

# Bench-Bar Conference

April 17, 2019 DoubleTree by Hilton

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

Cocktails at 5:15 PM

Spring Meeting to be held during lunch

## 13 CLE Programs

**10 Substantive - 3 Ethics - 7 CJE Credits**  
Approval pending.

### Agenda

Criminal Law

Family Law

Civil Litigation

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.  
*(1 hour substantive credit)*

#### Avoiding Malpractice

Paul C. Troy, Esquire, will discuss issues related to avoiding professional liability.

*(1 hour ethics)(5% USI Affinity discount)*

Agenda continues



## Criminal Law

### 10:15 AM Choose 1 of 3 Seminars

#### Doctor's Orders: Examining Medical Cannabis

Benjamin Brooks, a retired Pennsylvania State Police Major and Director of Security, and Brandon Miller, Director of Production, from Prime Wellness will join Berks County District Attorney John Adams to discuss Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana law and the Commonwealth's medical cannabis industry.\*

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

## Family Law

#### Social Security Retirement and Family Law

William Morgan, CPA, explains the nuts and bolts of Social Security retirement and how these benefits could affect equitable distribution and alimony.

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

## Civil Litigation

#### Lawyers As Employers: 10 Things Every Attorney Who's an Employer Needs to Know

Kevin A. Moore, Esquire, Laurel Cline, senior consultant at Mosteller & Associates, and Kimberly Talbot, City of Reading Human Relations Commission liaison, will cover civil rights and labor laws, the hiring and firing process, wage and hour issues and other human resources topics.

*(1 hour substantive credit)*

### 11:30 AM Choose 1 of 3 Seminars

#### Criminal Law Update

A perennial favorite, Stuart Suss, Esquire, will review recent appellate decisions on criminal law and procedure.

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

#### Family Law Ethics

Tom Wilkinson, Esquire, a past Pennsylvania Bar Association President and ethics guru, along with Victoria White, Esquire, Pennsylvania Bar Association Ethics Counsel, will cover the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct for those practicing family law.

*(1 hour ethics credit)*

#### Estate Law and Court-Appointed Trustees

William R. Blumer, Esquire, provides a comprehensive review of recent developments in trust accountings for court-appointed trustees.

*(1 hour substantive credit)*

## 12:30 PM Lunch

### Spring Meeting

State of the Bench by President, Judge Thomas G. Parisi

State of the Bar by President, Jeffrey A. Franklin

State of the Pennsylvania Bar by President, Charles Eppolito, III

### 1:45 PM Plenary Seminar

#### De-Stress for Success: Techniques for Training Your Brain to Improve Wellness

Dr. Alexandra Milspaw will look at how stress and trauma can affect our brains and equip you with some helpful hints on coping with whatever life and the legal profession throws your way.

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE)*

### 3:00 PM Plenary Seminar

#### Ensuring Access to Justice for All

Mary Vilter, Esquire, Court Access Coordinator at the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and Berks County Language Access Coordinator Sonia Schlamowitz will discuss the importance of court interpreters and representing non-English speaking clients. Gabriela G. Rafal, Esquire, will moderate.

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

*Continue to registration and break-out sessions.*



## Criminal Law

4:15 PM Choose 1 of 3 Seminars

### Ethics for the Criminal Bar

Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire, will discuss ethical rules applicable to both prosecutors and defense attorneys.

*(1 hour ethics credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

## Family Law

### Handling Self-Representation Frustration

The Honorable Daniel Clifford, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, guides you through a program for lawyers and judges to deal with the ever-increasing number of pro se litigants

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

## Civil Litigation

### Municipal Law Update

A review of major case law and hot topics involving land use, zoning and other municipal law issues led by BCBA Immediate Past President Joan A. London.

*(1 hour substantive credit CLE and CJE approval pending)*

5:15 PM Reception

*Continue to registration and break-out sessions.*



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## Deadline to register is April 5, 2019

### Register Online

1. Register and pay online at [www.berksbar.org](http://www.berksbar.org).
2. Please select break-out sessions on this page and e-mail to [registration@berksbar.org](mailto:registration@berksbar.org) or return to BCBA staff.

### 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supreme Court # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Bench-Bar Conference

- \$135.00 (Members before 1/1/15)
- \$75.00 (Members after 1/1/15)
- \$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, Kori Walter, at least 14 days before the program.

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