

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION
FAMILY LAW SECTION
WINTER MEETING

January 16-18, 2009
Omni William Penn Hotel,
Pittsburgh



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The Family Law Section will hold its annual Winter Meeting at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, January 16-18, 2009. Join your fellow members in obtaining up to nine hours of CLE credits (including ethics), on a variety of subjects. 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.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Omni William Penn Hotel is located at 530 William Penn Place in Pittsburgh. Overnight arrangements should be made directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-843-6664 or at www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/PittsburghWilliamPenn/MeetingFacilities/PennsylvaniaBarAssociationFamilyLawSectionWinterMeeting1.aspx on or before December 22, 2008, to obtain the special rate. Mention that you are part of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section group.

CLE CREDITS

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 seven and one half hours of substantive credit and one and a half hours of ethics CLE credit.

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Plan for Pittsburgh!

The Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section will return to Pittsburgh for its annual winter meeting. The meeting will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel, located in the center of the downtown area, in close proximity to restaurants, entertainment and the Pittsburgh cultural district. Registrants will enjoy the old-world charm of the hotel, with its elegantly appointed lobby and spacious conference facilities. The weekend begins on Friday evening with a welcoming reception. Following the welcoming reception, the Section will host a hospitality suite at which attendees will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy dessert.

The Saturday CLE programs will begin with a morning plenary session on hot tips involving complex support and equitable distribution issues. The afternoon sessions will include breakouts on parent coordinators, appointment of GALs and child advocates in custody cases, electronic and computer discovery topics, and an ethics seminar on collaborative law. The Eric Turner Award will be presented during lunch, and Justice Max Baer of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court will be the keynote speaker. The Section will host a reception on Saturday evening, where attendees can enjoy after dinner relaxation, and watch their favorite teams in playoff football.

On Sunday morning, we will continue with the new format of case law, rules, and legislative updates in a panel discussion with practitioners from across the state.

The program committee is working hard to plan an exciting conference for you. We hope you will join us in Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Behers



YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Up to 9 hours of CLE credit, including 1.5 hours Ethics credit • Course materials •
Receptions on Friday and Saturday • Lunch on Saturday • Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JANUARY 16

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reception
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality

SATURDAY JANUARY 17

7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Full Breakfast
(Note breakfast is open only to meeting registrants and is not intended for family members or guests)
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session:
Hot Tips in Complex Support and Equitable Distribution
Moderator: Michele Bononi
Hon. Kim Eaton, Mark Alberts, Mark Ashton,
Jay Blechman, Richard Brabender, Rochelle Grossman,
Joseph Martone, Sophia Paul, Hon. Jack A. Panella
(continued after Break)
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 – 12:00 noon Plenary Session:
Hot Tips in Complex Support and Equitable Distribution
(continued)
12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
Presentation of the Eric Turner Award
Keynote address by Hon. Max Baer
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workshops:
a. Lending a Hand: Parent Coordinator - Who and How?
Moderator: Natalie Famous
Hon. Katherine Platt, Hon. David Wecht, Stephen
Anderer, Steven Cohen Ph.D., Mark Dischell
b. Ethical Issues Impacting Collaborative Law:
Don't Cross the Line (qualifies for 1.5 ethics credits)
Moderator: Pamela Purdy
Constance Brunt, Debra Cantor, Robert Davis Jr.,
Ellen Fischer, Paula Hopkins
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Workshops:
c. GALs and Child Advocates in Family Law Actions
Moderator: Helen Casale
Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Maribeth Blessing,
Craig Bluestein, Lucy Johnston Walsh, Mary C. Pugh,
Wendy Demchick Alloy
d. Reboot: E-Discovery and Dissecting Hard Drives
Moderator: Gail Calderwood
Joel Bernbaum, Russell Davis, James Mahood
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reception
8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
and Section Meeting
8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Town Hall Meeting:
On Rules; Support Guidelines; Case Law Updates;
Legislative Updates
Moderator: Darren Holst
Fast Track Appellate Rules Changes:
Hon. Maureen Lally-Green, Frederick Frank
Guidelines:
Hon. Anthony Marsili, Carol Behers, Mark Dischell,
Frederick Mogel, Patricia Miles
Case Law Updates:
Elisabeth Molnar (Custody), Lauren Sorrentino
(Support), Lindsay Gingrich Maclay (Equitable
Distribution), Hon Carol C. Hanna
Legislative:
Mary Burchik, Chris Gale

The Section extends special thanks to BNY Mellon Wealth Management for its continued sponsorship of the 2009 Family Law Section Winter Meeting.



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

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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 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 your needs.

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration fee includes up to 9 hours of CLE credit, course materials, 2 cocktail receptions and hospitality events, breakfast each morning and Saturday's lunch. (Check One.)

- PBA Section Member \$350 PBA Member, Non-Section Members \$400*
 Non-PBA Member \$450 *includes Section membership for 2009
 Judges & Judicial Law Clerks and those in practice 3 years or less \$260 Amount Due _____

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Registrant (included in registration fee) Will attend _____ Amount Due N/C
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 800-843-6664 before December 22 2008, to obtain the special rate. Mention that you are part of the PA Bar Association Family Law Section group.

Group Rate (Single/Double): \$115 per night, plus taxes

Cancellation Policy: Registration deadline for the Meeting is December 29, 2008. 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 2, 2009. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a \$25 administrative fee. After January 2, 2009, no refunds will be issued.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 29, 2008 TO:
PBA MEETINGS DEPT., P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186
or fax credit card registration to 717-238-4134.

For further information call the PBA Member Service Center at 1-800-932-0311.



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