

# PBA FAMILY LAW SECTION WINTER MEETING

January 15-17, 2010 • The Hotel Hershey



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The Family Law Section will hold its annual Winter Meeting at The Hotel Hershey, January 15-17, 2010. Join your fellow members in obtaining up to 9.5 hours of substantive CLE credits and 1 ethics CLE credit on a variety of subjects. As a new initiative we will be providing each registrant with a “memory stick” version of the CLE materials. We know you are familiar with the usual PBI blue book, but the PBAFLS is “going green,” so your “book” will come to you as a computer enhancement. For those who still wish to receive the regular printed book, an additional \$50 charge will be added to your registration fee. You will need to request the book on the registration form. As always, there will be plenty of time to socialize, with receptions on Friday and Saturday evening. Be sure to send in your registration early.

### ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION FEES

There are two new programs available to Section members to assist with registration fees. Registration fees will be *waived* for the first 10 PBAFLS members who have never before attended a semi-annual meeting. To apply, please mark the appropriate space on the Registration Form.

In addition, Section members who have previously attended the meetings may be eligible for complete or partial scholarships through the Membership Incentive Program. Interested applicants should contact Janell Klein of the PBA by telephone at (717) 238-6715, Ext. 2231; or by e-mail at [jklein@pabar.org](mailto:jklein@pabar.org) for details. Application for this program must be made on or before December 18, 2009.

### TRAVEL

Conveniently located in central Pennsylvania, Hershey is just 2 hours by car from Philadelphia and 3.5 hours from Pittsburgh. For air travel, Hershey is serviced by Harrisburg International Airport (MDT).

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room reservations may be made directly by calling 717-533-2171 or 800-533-3131 before December 14, 2009, to obtain the special rate. Identify yourself as a participant in the Winter Family Law Meeting – Group Code 35752. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis only. Rates are \$159.00 per room per night, plus taxes, for standard (single/double) accommodations. Please note that your first night’s room and tax will be charged to your credit card when you make your reservation.

### SPA

Arrive early or extend your stay. Let yourself be soothed and toned in total luxury at The Spa at The Hotel Hershey, a sanctuary where chocolate is not just a treat to eat, but a quintessential ingredient for innovative spa treatments such as the Whipped Cocoa Bath, Chocolate Bean Polish and Chocolate Fondue Wrap. To make a spa reservation, call 877-772-9988.

### CLE CREDITS

**PENNSYLVANIA BAR INSTITUTE**  
Continuing Education Arm of the Pennsylvania Bar Association  
BRINGING EXCELLENCE TO CLE

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for up to 9.5 hours of substantive CLE credits and 1 hour of ethics CLE credit.



Join us in Hershey!

The Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section will hold its annual winter meeting in Hershey on January 15 through 17. Our venue will be the beautiful and historic Hotel Hershey. Always a wonderful meeting site, the Hotel Hershey has recently completed a \$67 million renovation and expansion program. Along with dramatic upgrades to the hotel's front entrance, the renovations include the construction of 10 new luxury guest cottages, 7 new boutique shops, a year-round ice skating rink and the cozy new restaurant/bar, "Harvest." Not to worry, the traditional Hershey Hotel amenities are still there (a great spa, large indoor pool and fine dining, to mention only a few)!

The Section events begin on Friday evening with a welcoming reception in the hotel. On Friday afternoon, we will co-sponsor a program with the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. During this CLE Program, AAML fellows will "open their form files," providing you with paragraphs and language to include in all of your legal documents including initial engagement letters, marital settlement agreements and case closing letters. This advanced program is open to all meeting attendees and is included in your registration fee.

Saturday features a wonderful lineup of CLE programs. First, nationally recognized legal-writing expert Timothy Terrell teaches "Advanced Legal Writing & Editing: Beyond Logic to Coherence and Strength." Professor Terrell has taught advanced legal writing to thousands of attorneys across the United States — always to "rave reviews." The late morning plenary session investigates intriguing ethical issues — "Protecting Expert and Attorney Communications." The always-spirited Hon. Jeannine Turgeon spearheads this panel. I guarantee you will gain knowledge about topics you never before considered.

After lunch, we will offer four workshops: (1) "The Ultimate Support Notebook" provides you with the latest compilation of all cases addressing what is and what is not income for support determination purposes in Pennsylvania. An experienced panel (including the Hon. David N. Wecht) will lead you through an analysis of the most intricate of these income cases; (2) "Death During Divorce: Issues You Haven't Even Thought Of" includes a discussion of the intricate issues that arise when family court collides with orphans' court. The Hon. Katherine Platt (an experienced jurist in both the matrimonial and estate arenas) will lead the panel; (3) "Contract Issues Impacting on the Drafting and Enforcement of Agreements" will address a plethora of issues that will improve your ability to properly draft and enforce a variety of matrimonial documents and (4) "Dissecting a Custody Case from the Psychologists' Perspective" features a group of highly credentialed mental health professionals addressing a series of issues that go to the heart of the custody evaluation process.

After a full day of learning, we again turn to fun! Saturday evening we will travel via trolley to "The Hershey Story — The Museum on Chocolate Avenue." The cocktail reception at this brand new interactive museum will feature innovative food, desserts and creative cocktails, as well as private, docent-led tours of this fantastic facility.

On Sunday, our presenters will bring you the latest case law updates together with insights into pending and recently passed legislation that impacts upon our practices. An analysis of revised Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure will also be presented.

Please join us in Hershey for a great educational, networking and social experience!

**Jeffrey M. Williams**  
*Chair, Family Law Section*



## YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Up to 10.5 hours of CLE credit, including 1 of ethics
  - Course materials
- Receptions on Friday and Saturday
  - Lunch on Saturday
- Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday

*The Section extends special thanks to  
BNY Mellon Wealth Management for its  
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Law Section Winter Meetings.*



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*(Note that all faculty is current as of time of printing but subject to change.)*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

**1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Registration

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

“Language: Engagement to Closing”

Hot Tips and Text from AAML fellows

*Moderators:* Michael E. Fingerman, Kathleen B. Vetrano

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Council Meeting

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Welcoming Reception

**9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

Hospitality

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

**7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Registration

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**

Full Breakfast

*(Note: Breakfast is open only to meeting registrants and is not intended for family members or guests.)*

**8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

Welcoming Remarks

**8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Plenary Session:

“Advanced Legal Writing & Editing: Beyond Logic to Coherence and Strength”

*Presenter:* Professor Timothy P. Terrell

**10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

Break

**10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Presentation of the Eric Turner Award

*Keynote Address:* Leonard Dubin

**11:00 a.m. – Noon**

Plenary Session: “Protecting Expert and Attorney Communications”

*Moderator:* Joanne Ross Wilder

*Speakers:* Hon. Jeannine Turgeon, Steven R. Cohen, Ph.D., Ann M. Funge, David Kaplan

**12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Workshops:

A. “The Ultimate Support Notebook”

*Moderator* – Gerald L. Shoemaker Jr.

*Speakers:* Hon. David N. Wecht, Mark R. Ashton, Margaret P. Joy

B. “Death During Divorce: Issues You Haven’t Even Thought Of”

*Moderator:* Julie E. Ganz

*Speakers:* Hon. Katherine B. L. Platt, Michael E. Fingerman, David S. Pollock, Cheryl L. Young

**3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

Break

**3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

Workshops

C. “Contract Issues with Drafting and Enforcing Agreements”

*Moderator:* Natalie L. Famous

*Speakers:* Amy P. DeShong, Mary Cushing Doherty,

Adam J. Silverstein

D. “Dissecting a Custody Case from the Psychologists’ Perspective”

*Moderator:* David N. Hofstein

*Speakers:* Steven R. Cohen, Ph.D., David LaPorte, Ph.D.,

Marolyn Morford, Ph.D., Eve Orlow, Ed.D., M.S.

**6:45 p.m.**

Trolley transportation departs for The Hershey Story

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Reception at The Hershey Story

**9:15 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.**

Hospitality

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

**7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Registration

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

Continental Breakfast/Section Meeting

**8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

“Updates”

*Moderator:* Christina A. DeMatteo

Case Law:

*Panelist:* Heather A. Trostle – Support

*Panelist:* Robert J. Brasko – Equitable Distribution

*Panelist:* Jessica A. Pritchard – Custody

Legislative:

*Panelist:* Catherine M. McFadden

Rules:

*Panelist:* Gail C. Calderwood

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name Nickname or first name for badge

Address

Supreme Court ID number Phone Fax E-mail

Name (and preferred nickname for badge) of Spouse/Guest(s)

Children's Name(s) and Ages(s) if attending

Please check here if you, your child or spouse/guest, require special services, including any special dietary needs. Please attach a written description of your needs.

Please check here if you are a first-time attendee.

PBAFLS First-time attendee scholarship applicant.

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration fee includes up to 10.5 hours of CLE credit, memory stick, 2 receptions and hospitality events, breakfast each morning and Saturday's lunch. (Check One.)

PBA Section Member \$375 PBA Member, Non-Section Members \$425\*

Non-PBA Member \$425 \*includes Section membership for 2010

Judges & Judicial Law Clerks and those in practice 3 years or less \$275 Amount Due

Regular PBI "blue book" in addition to memory stick with course materials \$50 Amount Due

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Registrant (included in registration fee) Will attend Amount Due

Spouse/Guest \$40 per person # of Tickets Amount Due

RECEPTIONS:

Registrant (included in registration fee, but for planning purposes, please indicate the receptions you will attend)

Friday Reception Saturday Reception

Spouse/Guest/Children over 12:

Friday \$75 per person # of Tickets Amount Due

Saturday \$75 per person # of Tickets Amount Due

Both Friday and Saturday \$135 per person # of Tickets Amount Due

Note: Spouse/Guest attending reception(s) are welcome to attend Hospitality as guests of the Section.

TOTAL DUE

CLE WORKSHOP CHOICES: (Please check preference. Choice is used for planning purposes and is non-binding.)

Saturday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.: A or B Saturday 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.: C or D

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

A check payable to PBA is enclosed. Or charge my: MasterCard Visa AMEX Discover

Acct# Exp. Date: 3-digit security code (Visa & MC Only)

Authorized amount:\$ Signature:

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Overnight lodging arrangements should be made directly with the hotel at 1-800-533-3131 before December 14, 2009, to obtain the special rate. Mention that you are part of the PA Bar Association Family Law Section Winter Meeting — Group Code 35752. Please note that your first night's room and tax will be charged to your credit card when you make your reservation. Group Rate (Single/Double): \$159 per night, plus taxes.

Cancellation Policy: Registration deadline for the Meeting is December 28, 2009. After that date, all registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis. Written cancellations must be received before the close of business on January 4, 2010. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a \$75 administrative fee. After January 4, 2010, no refunds will be issued.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 28, 2009 TO: PBA MEETINGS DEPT., P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or fax credit card registration to 717-238-4134.



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