who practice municipal law. <i>(1 hour ethics credit)</i>	Top Ten Orphans' Court Cases William R. Blumer, Esquire, and Jennifer L. Nevins, Esquire, review the top ten decisions recently decided in Orphans' Court cases. <i>*(1 hour substantive credit)</i> <i>Continue to registration and break-out sessions.</i>



Criminal Law

Family Law

Civil Litigation

Municipal

Orphans Court

4:15 PM Choose 1 of 3 Seminars

The New SORNA Law

Aaron Marcus, Esquire, of the Philadelphia Defenders Association, will review the newly enacted SORNA law.

**(1 hour substantive credit)*

Getting Paid in Family Law

Joel B. Bernbaum, Esquire, and Daniel J. Siegel, Esquire, will review the billing software that is available and the ethical approach to charging and collecting fees.

(1 hour ethics credit)

Edwin Stock, Esquire, will lead the panel of Daniel E.P. Bausher, Esquire, Jesse L. Pleet, Esquire and John J. Miravich, Esquire in discussing the workings of the Berks County Bar Associations ADR Program and how to take advantage of it.

Nuts and Bolts of ADR

(1 hour substantive credit)

5:15 PM Reception

***This seminar is also approved for CJE credit**

Continue to registration and break-out sessions.



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Deadline to register is April 6, 2018

Register Online

1. Register and pay online at www.berksbar.org.
2. Please select break-out sessions on this page and e-mail to ana@berksbar.org or return to BCBA staff.

Name: _____

Supreme Court # _____

Phone: _____

Bench-Bar Conference

- \$135.00 (Members before 1/1/14)
- \$75.00 (Members after 1/1/14)
- \$230.00 (Non-Members)

Please let us know if you have a special dietary request.

*****Cancellation Policy:** If you cancel your registration, you must notify the Berks County Bar Association office no later than 2 working days prior to the Conference date in order to receive a refund for cancellation (less a \$25 administrative fee).

*****Hardship Policy:** *BCBA offers reduced tuition to allow attorneys experiencing financial hardship to fulfill their mandatory education requirement. For details and an application, contact the Executive Director, Donald F. Smith, Jr., at least 14 days before the program.

Register by Mail

1. Please fill out the registration information and the break-out sessions on this page. Mail, along with a check in the appropriate amount, made payable to:

Berks County Bar Association, P.O. Box 1058, Reading, PA 19603

Please choose your break-out sessions and mail to Berks County Bar Association or e-mail to: ana@berksbar.org

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