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Pennsylvania Bar Association’s 31st Virtual Minority Attorney Conference
Oct. 7-8, 2021

Everyone is welcome to join us for our 31st Minority Attorney Conference, with the theme “Reclaiming Health, Wealth & Wisdom in the Post COVID-19 Era.” At this virtual conference on Oct. 7-8, 2021, you have the opportunity to earn 9.5 CLE credits. Our keynote speaker is Pennsylvania Lt. Governor John Fetterman, and our A. Leon Higginbotham Award winners are the Honorable Theodore McKee and the Honorable Carolyn Nichols. We have many engaging, interesting and informative panels addressing some of the most pressing issues facing minority attorneys in the post-COVID environment. And, for the first time ever, we have a sports panel with two—wait for it—Hall of Famers, Maurice Cheeks and Franco Harris. Register now using the button at the bottom of this page. We hope to see you there!

Thursday, Oct. 7 (8:45 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.)
• What about COVID-19 and Communities of Color?
• Women of Color in Leadership
• Environmental Issues Affecting Minority Communities
• Financial Recovery: How do Businesses Recover from COVID?
• Professional Athletes and Social/Criminal Justice Reform

Friday, Oct. 8 (8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
• Marijuana Update
• Jury Source Lists and the Perception of Justice: Increasing Representativeness
• Can We Rule Out Harassment and Discrimination in the Practice of Law?
(Session panelists are listed on page 2.)

Full conference: $299 for up to 9.5 CLEs (8.5 sub., 1 ethics)
• Day one only for CLE credit: $199
• Day two only for CLE credit: $149
• Conference without CLE credit (lawyers and nonlawyers): $149.50
• ProPass subscribers attend free.
• PBA members receive a 25% discount. When registering, enter this discount code: MEMBEREVENT
• New attorneys receive a 50% discount.
• Attorneys employed on a full-time basis by Pennsylvania civil or criminal Section 501(c) (3) legal services or public interest organizations can receive a 50% discount. For more information, click HERE.
• Law students may register for free.
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Sessions & Panelists

Thursday, Oct. 7

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks
• Marisa H. Lattimore, Esq., Co-chair, Minority Attorney Conference Subcommittee
• Gina M. Thomas, Esq., Co-chair, PBA Minority Attorney Conference Subcommittee; Assistant Counsel, Southeast Regional Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
• Anthony D. Cox Jr., Esq., Co-chair, PBA Minority Bar Committee; Dickie McCamey & Chilcote PC

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  What about COVID-19 and Communities of Color?
• Rhodia D. Thomas, Esq., Co-chair, PBA Minority Attorney Conference Subcommittee; Executive Director, MidPenn Legal Services
• Norris E. Benns Jr., Esq., Pennsylvania Health & Wellness
• Brian Lentes, Director, Office of Operational Excellence, Pennsylvania Department of Health
• Laval S. Miller-Wilson, Esq., Pennsylvania Health Law Project

10:25 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.  Women of Color in Leadership
• Lisa M. Watson, Esq.
• Hon. Carolyn H. Nichols, Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania
• Danielle M. Conway, Dean, Penn State Dickinson Law
• Pamela F. Cross, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, Pennsylvania Governor’s Office of General Counsel
• Hon. Joanna E. McClinton, Democratic Leader & Representative, 191st District, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
• Geovette Washington, Esq., Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Environmental Issues Affecting Minority Communities
• Gina M. Thomas, Esq., Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
• Diana J. Stares, Esq., Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
• William J. Cluck, Esq., DBA Law Office of William J. Cluck
• Cecil A. Rodrigues, Esq., Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region III / EPA-ORC

1:55 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.  Financial Recovery - How do Businesses Recover from COVID?
• Tsiven M. Law, Esq., Law & Associates LLC
• Hon. Renee Cardwell Hughes (Ret.), Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.
• Narisa Satisorn, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, Delaware River Port Authority

3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.  Professional Athletes and Social/Criminal Justice Reform
• Thomas Kline, Esq., Kline & Specter PC
• Hon. Dwayne Woodruff, Judge, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; former NFL cornerback for the Pittsburgh Steelers
• Maurice Cheeks, Assistant coach of the Chicago Bulls; former head coach of the Portland Trailblazers, Philadelphia 76ers and the Detroit Pistons; former assistant coach of the Quad City Thunder, Philadelphia 76ers and the Oklahoma City Thunder; former NBA point guard for the Philadelphia 76ers, San Antonio Spurs, NY Knicks, Atlanta Hawks and NJ Nets. Inducted into the 2018 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.
• Franco Harris, President, Super Bakery. Former running back in the NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990. His Immaculate Reception was voted number one play for the first 100 years in NFL history.
• Riley H. Ross III, Esq., Mincey Fitzpatrick Ross LLC
• Reginald Wilkes, Senior Vice President/Wealth Management, The Wilkes Sports Group at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC; former NFL linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles and Atlanta Falcons

Friday, Oct. 8

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks
• Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esq., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
• Rhodia D. Thomas, Esq., Executive Director, MidPenn Legal Services
• Su Ming Yeh, Esq., Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project

9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.  Marijuana Update
• Carlton L. Johnson, Esq., Archer & Greiner PC
• Tauhid Chappell, Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists
• Patrick K. Nightingale, Esq., Cannabis Legal Solutions
• Cherron Perry-Thomas, Diasporic Alliance for Cannabis Opportunities

10:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Jury Source Lists and the Perception of Justice: Increasing Representativeness
• Hon. Stephanie Dmitrovich, Erie County Court of Common Pleas
• Hon. Cheryl L. Austin, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas - Family Law Division
• Hon. Cathy Bissoon, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
• Hon. Lucretia C. Clemons, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
• Lisette M. McCormick, Esq., The Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness

11:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.  Can We Rule Out Harassment and Discrimination in the Practice of Law?
• Wesley R. Payne IV, Esq., White and Williams LLP
• Jennifer S. Coatsworth, Esq., Margolis Edelstein
• Jay N. Silberblatt, Esq., Silberblatt Mermelstein
• Victoria L. White, Esq., Margolis Edelstein
• Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr., Esq., Cozen O’Connor

12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Keynote Speaker – Higginbotham Award
• Jessie L. Smith, Esq. - Introduction of keynote speaker
• Keynote Speaker: Lt. Gov. John K. Fetterman, Office of the Lieutenant Governor