

Civil Litigation Section Annual Retreat

April 16-18, 2010

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel



Baltimore
Maryland



Cross examination is what we live for, but ethics are what we live by. The Civil Litigation Section Retreat this year encompasses both. "The Stress and Success of Cross Examination" is the topic of a two-part program (7 hours of CLE credit) presented by a practiced trial lawyer and a sitting trial judge. Hon. Mark Bernstein will give each enrollee a copy of his book, *Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence Annotated*, a must-have courtroom tool for litigators. Two hours of ethics credits will round out the CLE to be presented. Hon. J. Michael Eakin of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court will be our keynote speaker at Saturday's luncheon.

The setting of our Retreat will be in the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Our annual Retreat always includes fun for families and this year is no exception. To get away from it all, we will be going all the way back to the 19th Century with a performance by actor and story-teller Steven Anderson entitled, "Tales from Poe." Mr. Anderson's program will include performances of some of Edgar Allen Poe's creepy but compelling stories and promises to be a hit with all audiences.

A lot of free time is incorporated into the schedule so that families can take advantage of Baltimore's many offerings.

CLE Credits:

Our Retreat has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 7 hours of substantive CLE credits and 2 hours of Ethics credits.

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Your Registration Fee Includes:

- 9 hours of CLE credits including 2.0 Ethics credits
- Course materials, including Judge Bernstein's book, *Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence Annotated*
- Cocktail Reception, Dinner and Entertainment on Friday
- Lunch on Saturday
- Dessert Reception on Saturday Evening
- Getaway Brunch on Sunday
- Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday

Accommodations:

The Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel offers finely appointed guest room accommodations and meeting facilities. Guest room amenities include either one king or two double (limited quantity) beds; flat panel HDTV; wireless internet; in room coffee/tea; hairdryers; indoor pool and whirlpool; and fitness center. For more information on the hotel or travel directions, please visit the Web site at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bwish-renaissance-baltimore-harborplace-hotel/. *An on-site daily parking fee will be charged and is not included in your meeting registration fees.*

Hotel Address:
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
202 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 410-547-1200

Attractions in close proximity to the Renaissance Harborplace include:

- The National Aquarium
- Camden Yards
- Historic Ships Museum
- Babe Ruth Birthplace
- American Visionary Art Museum
- Maryland Zoo
- Port Discovery Children's Museum
- Sports Legends Museum
- Maryland Science Center
- Edgar Allen Poe House and Museum
- Harborplace and the Gallery
- B&O Railroad Museum



Photo courtesy of The National Aquarium

◀ ◀ ◀ **Friday, April 16** ▶ ▶ ▶

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. CLE Program
The Stress and Success of Cross Examination:

Part I

Presenters:

Hon. Mark Bernstein and Larry Bendesky, Esq.

The first session of this two-session course will lay the ground work for defusing the opposing witness through cross examination. Starting with the overall theory of the case, this session will focus on strategic decision making in preparation for examination of lay and expert witnesses. This “how to” session will include discussion and analysis of various facets necessary for successful cross examination, including background research, analysis of prior testimony, use of prior statements, analysis of testimony in the overall case context, scientific literature and methodology, detailed expert report analysis, and much more. This session will end with discussion of the essential steps for preparation. Video clips, audience participation and interactive decision making will enhance your learning experience.

4 substantive CLE credits

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Entertainment

Live performance by Steven Anderson, “Tales from Poe.” Baltimore was the home of Edgar Allen Poe, whose gifts in prose and poetry continue to fascinate readers. Mr. Anderson will perform some of Poe’s more fascinating stories and may be persuaded to recite “The Raven.”

◀ ◀ ◀ **Saturday, April 17** ▶ ▶ ▶

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CLE Program
The Stress and Success of Cross Examination:

Part II

Picking up from the strategic decisions examined in the first session, the second session will focus on the objectives of cross examination and tactical decisions and techniques for accomplishing those

objectives. This session will examine topics such as developing effective cross examination, using demonstrative evidence, adjusting to surprises from witnesses, and taking advantage of unanticipated opportunities. Like in the first session, the program will be enhanced through use of video clips, discussion and interactive decision making.

3.0 substantive CLE credits

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch
Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin will be the keynote speaker at our luncheon today.

1:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Free Time
Free time for you and your family to explore Baltimore. There are many shops and restaurants within walking distance of our hotel. Enjoy dinner on your own in the city and join us back at the hotel for a dessert buffet.

7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dessert Reception
Please join us for a complimentary dessert buffet. A cash bar will be provided for those wishing after-dinner refreshment.

◀ ◀ ◀ **Sunday, April 18** ▶ ▶ ▶

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CLE Program
Sidebar Encounters: Avoiding Everyday Ethical Dilemmas

Presenters:

Marc L. Bogutz, Esq. and Jay N. Silberblatt, Esq.

Two renowned legal malpractice attorneys offer amusing vignettes to point out banana peels and sand traps attorneys encounter every day. This program will help you spot the potential problems and sidestep them.

2.0 Ethics CLE credits

(Those attending this session will receive a 5 percent discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance plus 2.0 hours of Ethics credits.)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Getaway Brunch





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