

PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting

Renaissance Vinoy Resort
& Golf Club
St. Petersburg, Florida

January 13-16,
2012



PBA Members:

Florida in January! Isn't that the dream of every Pennsylvania lawyer and judge? This year, the PBA Family Law Section can help you get away from the cold while you obtain CLE credits in warm St. Petersburg, Florida. Please join us at the Family Law Section Winter Meeting from January 13 through January 16, 2012, at the Renaissance Vinoy St. Petersburg Resort and Golf Club.

The programs for the winter meeting focus on issues that arise in high-profile or high-value cases. The panelists, including prominent judges from across the state, will offer helpful and topical information and suggestions to deal with special issues that arise in evidence, case management and trial techniques. In addition, a plenary session is devoted to a thorough review and analysis of one year's experience under the 2010 custody law.



Our mid-winter break begins with a welcome reception on Friday evening, January 13. The first plenary session on Saturday, January 14, and a breakout immediately following the plenary, will deal with difficult issues in high-profile cases, such as confidentiality agreements, sealing records and dealing with the media. In the second breakout on Saturday, an expert panel will provide tips on appraisals of personal property, jewelry and classic cars. Saturday concludes with dessert hospitality in the evening.

Sunday, January 15, features the second plenary: one year's experience under the new custody law. We look forward to sharing with our panel our own experiences from across the state. The breakouts on Sunday address the use of experts for trial preparation and trial, and divorce financial planning. Sunday evening concludes with our traditional farewell reception. We wrap up the program with case law, legislative and rules updates on the morning of January 16. Weather permitting, we will hold as many activities as we can in the Florida sunshine.

I'm sure you will be pleased by the accommodations at the Renaissance Vinoy, and the many amenities offered in downtown St. Petersburg. We have left Saturday and Sunday afternoons open for your personal exploration of the St. Petersburg area, including the famous St. Petersburg beaches a short 20 minutes away.

Our winter meeting provides a great opportunity for you to hone your family law skills, while enjoying a well-deserved break in Florida. We look forward to seeing you in St. Petersburg in January 2012.

Joe Martone
Chair, PBA Family Law Section



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Escape the winter doldrums and join your PBA Family Law Section colleagues in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the annual PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting. Situated on the western side of Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg (often shortened to “St. Pete”) is noted for its warm weather and sun-drenched days.



Recently ranked No. 1 as the nation’s top arts destination by *American Style* magazine, St. Petersburg offers world-class venues that include the internationally renowned Dali Museum, the Morean Arts Center, Great Explorations Children’s Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, which will be featuring an exhibit of Ancient Egypt. Music and theater are abundant, and local and regional artists are represented in the city’s downtown gallery district. Waterfront vistas, Main Street charm and a laid-back vibe create a backdrop for shopping St. Pete-style! An array of one-of-a-kind shopping opportunities awaits. Nestled next to shops and museums, a variety of bistros and restaurants offer an eclectic array of indoor and outdoor dining options. Evenings along the harbor turn magical as trees are lit with white lights and nightspots come alive. A waterfront, tree-lined walkway connects this bustling, cultural area of the city to the location of our meeting — the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club.



Lavishly detailed and luxuriously appointed, the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club is a breathtaking example of Mediterranean Revival architecture, offering sweeping views of the harbor and city and meticulously groomed, lush landscaping. This 114-acre landmark resort, located in the heart of St. Petersburg and next to a marina, was built in 1925 and quickly became one of the country’s most prestigious destinations and a coveted getaway for the rich and famous. Recently it was named one of the “World’s Best Places to Stay” by *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine. Within the hotel, the History Gallery links the resort with the history of St. Petersburg through intriguing artifacts and exhibits. Discover real insider secrets and relive an era of elegance by taking one of the regularly offered guided tours of the hotel. Spacious guest rooms feature upscale amenities, plush bedding and stylish décor.

Resort guests can relax on oversized, comfortable wicker furnishings on the spacious front veranda, watching the ever-changing scenery of the marina; unwind on the Vinoy Patio or enjoy the amazing views of St. Petersburg from the outdoor esplanade. Each of the four resort restaurants is unique in ambience and entrees, offering exceptional cuisine and impeccable service. One can also experience the gracious tradition of afternoon tea, offered daily. Exceeding guests’ expectations has been and continues to be the revered hallmark of this grand resort.

FUN AND RELAXATION

Spa: Guests can enjoy restorative pampering options by visiting the opulent on-site day spa and salon. Manicures, pedicures, body wraps and facial treatments are just a few of the services offered. Spa appointments are required and can be obtained by calling the Spa Concierge (727) 824-8070. Mention that you are part of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to receive a 20 percent discount on products and services.

Swimming Pools/Health Club: Access to the indoor and outdoor swimming pools and health club is complimentary. Fitness classes, including water aerobics, yoga, Pilates and Zumba; cardiovascular equipment and sauna and steam rooms are available.

Tennis: For tennis enthusiasts, 12 championship HarTru courts and a complete pro shop are located on site. PBA members receive a 20 percent discount on fees.

GOLF

Redesigned under the direction of renowned golf-course architect Ron Garl, the Vinoy Golf Club is one of the Southeast's finest! The 18-hole, par-71 championship course challenges serious golfers while providing an enjoyable round for casual players as well. The course is located on picturesque Snell Isle, just minutes from the resort via complimentary transportation. If you plan to participate in the Family Law Section Golf Tournament on Saturday, indicate your handicap on the registration form and enclose the non-refundable entry fee. To reserve individual tee-times call (727) 896-8000. PBA members receive a 30 percent discount on golf fees and a 15 percent discount on Callaway club rentals and pro shop merchandise.



BEACHES

Famous for its 35 miles of clean, safe, powder-white sand, the St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Gulf Coast shoreline is known as "Florida's Beach." To sink your toes into some sugar-soft sand, ask the Resort Navigator for directions to beaches just a short distance away. Fifteen miles from the resort, Fort De Soto Park offers a spectacular combination of soft, white sand and calm, clear water. The park includes more than seven miles of beaches, fishing piers and nature trails.

TRANSPORTATION

From the Airport: Located 20 miles from the Renaissance Vinoy Resort, Tampa International Airport (TPA) is a 25-minute drive and offers services from numerous domestic carriers. Ambassador Limousine is the resort's in-house airport transportation supplier. Those who choose this provider will be greeted by a chauffeur at baggage claim; complimentary bottled water and local area magazines will be available in the vehicle. Verification of your hotel reservation is necessary for your return trip. The cost is \$64 per sedan and \$78 per SUV (gratuity included) each way, divided by the number of people in your travelling party. Payment can be made by credit card, cash or placed on your hotel room bill. A 24-hour advance reservation is required. Contact Ross Rayner at (727) 824-8012 or (813) 335-9053 for more information and to reserve your trip. SuperShuttle Tampa Bay Inc. is a 24-hour airport shuttle service with courtesy desks located in all airport baggage claim areas. The current charge to the resort is \$21 per person, one-way, or \$39 round-trip.

Car Rentals: For those interested in renting a car, the Pennsylvania Bar Association has established discounted rates with several companies:

Avis – 1-800-331-1212

(Discount Code AWD-A494900)

Hertz – 1-800-654-3131

(Discount Code CDP ID 79456)

National – 1-800-227-7368

(Discount Code 5239106)

Please note that Hertz and Enterprise will accommodate on-site rental requests but require a minimum 48-hour advance reservation. Call (727) 528-0557 for Hertz. Enterprise has extended the following special discounted rates for our group: a three-day package, Friday-Monday, for a mid-/full-size car will be \$29.99 per day; one-day (24-hour) packages for mid-/full-size car rentals will be \$39.99 with SUV rentals at \$59.99. Call (727) 323-2144, ask for Kevin Johnson and mention that you are part of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to take advantage of these discounts.

Parking: Self-parking and valet-parking options are available at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort. Valet parking charges are \$18 per night, while self parking in the adjacent covered parking garage is \$12.

Downtown Trolleys: The Downtown Looper and Central Avenue Trolleys connect the resort to the city's major museums and attractions. For just 50 cents, hop aboard and take a nostalgic ride to your preferred St. Petersburg destination.

WHAT TO WEAR

Suggested attire for the entire meeting is resort casual. On the golf course/driving range, appropriate dress is enforced. Shorts, slacks, collared shirts and golf or tennis shoes are the accepted rule. Ladies may wear sleeveless or proper T-shirts. No jogging shorts, cut-offs or jeans. Please wear your PBA name badge to all events and activities and the appropriately colored wristband to the receptions for which you have registered.

CLE CREDITS

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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 10.5 hours of substantive CLE credits.

This year there are three ways to receive your CLE materials:

1. A memory stick version for an additional fee of \$10. Sticks will be distributed at registration, so please indicate on the registration form if your preference is to have this mailed to you in advance of the meeting.
2. The traditional printed materials will cost \$50 and will be available at registration.
3. New to this meeting, a URL secure link will be emailed to you prior to the meeting for you to download, view and print those materials you wish to have. (Having an updated version of Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer will ensure a faster download. We will supply tips to assist you.) There will be no additional cost associated with this option.

Please be sure to indicate on the registration form which way you prefer to receive the CLE materials.

ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION FEES

Scholarships are available through the Membership Incentive Program to cover registration fees for the Winter Meeting. Eligible recipients are Section Members who are: a) young/new to the practice; b) from a solo practice or a small firm; and/or c) from counties that have been under-represented at Section meetings. Interested applicants should forward their CV and a brief statement regarding their eligibility to Janell Klein, PBA, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or jklein@pabar.org. Application for this program must be made on or before Dec. 9, 2011.

EARLY REGISTRATION INCENTIVE/ LATE REGISTRATION FEE

The deadline to register for the 2012 winter meeting is 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12. Those who register by this date will have their name included in a drawing to win one of two gift certificates offered by the Renaissance Vinoy Resort: the first for a complimentary two-night stay at the resort, which can be used during the Family Law Section Meeting. The second is for a complimentary spa treatment. The drawings will take place at PBA headquarters by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 13 and the winner will be contacted by PBA staff by 5 p.m. that day. For those that register on Dec. 19 or later, a \$50 late registration fee will apply.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS/RESERVATIONS

Guest room reservations may be made by calling the resort at 1-888-303-4430 or by visiting the hotel website and using the special group code of pbapbaa before Dec. 19, 2011. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis only. Rates are \$199 per night plus taxes for standard (single or double occupancy) accommodations. Check in time is 4 p.m. and check out time is 11 a.m. Complimentary WiFi is available in guest rooms and in the resort lobby.

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Up to 10.5 hours of CLE credit • Course materials via download
- Welcome reception on Friday • Farewell party on Sunday
 - Saturday night hospitality
- Full breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday
 - Continental breakfast on Monday

PBA FAMILY LAW SECTION WINTER MEETING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** **REGISTRATION**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **AAML PROGRAM**
Hot Tips Regarding Ethical Dilemmas for the Family Law Attorney
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **COUNCIL MEETING**
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** **WELCOME RECEPTION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **BREAKFAST BUFFET**
- 7:30 a.m. – noon** **REGISTRATION**
- 8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **PLENARY SESSION**
Difficult Cases – Difficult Issues
Your client is a prominent member of the community. You know that she does not want certain facts about her personal life or her business revealed in her divorce proceedings. In this session the panel will explore the availability and use of confidentiality agreements, sealing court records and closing the courtroom. The panel will also discuss interaction with the media, including First Amendment issues.
Moderator: David N. Hofstein, Esq.
Speakers: Hon. Kim D. Eaton; Sue Carlton, Reporter, *St. Petersburg Times*; Charles J. Meyer, Esq.; Gregg D. Thomas, Esq.; Cheryl L. Young, Esq.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** **WORKSHOPS**
A. Difficult Cases – Difficult Issues Part II
The cameras are flashing outside the courtroom and your client is eagerly awaiting his 15 minutes of fame. How can you protect your client from himself? In a continuation of the plenary session, this panel will address this and other significant issues that arise in high-profile cases, including privileges, protective orders and access to medical and mental health records.
Moderator: Sally R. Miller, Esq.
Speakers: Hon. Kim D. Eaton; Ronald D. Barber, Esq.; Sue Carlton, Reporter, *St. Petersburg Times*; Julia Cronin Rater, Esq.; Brian Vertz, Esq.

B. What's that Worth?

We all know how to obtain a value for the couch, the table and the lamp, but how do we obtain values for unique items such as embryos, season tickets, country club memberships, airline points, antique cars and great-great grandmother's emerald and diamond ring from Italy? This panel will address obtaining appraisals of these and other unique items. What qualifications should we look for in our appraisers? Can we value an item on our own? We will also learn the questions to ask when examining and cross-examining an appraiser, and other valuable "tricks of the trade."

Moderator: Lindsay Gingrich Maclay, Esq.
Speakers: John Anthony Jr., GIA/GG; Alyssa L. Loney, C.A., Owner, Ibis Appraisal Services; Leslee Silverman Tabas, Esq.; Richard Tabas, Special Interest Automotive Services

- 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

- 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.** **HOSPITALITY**
Join us for an informal drink before you call it a night.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **BREAKFAST BUFFET**
- 7:30 a.m. – noon** **REGISTRATION**
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **PLENARY SESSION**
Custody – One Year's Experience
Act 112 of 2010 radically altered the landscape of custody law in Pennsylvania. In this session our expert panel will review cases and procedures from across the state since the effective date of the new law. We will examine various interpretations and applications of the law including the controversial relocation and evaluation provisions. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to share local experiences under the new law.
Moderator: Melissa M. Boyd, Esq.
Speakers: Hon. Elizabeth K. Kelly; Hon. Jack A. Panella; Stephen J. Anderer, Esq.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** **WORKSHOPS**
C. Experts A to Z
Complex family law cases, whether economic or personal, are often won and lost on the basis of expert testimony. The panelists will explore all aspects of expert testimony, including when to use an expert and what type of expert to choose, the rights and limits of discovery of expert witnesses, and advice on how to direct and cross-examine an expert. This session will help you become an expert on experts.
Moderator: Daniel H. Glasser, Esq.
Speakers: Hon. Michelle G.P. Bononi; Lynn Gold-Bikin, Esq.; Donald F. Spry II, Esq.

D. Divorce Planners: The Who, What, When and How

Divorce planners can provide guidance and assistance to practitioners on short-term negotiation and trial goals, and advice on protecting long-term financial security. Qualified divorce financial planners can help you and your client analyze and navigate difficult problems in dividing property, and on tax issues, retirement plans and the financial effects of the divorce.
Moderator: David L. Ladov, Esq.
Speakers: Neil S. Brown, BNY Mellon; Arnold Johnsen, BNY Mellon

- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** **FAREWELL PARTY**

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **SECTION MEETING**
- 8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** **CASE LAW UPDATES**
Moderator: Jessica Moyer, Esq.
Custody and Adoption: Amy J. Phillips, Esq.
Support: Joo Y. Park, Esq.
Equitable Distribution and Divorce: Kelly A. Mroz, Esq.
Legislative Update: Mary H. Burchik, Esq.
Rules Updates: Carol A. Behers, Esq.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Nickname or first name for badge _____

Address _____

Supreme Court ID number _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

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

Children Name(s) and Ages(s) if attending events _____

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

Please attach a written description of needs and the name of the individual.

Please check here if you are a First-time Attendee

PBA FLS Membership Incentive Scholarship Applicant

REGISTRATION FEE:

Registration fee includes up to 10.5 hours of CLE credit, link to download course materials, two parties, one hospitality event and breakfast each morning.

PBA Section Member \$495

PBA Member, Non-Section Member \$615

Non-PBA Member \$715

Judges & Judicial Law Clerks and those in practice 3 years or less \$320

Amount Due _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE: FOR REGISTRATIONS PLACED DECEMBER 19 OR LATER \$50

Amount Due _____

COURSE MATERIALS OPTION:

Link to download course materials no charge

Memory Stick with course materials \$10

Please mail in advance

Amount Due _____

PBI "Blue Book" in addition to link \$50

Amount Due _____

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

Saturday 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. A or B

Sunday 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. C or D

MEAL FUNCTIONS: Registrants are included in registration fee, but for planning purposes please indicate the receptions you will attend.

_____ Friday Welcome Reception _____ Sunday Farewell Party

Friday & Sunday Parties – Spouse/Guest/Children over 12:

Friday \$80 per person # of Tickets _____

Amount Due _____

Sunday \$80 per person # of Tickets _____

Amount Due _____

Friday & Sunday Parties – Children 3 through 12:

Friday \$30 per person # of Guests _____

Amount Due _____

Sunday \$30 per person # of Guests _____

Amount Due _____

Children Under 3: no charge Friday Sunday # of Guests _____

Spouse/Guest attending parties are welcome to attend Hospitality as guests of Section.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Saturday Golf Tournament, 1:00 p.m. # of players @ \$130 ea. _____

Amount Due _____

Handicap _____ Spouse/Guest Handicap _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

A check, payable to PBA, is enclosed. Or charge my: Master Card Visa AMEX Discover

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____ Authorized Amount _____

Billing Address _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Overnight lodging arrangements should be made directly with Marriott Hotels at 1-888-303-4430 before December 19, 2011, to obtain the special rate. Mention that you are part of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Winter Meeting.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration deadline for the Meeting is December 12, 2011. After that date, all registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis. Written cancellations must be received before the close of business on December 12, 2011. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a \$75 administrative fee. After December 12, 2011, no refunds will be issued.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 12, 2011

Send to: PBA Meetings Dept., P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or fax credit card registration to 717-213-2507.

For more information call 1-800-932-0311, Ext. 2231 or 2245.

Registrations will not be processed without payment.



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