



January 25, 2010

Dear Colleague:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee's Twenty-Second Annual Minority Attorney Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Westin Philadelphia on March 18-19, 2010. The theme for the conference is *Minority Lawyers Pushing an Agenda for Change*.

We will have seven CLE credits made available to you over our two day program, six substantive credits and one ethics credit. The speakers chosen for this year's conference are well-known in their respective fields. As you will come to find, they are very informative, engaging, and thought provoking.

At our networking reception, we will have a presentation recognizing retired judges and attorneys who have made a significant contribution to the legal community. In acknowledgement of our geographic diversity, each recipient has been selected from across the Commonwealth – West, Central, and East.

The Minority Bar Committee is pleased to present its annual A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award to Judge James T. Giles at our luncheon. Judge Giles has demonstrated true dedication to the legal profession and the minority community through civil, community, and legal service.

We are truly privileged to have the Honorable Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice as this year's keynote speaker. Prior to his confirmation by the United States Senate in October 2009, Mr. Perez prosecuted high profile civil rights cases. Drawing from his vast knowledge and experience, he will share his valuable insights with us.

Please find enclosed the agenda and registration materials. I hope you will be able to join us in Philadelphia!

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Beverly H. Rampaul".

Beverly H. Rampaul, Esquire
Chair, PBA Minority Bar Committee

**Twenty-Second Annual
PBA Minority Attorney Conference**

Minority Lawyers Pushing an Agenda for Change

**The Westin Philadelphia
99 S. 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA
March 18-19, 2010**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, March 18

12:00 p.m. Registration & Box Lunch

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Beverly H. Rampaul, Esq., Chair, PBA Minority Bar Committee

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. (1½ substantive CLE credits)

Economic Opportunities for Minorities in the “Green” Market

Moderator: Susan Simms Marsh, Esq., Associate Corporate Counsel, Pennsylvania American Water Company, Hershey

Panelists:

Renardo L. Hicks, Esq., Stevens & Lee PC, Harrisburg
Peter Speaks, Esq., PA Dept. of General Services Admin., Harrisburg
Gina M. Thomas, Esq., PA Dept of Environmental Protection, Norristown
Edward P. Yim, Esq., Legal Counsel, PA House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee (D), Harrisburg

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (1½ substantive CLE credits)

Race, Diversity and Criminal Justice: A View From the Trenches

Moderator: Samuel Encarnacion, Esq., Spahn & Encarnacion, Lancaster

Panelists:

John Sung Jin Han, Esq., U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington. D.C.
Royce L. Morris, Esq., Goldberg Katzman PC, Harrisburg
Samuel Rivera, Esq., Rivera Law Firm, Harrisburg
Khadija T. Diggs, Esq., Allegheny Cty Public Defender’s Office, Pgh

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (1 ethics CLE credit)

Practicing Beyond Your Area of Expertise

Moderator: Emmanuel Iheukwumere, Esq., Emmanuel Law Firm, LLC, Philadelphia

Panelists:

Nadeem A. Bezar, Esq., Kolsby Gordon Robin Shore & Bezar PC, Philadelphia
Wesley R. Payne IV, Esq., White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia
John F. Goryl, Esq., PA Housing Finance Agency, Harrisburg
E. Nego Pile, Esq., Law Ofc of E. Nego Pile, Harleysville

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

Jazz Band: Les Powell Quartet

Recognition of Attorneys and Retired Judges who have made a significant contribution to the legal community.

Friday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Clifford E. Haines, Esq., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (1½ substantive CLE credits)

Surviving and Thriving in the New Financial Norm

Moderator: Jettie D. Newkirk, Esq., Solo Practitioner, Philadelphia

Panelists:

Jordan R Goodman, Esq., Author, Radio and Television Finance Consultant, New York
Steven L. Sanders, CEO, Stone Ridge Investments, Malvern
Prince Altee Thomas, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP, Philadelphia
Roberta J. Torian, Esq., Advanta Bank Corp., Spring House

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 12:15 p.m. (1½ substantive CLE credits)

Health Care Reform: Ready or Not Here it Comes

Moderator: Robert Datorre, Esq., PA Dept. of Health, Harrisburg

Panelists:

Joanne Grossi, Dir. of Women’s Services, PA Dept. of Public Welfare, Harrisburg
Tsiwen M. Law, Esq., Law & Zaslow LLC, Philadelphia
Evan Liu, M.D., Esq., Feldman Shepherd et al, Philadelphia
Gary Puckrein, Ph.D., President & CEO, National Minority Quality Forum, Washington, D.C.

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Luncheon

Award Presentation

A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Award

Recipient: Hon. James T. Giles, Pepper Hamilton, LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Keynote Address

Hon. Thomas E. Perez., Asst. Attorney General for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

***SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
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 2010 MINORITY ATTORNEY CONFERENCE
 The Westin Philadelphia, 99 South 17th Street at Liberty Place, Philadelphia
 March 18-19, 2010**

Registration Form

NAME _____ NICKNAME (BADGE PURPOSE) _____

ADDRESS _____

SUPREME COURT ID NUMBER _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ / FAX NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

Is this your first PBA Minority Attorney Conference? Yes No

Check here if you are disabled and require special services. Attach a written description of your needs.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Two-day Registration (Thurs. **and** Fri.) – \$160.00 _____ (\$180.00 after March 8) _____ (includes 7 CLE Credits & all meal functions)

Thursday-only Registration – \$95.00 _____ (\$105.00 after March 8) _____ (includes 4 CLE credits, box lunch & reception)

Friday-only Registration – \$95.00 _____ (\$105.00 after March 8) _____ (includes 3 CLE credits, continental breakfast & keynote luncheon)

Two-day Law Student Registration (Thurs. **and** Fri.) - \$25.00 (includes educational sessions & all meal functions)

One-day Law Student Registration (Thurs. **or** Fri. – circle one) - \$15.00 (includes educational sessions & meal functions for that day)

Reception-only, Thursday - \$40.00

Luncheon-only, Friday - \$50.00

Meal Functions

I will be attending: *(for planning purposes please indicate the meal functions you will attend)*

MARCH 18

Box Lunch

Reception

MARCH 19

Continental Breakfast

Keynote Luncheon – **Check here for Vegetarian**

PAYMENT METHOD

MasterCard, Visa, AMEX and Discover *(circle one)*

Enclose a check made payable to:
 Pennsylvania Bar Association
 100 South St., P.O. Box 186
 Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186

Acct# _____

Expiration Date _____ 3-digit security code MC or Visa _____

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Need Hotel Accommodations? Overnight lodging arrangements should be made directly with the hotel at 888-627-8153 and identify yourself as a participant for the Pennsylvania Bar Association room block before Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to obtain the special group rate. Group Rate (Single/Double): \$199.00 per night, plus taxes.

Return to: Meetings Department, PBA, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or fax credit card registration to 717-238-4134. Registration deadline is March 8, 2010. Written cancellations must be received before the close of business on March 8, 2010. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a \$25 administrative fee. After March 8, no refunds will be issued. For more information, call PBA Membership Services Center at 1-800-932-0311.