

Pennsylvania Bar Association  
**MINORITY BAR COMMITTEE**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Summit**  
***Diversity & Inclusion: Making it Work***

**October 26, 2012**

**Omni William Penn Hotel**  
**530 William Penn Place**  
**Pittsburgh, PA**

**Tentative Agenda**

8:45 – 8:50 Greetings from the Diversity Summit Planning Committee  
Summit Co-Chairs Andrea Farney, Esq., *Triquetra Law*  
Tyrone Powell, Esq., *Powell Law PC*

8:50 – 9:05 Welcoming Remarks  
PBA President Thomas, G. Wilkinson Jr., Esq.  
*Cozen O'Connor*  
MBC Co-Chair Jacqueline B. Martinez, Esq., *JBM Legal LLC*

9:05 – 9:50 Keynote Remarks  
Charisse Rainelle Lillie, Esq., *VP Community Investment, Comcast Corporation, Pres., Comcast Foundation*

9:50 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 10:05 Welcoming Remarks  
Janis M. Leftridge, Esq., *Diversity Officer for the Pennsylvania Bar Association*

***Reports/Updates***

10:05 – 11:05 BUSINESS CASE FOR DIVERSITY  
Moderator: Tyrone A. Powell, Esq., *Powell Law PC*  
Presenters: Sheryl L. Axelrod, Esq., *The Axelrod Firm, PC*  
Carl G. Cooper, Esq., *Law Firm Consultant*  
Prof. Robert Scott, Ph.D., *Retired Professor, Penn State University*

11:05 – 12:05 DIVERSITY IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE  
Moderator: Nicola V. Henry-Taylor, Esq., *Law Ofc of Nicola Henry-Taylor*  
Presenters: Jennifer O'Neal Arnette, Esq., *Allegheny County District Attorney's Office*  
Lisa Freeland, Esq., *Federal Public Defender, Western District of PA*  
David J. Hickton, Esq., *U.S. Attorney's Office*

12:05 – 1:05 Networking Lunch

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1:05 – 2:05 HOT DIVERSITY LEGAL ISSUES  
Moderator: Randle B. Haley, Esq., *US Dept. of Education*  
Presenters: Dean Kenneth Gormley, Esq., *Duquesne University School of Law*  
Sharon R. López, Esq., *Triquetra Law*

2:05 – 3:05 LGBT RETENTION  
Moderator: Gerald L. Shoemaker, Jr., Esq., *Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller*  
Presenters: Carey L. Cummings, *K&L Gates LLP*  
Melaine Shannon Rothery, Esq., *Jones Gregg Creehan & Gerace LLP*  
Jonathan Vipond, III, Esq., *Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC*

3:05 – 4:05 Best of . . . From the Moderators  
*Practical Solutions Emphasis*  
Presenters: P.M. Moderators

4:05 – 5:00 Reception



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