



ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BAR ASSOCIATION



GOLDEN
ANNIVERSARY
BENCH-BAR
CONFERENCE



Up to 8 hours
of free CLE



50th Golden Anniversary Bench-Bar Conference

It all began in 1963 and for a half century, lawyers and judges have been meeting at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, principally to discuss, in an informal setting, problems and possible practical solutions to issues confronting the state and federal court systems in western Pennsylvania.

The concept for such a forum sprang from the joint efforts of Bill Challener, Jr., then president of the ACBA and Third Circuit Judge David Stahl and resulted in 124 people visiting Seven Springs in 1963 for the first conference. Steady growth over the past fifty conferences has seen attendance reach as high as 900 lawyers and judges and has averaged about 700 during the past five conferences.

The Bench-Bar Conference has kept our legal community a close-knit one in which both lawyers and judges have treated each other with respect and professionalism. Over the years there has been a steady give and take between our lawyers and judges. Both have offered and accepted suggestions that have made our court system better both for the judiciary and lawyers practicing in our courts. The collegiality and camaraderie that exists in Allegheny County between the bench and bar is unique. The Bench-Bar Conference has been a contributing factor in the continued fostering of this positive relationship.

Why YOU should attend the Bench-Bar Conference

Take advantage of the unbelievably low registration fee of **\$285** and attend the signature event of the Allegheny County Bar Association. The Bench-Bar Conference includes 14 CLE programs from which to choose and earn up to 8 hours of CLE credits, 4 host receptions, fabulous food at the outdoor barbeque, breakfasts, lunch, and the grand surf and turf buffet. Enjoy hospitality suites, music, and nightly entertainment. Priced at **\$285** for early registration, there is no other conference where you will get more value for your dollars.

Become part of a 50-year tradition of the bench and bar gathering at Seven Springs Mountain Resort to keep the lines of communication open and participate in the ongoing dialogue that has created a very special working relationship among the lawyers, judges, and justices of our legal community.

Meet in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss court problems and offer practical solutions. Meet justices and judges on the golf course, the tennis courts, at the continuing legal education programs, and at the many social events to become better acquainted with those before whom you will be practicing.

Experience the camaraderie and enjoy the collegiality of the members of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

ALL EVENTS INCLUDING RECEPTIONS, MEALS, AND PROGRAMS ARE ADULTS ONLY. IF YOU BRING CHILDREN TO THE CONFERENCE, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AT SEVEN SPRINGS FOR BABYSITTING SERVICES, AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE RESORT FOR CHILDREN.

Conference Registration and Refunds

Q. How do I register for the Conference?

A. Complete the registration form included in the brochure and mail it along with your payment to:

Dorie Schnippert
ACBA Bench-Bar Conference
400 Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

OR register online at www.acba.org.

Q. What does the registration fee include?

A. The Bench-Bar registration fee for full-time Conference registrants includes all educational programs during the Conference, reception, country barbecue, and late evening reception on Thursday; breakfast, lunch, reception, grand surf and turf buffet, Evening of Comedy, and The Retro Lounge on Friday; and breakfast on Saturday.

Q. What is the deadline for registration?

A. The EARLY registration deadline, which provides for a discounted price, is FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012. REGULAR registration deadline is FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012 and LATE registration is after June 1, 2012.

Q. What if I need to cancel my registration?

A. The DEADLINE for Bench-Bar Conference refunds is noon on Friday, June 1, 2012.

Requests for refunds must be received in writing, sent to Dorie Schnippert by fax at 412-261-6438 or by e-mail to dschnippert@acba.org.

No refunds will be given after June 1, 2012. Refunds will not be processed until July 6, 2012.

All events including receptions, meals, entertainment, and programs are adults only.

TO ADD VALUE TO THE CONFERENCE, REDUCE COSTS, AND KEEP THE REGISTRATION FEE LOW, ALL CLE COURSE MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A CD. REGISTRANTS ALSO WILL RECEIVE A LINK TO THE MATERIALS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE SO THAT THEY MAY DOWNLOAD ANY MATERIALS THEY WISH TO BRING TO THE CONFERENCE, OR REGISTRANTS MAY BRING A LAPTOP TO VIEW THE CD. NO HARD-COPY MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

Amram Award honors ideals and legacy of Philip Werner Amram

The Amram Award is a truly unique award, and it is given in the spirit of the Bench-Bar Conference. The Bench-Bar Conference is dedicated to professional development and to enhancing and improving our bar association and the justice system in our community. Similarly, the Amram Award recognizes individuals who personify professional excellence and who have demonstrated substantial commitment to the ideals of the Allegheny County Bar Association as well as to the betterment of the greater community.

Be sure to attend the Friday luncheon to see who will receive the award this year.

PREVIOUS AMRAM AWARD WINNERS



DENNIS C. HARRINGTON	1990
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SEYMOUR A. SIKOV	1993
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LESTER E. ZITTRAIN	1998
HON. LAWRENCE W. KAPLAN	1999
JOHN L. DOHERTY	2000
G. DANIEL CARNEY	2001
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RUTH A. ZITTRAIN	2003
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ROBERT RAPHAEL	2008
WILLIAM A. GOYETTE	2009
HON. DEBRA TODD	2010
SHELLY R. PAGAC	2011

Events at a Glance

2012 Bench-Bar Conference

Thursday, June 14

Athletic Events

Donald W. Bebenek Golf Tournament (Seven Springs).....	7:45 a.m.
Les Zittrain Tennis Event (Seven Springs).....	9:45 a.m.
Sporting Clays & 5-Stand Event (Seven Springs).....	10:00 a.m.
Fat Tire Bike Rally (Seven Springs).....	10:00 a.m.

Programs

YLD-Real Property Spotlight - 2 substantive credits.....	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bankruptcy Basics for the General Practitioner - 2 substantive credits.....	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WLD-What If I Were Managing Partner - 1 substantive credit.....	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Reflections on Recovery - 1 ethics credit.....	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Social Events

Young Lawyers Division Meeting/Social Gathering.....	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Reception & Country Barbeque.....	7:00 p.m.
Fireworks	
Late Evening Reception.....	Immediately following Barbeque

Friday, June 15

Programs

Breakfast with the Judges - Hollywood Squares Edition - 1 ethics credit.....	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker - Harry Markopolos - 2 substantive credits.....	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Luncheon/Amram Award/Passing of the Gavel.....	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All afternoon CLE programs are 1 substantive credit except where noted.

Civil Division Sound-Off/Workshop.....	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Orphans' Court Division Sound-Off/Workshop.....	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Family Division Adult Section Sound-Off/Workshop.....	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Criminal Division Sound-Off/Workshop.....	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Workers' Compensation Workshop - 1 ethics credit.....	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Juvenile Law Sound-Off.....	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Appellate Practice Workshop.....	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Federal Court Sound-Off/Workshop.....	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Athletic Events

Volleyball.....	3:30 p.m.
Bowling Tournament.....	3:30 p.m.

Social Events

Reception.....	6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Grand Surf & Turf Buffet.....	7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Comedian Don Friesen.....	8:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Retro Lounge.....	10:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 16

Country Breakfast.....	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Door Prize Drawing.....	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Adjournment	

Thursday, June 14

Morning - Athletic Events

7:45 a.m.

Donald W. Bebenek Bench-Bar Golf Tournament
Seven Springs Golf Course

9:45 a.m.

Les Zittrain Bench-Bar Tennis Event
Seven Springs Tennis Court

10:00 a.m.

Sporting Clays and 5-Stand Event
Seven Springs Sporting Clays

10:00 a.m.

Fat Tire Bike Rally
Mountain Bike Center at Seven Springs

11:00 a.m.

Conference Registration Desk Opens
Main Lobby

Afternoon - Educational Programs

Dress for the day is resort casual.

1:30 p.m.

CLE Registration Desk Opens
Outside Convention Hall - 4th Floor

2:00 p.m.

YLD Program
Real Property Spotlight: Cases, Legislation, Regulations and of course...Reassessments
2 substantive credits
Seasons 1-3
Presented by the ACBA Young Lawyers Division

The practice of real property law is much more than deeds and boundary disputes. To get from dirt to development to disposition, without depositions, you need to keep up on local and appellate case law, recent laws and legislation, Department of Revenue regulations, and evolving best practices, not to mention the history and application of reassessments such as the 2013 Allegheny County reassessment. Our panel will look at recent developments and examine best practice applications for the litigator, transactional counsel, and for general owners of real property.

Speakers:

Frank Kosir, Jr., Esquire
Meyer Unkovic & Scott LLP

Kenneth J. Yarsky, II, Esquire
Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C.

Michael I. Werner, Esquire
Zunder Werner, LLP

Moderator:

Hal D. Coffey, Esquire
Sitko Bruno, LLC

2:00 p.m.

Bankruptcy Program
Bankruptcy Basics for General Practitioners
2 substantive credits
Snowflake Forum
Presented by the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section

This program is designed for the general practitioner who wants to better understand bankruptcy law, state law alternatives to bankruptcy, and the corresponding effects on the client. Topics will include the differences among the various chapters under the United States Bankruptcy Code, the effect of a bankruptcy filing on debtors and creditors, state court receiverships, and other frequently arising bankruptcy issues, including family law and mortgage/foreclosure issues. Please join our distinguished speakers for this discussion.

Speakers:

Hon. Carlota M. Böhm, Judge
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Christine A. Ward, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Civil Division

Ronda J. Winnecour, Esquire
Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Donald Calaiaro, Esquire
Calaiaro & Corbett, P.C.

Moderator:

Hon. Keith M. Lundin, Chief Judge
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

4:15 p.m.

Women in the Law Division Program
What if I were Managing Partner? (The discussion continues...)
1 substantive credit
Seasons 1-3
Presented by the Women in the Law Division

In this CLE presentation, a panel of law firm partners will discuss the responsibilities and expectations of firm management when partners and aspiring partners are faced with resolving personnel issues.

Whether male, female, partner or associate, all attendees should find the discussion thought provoking due to the potential impact on firm management, function, and liability. Specific topics to be considered are: issues a female partner has in dealing with junior associates; managing professional relationships with colleagues and administrative staff; the recent survey highlighted in the *ABA Journal* indicating female secretaries prefer to work with men; and balancing partner responsibilities with personal and family obligations.

Speakers:

Alicia G. Powell, Esquire
Reed Smith LLP

Patricia L. Dodge, Esquire
Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP

MaryJo Rebelo, Esquire
Houston Harbaugh, P.C.

Irving S. Firman, Esquire
Tucker Arensberg, P.C.

Moderator:

Hon. Maureen P. Kelly, Magistrate Judge
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Please join us for what promises to be an engaging and informative discussion followed by a wine and cheese reception to allow for informal networking and conversation.

4:15 p.m.

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Program
Reflections on Recovery
1 ethics credit
Wintergreen
Presented by Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania

Addiction and mental illness are major contributors to professional misconduct, legal malpractice, and all too often, disbarment. Recovery, however, provides an opportunity to turn every aspect of one's life around. Personal and professional fulfillment can exceed previously held expectations when help is accepted. Join LCL in a personal discussion on the "not-so-secrets" of recovery and law practice tips that can aid anyone in search of a better life, a successful career, and increased professionalism.

Speaker:

Kenneth J. Hagreen, Esquire
Executive Director, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania

5:15 p.m.

Young Lawyers Division Meeting
ACBA YLD Hospitality Suite - Suite 436

The Young Lawyers Division of the ACBA is holding its Eleventh Bench-Bar Conference Division meeting. Julie Colton will be formally introduced as the new Chair of the YLD, succeeding Erin Lucas. Join your young lawyer colleagues for open bar refreshments, networking, and information about the Division. If you ever wanted to get involved with the Division but did not know how, attend this meeting to get the information on the opportunities from current council members and officers. The 2012-2013 Bar Leadership Initiative Class members will be announced at the meeting.

Evening - Social Events

Dress for the evening is resort casual.

7:00 p.m.

Reception and Barbeque
Patio by Ski Lodge
Featured Music: TO BE DETERMINED

Immediately following the Barbeque
FIREWORKS

9:30 p.m.

Relaxation and Late Evening Reception
Matterhorn
Featuring DJ Donn Henderson

Friday, June 15

Dress for the day is resort casual.

*Morning - Breakfast Program and
Featured Presentation*

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.;
the program will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

Conference Registration Desk Opens
Main Lobby

8:30 a.m.

CLE Registration Desk Opens
Outside Exhibit Hall

9:00 a.m.

Breakfast with the Judges
Breakfast with the Judges - Hollywood Squares Edition
1 ethics credit
Tyrol Room / Grand Ballroom (formerly Convention Hall)
Presented by the Bench-Bar Conference Committee

Join us for a humorous and informative discussion of ethical issues, including referral fees, professional conduct, client disputes, and many more set around the television classic. Relax and enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast as you learn and laugh with good-natured members of the bench and bar.

In addition to learning solutions to your ethical dilemmas, come to find out which judge will give the most convincing responses. Who will be the center square? Get these answers and more... you won't want to miss the only opportunity to get rewarded for disagreeing with the bench!

The "Hollywood Squares"

Hon. Carlota M. Böhm, Judge
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Cathleen Bubash, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division

Hon. Ronald W. Folino, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Civil Division

Hon. Arnold I. Klein, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division

Hon. Jeffrey A. Manning, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Criminal Division

Hon. Christine A. Ward, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Civil Division

Host:

Shelly R. Pagac, Esquire
Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

Contestants:

Mariah L. Passarelli, Esquire
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

Gary G. Gentile, Esquire
Gentile, Horoho & Avalli, P.C.

10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker - Harry Markopolos

2 substantive credits

Exhibit Hall

Presented by the Bench-Bar Conference Committee

Bestselling author of ***No One Would Listen***, and star of the documentary, ***Chasing Madoff***, Harry Markopolos, will share the story of how he and his team unraveled the largest ponzi scheme of the modern era. Mr. Markopolos, who holds designations as a Chartered Financial Analyst and a Certified Fraud Examiner, will detail the 10 year quest he led in an effort to prevent the biggest financial disaster of the 21st century. The fact that the SEC and Wall Street failed to heed Mr. Markopolos' warnings resulted in Bernie Madoff's defrauding an estimated 3 million investors of \$64.8 billion dollars.

Mr. Markopolos' efforts have brought about reform actions such as *The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act*, and spurred the SEC to create stronger regulations in an effort to prevent another "Madoff." Mr. Markopolos has appeared on ***The Today Show***, ***60 Minutes***, ***The Daily Show***, ***CNN***, and in print publications, including ***The Wall Street Journal*** and ***The New York Times***.

Mr. Markopolos currently works as an independent financial fraud investigator; in other words, he is a financial bounty hunter. Mr. Markopolos brings fraud cases to the US Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service under existing whistleblower bounty programs. Following his presentation, Mr. Markopolos will be available to sign copies of his *New York Times* Bestseller: ***No One Would Listen***.

Mr. Markopolos will deliver remarks on the Madoff investigation, and insights on how to look for fraud and prevent it, and offer direction on how to obtain compensation for the victims in financial fraud cases. Attorney James W. Kraus, a partner with *Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP*, who serves as vice-chair of the firm's white-collar criminal defense practice group, will moderate a Q & A with Mr. Markopolos and the distinguished members of our panel.

Speakers:

Hon. D. Michael Fisher, Judge
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Hon. Linda L. Kelly
Pennsylvania Attorney General

Steve Kaufman, Esquire

Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania; Chief of the Criminal Division

Moderator:

James W. Kraus, Esquire
Partner, Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

Attend this program and receive a 5% credit on the ACBA sponsored Lawyers' Professional Liability Insurance Policy underwritten by Swiss Re. To qualify for the program the following attendance criteria has been adopted: (1) a 1 - 3 person firm must have at least one attorney attend or (2) a 4 or more person firm requires 50% of the practicing attorneys to attend or a minimum of 25% if at least one of the attendees is a full partner of the firm.

Luncheon

12:45 p.m.

Luncheon

Tyrol Room / Grand Ballroom (formerly Convention Hall)

Official Conference Welcome

Mark A. Martini, Esquire
Robb Leonard Mulvihill LLP; Chair, Bench-Bar Conference

Remarks

Carol A. Behers, Esquire
Raphael Ramsden & Behers, P.C.;
Allegheny County Bar Foundation President

Remarks and Passing of the Gavel

Howard J. Schulberg, Esquire
Goehring Rutter & Boehm; ACBA President

Mark T. Vuono, Esquire

Vuono & Gray, LLC; ACBA President-elect

David A. Blaner

Executive Director, Allegheny County Bar Association

Presentation of Amram Award

Award presented by William A. Goyette, Esquire
2009 Amram Award Winner

Afternoon Educational Programs

2:15 p.m.

Civil Division Sound-Off/Workshop

Civil Division Sound-Off & Debate on Hot Topics in the Law

1 substantive credit

Seasons 1-3

Presented by the Civil Litigation Section

Sound-Off:

Judge Ronald W. Folino will discuss pertinent issues regarding civil practice in Allegheny County, as well as an update on voir dire and the new voir dire clerk system. Chief Magistrate Judge Lisa Pupo Lenihan will discuss new developments in federal practice in the Western District of Pennsylvania. Both judges will

field questions from the audience. Questions to be presented anonymously may be e-mailed to Program Moderator, Virginia Spencer Scott, Esquire at vscott@aldlawfirm.com.

Speakers:

Hon. Ronald W. Folino, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Civil Division

Hon. Lisa Pupo Lenihan, Chief Magistrate Judge
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Hot Topics in the Law:

Attorneys will discuss controversial topics of interest to our civil bar.

Topic 1:

Should the arbitration limits be raised above \$25,000, and if so, to what limit. The pros and the cons?

Topic 2:

A look at the consequences of one judge deciding discovery matters in Allegheny County. The past, the present, and the future of having one discovery judge.

Speakers:

Sheila M. Burke, Esquire
Burns White LLC

Judd F. Crosby, Esquire
Crosby Law Office

Joshua P. Geist, Esquire
Goodrich & Goodrich, P.C.

Robert J. Marino, Esquire
Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

Moderator:

Virginia Spencer Scott, Esquire
Ainsman, Levine & Drexler, LLC

2:15 p.m.

Orphans' Court Division Workshop/Sound-Off
Orphans' Court Sound-Off

1 substantive credit

Wintergreen

Presented by the Probate & Trust Law Section

The Probate & Trust Law Section's *Sound-Off with the Judges* is a perennial favorite. During this highly interactive segment of the Bench-Bar, our Allegheny County Orphans' Court judges, staff and practitioners discuss issues affecting the bench and bar while providing timely updates on practice and procedure.

Speakers:

Judges from the Orphans' Court Division

Paul W. Stefano, Esquire
Orphans' Court Manager

Daniel P. Johnson, Esquire
Williams Coulson Johnson Lloyd Parker & Tedesco LLC

Moderator:

Frank W. Jones, Esquire
Frank W. Jones Attorney at Law

2:15 p.m.

Family Division Adult Section Sound-Off/Workshop
The Way We Were, Are, And Will Be

1 substantive credit

Sunburst Forum

Presented by the Family Law Section

Please join the Family Division Sound-Off as we explore the significant changes in the law since the enactment of the Divorce Code of 1980. The changes that have occurred in the past are a direct result of the efforts of attorneys and judges all over the Commonwealth. Allegheny County has been a part of many significant changes especially with the support guidelines. What challenges are you willing to take on to improve or change the law? What changes lie ahead in the future re: paternity? How will the court deal with new issues to come, such as genetics, custody of embryos, same sex divorce, privacy, and social networking issues? Join us for this interesting discussion of where we have been, and where we may be going in the future. Case law updates will be distributed for your reading pleasure.

Speakers:

Hon. Max Baer, Justice
Pennsylvania Supreme Court

Hon. Gene Strassburger, Judge
Pennsylvania Superior Court

Hon. Kathleen R. Mulligan, Judge
Court of Common Pleas, Family Division

Harry J. Gruener, Esquire
Gentile, Horoho and Avalli, P.C.

Moderator:

Mary Sue Ramsden, Esquire
Raphael Ramsden & Behers, P.C.

2:15 p.m.

Criminal Division Sound-Off/Workshop
A View From the Bench

1 substantive credit

Hemlock Room

Presented by the Criminal Litigation Section

This distinguished panel will give the Criminal Litigation Section Sound-Off their insight from the bench. The panel discussion will include the use of technology in the courtroom (particularly the use in all applicable cases, not just the very serious); most common witness and evidence errors; the use of written jury instructions; and suggestions for obtaining trial practice feedback. Attendees will have an opportunity to pose questions to the panelists.

Speakers:

Hon. Edward J. Borkowski, Judge
Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division

Hon. Beth A. Lazzara, Judge
Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division

Hon. Jill A. Rangos, Judge
Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division

2:15 p.m.

Workers' Compensation Workshop
Ethical Issues When Settling a Workers' Compensation Case

1 ethics credit

Fox Den

Presented by the Workers' Compensation Section

Even attorneys who do not dedicate a majority of their practices to litigating workers' compensation cases will occasionally represent a client who simply wishes to negotiate a lump sum payment in exchange for waiving his/her right to future workers' compensation benefits. Many unique ethical issues arise when settling a workers' compensation case. Does the relationship of the parties and counsel to interested third parties implicate any particular ethical issues? Are there particular disclosure and confidentiality obligations when settling a workers' compensation case? What impact can third-party settlements have on your ethical responsibilities? What obligations might you have to Medicare? All of these questions and more will be discussed by the panel.

Speakers:

Hon. David B. Torrey,
Workers' Compensation Judge
Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Pittsburgh

Renee M. Porada Frazier, Esquire
Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby LLP

Jonathan R. Colton, Esquire
Joshua M. Bloom & Associates, P.C.

3:30 p.m.

Federal Court Sound-Off/Workshop
Hot Topics in Federal Litigation

1 substantive credit

Seasons 1-3

Presented by the Federal Court Section

In this 60-minute review, this panel of judges will present a forward looking analysis of hot litigation issues in the Federal Courts in civil, criminal, and commercial litigation. Subjects covered will include the Patent Court; update on ADR and Special Master Programs, especially Special Masters for e-discovery; Rule 502 and inadvertent disclosure; fees and cost awards; technology issues in criminal cases including the recent Supreme Court case on GPS technology, e-discovery in criminal cases, recent developments in sentencing advocacy and more. The panel will also discuss trends in case filings and touch on the latest case law developments.

Speakers:

Hon. Gary L. Lancaster, Chief Judge
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Nora Barry Fischer, District Judge
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Maureen P. Kelly, Magistrate Judge
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Moderators:

Kathleen S. McAllister, Esquire
DiBella Geer McAllister Best, P.C.

John A. Schwab, Esquire
Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

3:30 p.m.

Juvenile Law Sound-Off

What Exactly is Shared Case Responsibility and What Should it Look Like?

1 substantive credit

Snowflake Forum

Presented by the Juvenile Law Committee

Often the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) and the Juvenile Probation Office (JPO) are charged with shared-case responsibility for youth that have both dependency and delinquency matters before the Court. It is important for seamless teamwork and collaboration among agencies to meet the multiple needs of dually adjudicated youth. Join us for a discussion regarding how this has been working in Allegheny County as well as what is on the horizon for the practice. How do practitioners deal with differing agency policies? How do practitioners effectively monitor case progress and cooperation in an effort to advocate for their clients? We will also go through a case study to show examples of best practices as well as the legal and case management issues that may arise. Panelists will include two jurists specializing in juvenile court matters, a representative from the JPO, and a representative from the OCYF.

Speakers:

Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division

Hon. Guido A. DeAngelis, Judge
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division

Moderator:

Jennifer Staley McCrady, Esquire
Supervisor/Program and Policy Coordinator, KidsVoice

3:30 p.m.

Appellate Practice Workshop

The Great Appellate Argument - Live and in Person

1 substantive credit

Fox Den

Presented by the Appellate Practice Committee

Two top appellate attorneys, Keith E. Whitson of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and David R. Fine of K & L Gates LLP will argue an actual civil case based upon briefs filed with the court before a panel of appellate judges, including the Hon. John T. Bender of the Superior Court. Following the argument, the judges will critique the argument and the attorneys will discuss their oral argument strategy.

Speakers:

Keith E. Whitson, Esquire
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP

David R. Fine, Esquire
K & L Gates LLP

Hon. John T. Bender, Judge
Pennsylvania Superior Court

Hon. Christine L. Donohue, Judge
Pennsylvania Superior Court

Hon. Kate Ford Elliott, President Judge Emeritus
Pennsylvania Superior Court

3:30 p.m.

Bowling Tournament
Seven Springs Bowling Lanes

Evening - Social Events

Dress for the evening is business casual.

6:15 p.m.

Reception

7:15 p.m.

Grand Surf & Turf Buffet
Grand Ballroom

8:45 p.m.

Headliner: Comedian Don Friesen
Grand Ballroom

Don Friesen is the only two-time winner of the prestigious San Francisco International Comedy Competition. Don's fresh, frenetic and self-deprecating comedy is outrageously physical yet thoroughly relatable. Whether he's parodying Dr. Phil, the cast of Seinfeld, or using his own life as fodder, this USC Business School grad, husband, and father-of-two consistently brings the house down with a unique blend of wit and physicality that resonates with audiences from all walks of life. Don currently lives in Burbank, CA with a career that continues to thrive, keeping him in constant demand in comedy clubs, theaters, Las Vegas, cruise ships, and corporate events.

Immediately following the entertainment

10:00 p.m.

The Retro Lounge
Exhibit Hall

Join the exciting and unforgettable celebration of the 50th Golden Anniversary Bench-Bar at the Retro Lounge, featuring live music, dancing, casino games, magic, and more.

Sing along and dance the night away with **Velveeta**, the ultimate party band, who cover a diverse mix of six decades of high-energy hits.

Shuffle over to the Retro Lounge's Casino and try your hand at craps, roulette, blackjack, and poker. Lucky gamers can win raffle tickets for great prizes.

Don't forget to snap up your 50th Golden Anniversary Bench-Bar Conference keepsake at the **Photo Booth**. You'll also be mesmerized by the masterful illusions performed by acclaimed **Strolling Magician Lee Terbosic**.

The Retro Lounge will provide plentiful refreshments, featuring a specialty **martini bar** and a coffee, cordial, and dessert bar, a perfect way to cap off the evening's celebration.

Saturday, June 16

*Breakfast, Closing Remarks,
Door Prize Drawing, and Adjournment*

8:00 a.m.

Country Breakfast Buffet
Grand Ballroom

10:00 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Mark A. Martini, Esquire
Robb Leonard Mulvihill LLP
Chair, Bench-Bar Conference

Door Prize Drawing

Adjournment

Thank you

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Sponsoring, in its entirety, the Friday night Reception
Providing a champagne toast at the Friday night dinner
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IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL
50 YEARS AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO MANY MORE!!



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