WIP 2021 Fall Retreat
Empowerment, Celebrating Success and Overcoming Obstacles
Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6, 2021
at The Hotel Hershey

Please plan on attending the 2021 PBA Commission on Women in the Profession's Fall Retreat! We're looking forward to being back together and in-person for this year's event, which will be bigger and better than ever. Additional programming has been added, as well as a unique public service outreach opportunity to work with students from the Milton Hershey School.

Friday, Nov. 5

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  “Practicing Law In the Pandemic and Moving Forward” — An Interview with Roberta Liebenberg & Stephanie Scharf

The report, “Practicing Law in the Pandemic and Moving Forward: Results and Best Practices from a Nationwide Survey of the Legal Profession,” is the result of a survey of 4,200 American Bar Association members. The survey discovered that the need to work remotely during COVID-19 caused high levels of stress and disengagement among lawyers, with these impacts disproportionately falling on women attorneys and attorneys of color. Join us for an in-depth examination of the results of this survey with authors Roberta Liebenberg and Stephanie Scharf, followed by a panel discussion with women who will share their own personal experiences of how the pandemic directly affected their careers, personal lives and future plans. And then take part in active discussions on how we move forward using the lessons we've learned so that we are more mindful of our own self-care and can improve our work/life balance in order to become better representatives for our clients and communities.

Interviewer: Nancy Conrad, Esq., White and Williams LLP
Panelists:
• Roberta D. Liebenberg, Esq., Fine Kaplan and Black RPC
• Stephanie A. Scharf, Esq., Scharf Banks Marmor LLC

2 CLE credits (1 substantive, 1 ethics)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Optional Event: Self-Facial Demonstration

Learn the art of giving yourself a relaxing facial! A trained member of The Hotel Hershey Spa will join us for a relaxing hour of self-care and fun! (Please note—there is a $13 per person charge to attend).

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Book Group Discussion

Join us as we discuss the book “Equal Justice Under Law: An Autobiography” by Constance Baker Motley. Remember, you don’t have to read the book to join in the discussion!

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Welcome Reception

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Dinner

Welcome Remarks: Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esq., PBA President
Keynote Speaker: Maggie McGrath, Editor of ForbesWomen

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  Story Slam Activity: 2020 and the pandemic kept us caged for far too long.

This Story Slam session is an opportunity to share your wins through it all. We will come together in a safe space and celebrate one another. Be prepared to share victories big and small, dance to some music and have some fun.
Registration Information

Full event registration fee includes access to Friday afternoon session, book group discussion, reception, dinner, hospitality/group discussion, Saturday continental breakfast, buffet lunch, public service activity and access to sessions and CLE materials.

Member Full Conference Fee ...........................................$150
Non-Member Full Conference Fee ......................$250
Law Student.................................................................$50

Friday Night Dinner Choices: Chicken or Salmon

Saturday-Only Registration Fee includes Saturday continental breakfast, buffet lunch, public service activity, and access to Saturday sessions and CLE materials.

Member Saturday Only Fee ..............................$100
Non-Member Saturday Only Fee ..................$125
Law Student.................................................................$50

Session CLE Fees:
Friday afternoon CLE “Practicing Law In the Pandemic and Moving Forward” ..................$40
(2 CLE credits — 1 substantive; 1 ethics)
Saturday morning CLE “Overcoming Barriers and Thriving in the Legal Profession” .................$20
(1 CLE substantive credit)
Saturday morning CLE “Women in Social Movements: History and Present Day” ..................$20
(1 CLE substantive credit)

Optional Activities:
Friday afternoon Personal Facial Demonstration by Hershey Spa Staff .................................$13
Saturday afternoon Wine/Chocolate Pairing Session ...............................................................$56
Saturday evening dinner at a local restaurant—Attendees pay for their own dinner.

Register online here:

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Saturday, Nov. 6

7:00 a.m. Quality of Life Walk
Join other WIP members for an early morning walk around the beautiful Hotel Hershey grounds.

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Commission on Women in the Profession Full Commission Business Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. “Overcoming Barriers & Thriving in the Legal Profession”
During this session PBA President Kathleen Wilkinson will conduct a fireside interview with Justice Debra Todd of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Justice Todd will share her expertise and years of experience as a woman in the profession, while providing best practice tips for attorneys, common mistakes to avoid before the court and practical ways to commit to excellence in legal service provision.

Interviewer: Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esq., PBA President
Special Guest: Hon. Debra M. Todd, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

1 CLE credit (substantive)

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. “Women in Social Movements: History & Present Day”
In this session, panelists will discuss the impact of women, highlighting women of color, in historical and present-day social movements and lasting impacts on society and the practice of law. We will explore how our continued efforts help mold us into better attorneys possessing the tools needed to fully understand all our clients and to develop the skillset required to meet their unique needs.

Moderator: Sharon R. López, Esq., Triqueta Law
Panelists:
• Professor Cathleen Cahill, Penn State University
• Dean Danielle M. Conway, Penn State University Dickinson Law

1 CLE credit (substantive)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Public Service Project with Milton Hershey School
WIP’s Public Service Committee has chosen to work with students from the Milton Hershey School as the project for this year’s Fall Retreat. We have invited students from the Milton Hershey School to pair up with WIP members for coaching and assistance in creating resumes; conducting interviews; writing college essays and more. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the afternoon programming. We expect approximately 40 students to participate, so it would be ideal to have a WIP mentor for each of the students in attendance if possible.

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Introductions/Student Panel

1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. One-on-One Meetings with students and WIP coaches for resume building/interview advice/college essay writing and applications.

2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. WIP Panel Wrap-Up

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Optional Activity: Wine/Chocolate Sommelier Demonstration
Join other WIP members for a wine and chocolate pairing demonstration by The Hotel Hershey staff. (Please note—there is a $56 per person charge to attend).

6:00 p.m. Optional Activity: Dinner Reservations at a local restaurant
(Please note: attendees will pay for their own dinner on site.)

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