Registration is now open!
The PBA Minority Bar Committee invites you to:
12th PBA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Summit
Friday, Oct. 7, 2022
To be held virtually
5.5 ethics credits

SESSIONS
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome
• Anthony D. Cox Jr., Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC
• Su Ming Yeh, Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project
• Jay N. Silberblatt, PBA president; Silberblatt Mermelstein PC

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Voting Rights
Join our panelists as they provide an overview of the voting process on election day, insight on the election day rules, and methods the Commonwealth established to ensure voting access, such as third-party ballot delivery and accessible voting systems. The panel will discuss ways community advocacy impacts voting and provide strategies and resources that local communities can implement to effectively promote and increase voting access among diverse populations.
Moderator: Jada S. Greenhowe, assistant counsel, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
• Rep. Aerion A. Abney, 19th District Allegheny County; former PA Director of Special Projects, All Voting is Local
• Hon. Leigh M. Chapman, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth
• Andrea C. Farney, Triquetra Law

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Reverse Mentoring: Building Intergenerational Learning Relationships in the Legal Community
Reverse mentoring or intergenerational relationship building is a learning relationship where the mentor is younger than the mentee. In reverse mentoring, senior members have an opportunity to understand new perspectives from junior members in the legal community. This session will present the Montgomery County Experiment, where Luz Denise Negron-Bennett and Victor O. Adeniran, 1L, will share their short experiences mentoring Judge Garrett D. Page and Judge A. Nicole Tate-Phillips. Judge Page and Judge Tate-Phillips will discuss what they learned from their mentors about trends and the use of technology for lawyers at work and home; perspectives on access to resources for advancement in the legal profession; failure recovery systems (i.e., how young lawyers react to adversity in their career); and what motivates younger lawyers. This session will discuss tips for effectively starting and building a reverse mentoring program at your local bar association.
Moderator: Wana Saadzoi, Law Offices of Wana Saadzoi LLC
• Judge Garrett D. Page, Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
• Judge A. Nicole Tate-Phillips. Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
• Victor O. Adeniran, 1L, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
• Jennifer L. Ellis, Jennifer Ellis, JD, LLC
• Karen E. Grethlein, Chubb
• Luz Denise Negron-Bennett, Fight 4 Families Law LLC
11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Recent Diversity Equity & Inclusion Developments: Exploring Concepts of Individual Liberty
Moderator: Antoinette Hubbard, Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC

a. Hate Speech v. Protected Speech
   • Prof. Laura E. Little, The James G. Schmidt chair in law, Temple University Beasley School of Law

b. Transgender Rights
   • Prof. John G. Culhane, professor of law, H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law; co-director, Family Health Law & Policy Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School

c. Recognition of Juneteenth as a Holiday
   • LaDeshia C. Maxwell, executive director, Pennsylvania Governor’s African American Affairs Commission
   • Cornelia Swinson, executive director, Historic Johnson House, Philadelphia

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Being a Better Ally: What to Say When You See Something
We see the signs in many places: “If you see something, say something.” We often wonder what to say. This session will help us recognize when we have “seen something” and train us what to say and how to say it. Clinical psychologist Dr. Jonathan Kanter returns following his appearance at the 2020 Diversity Summit to teach us to be better allies when we are bystanders to indirect, subtle or unintended discrimination.
Moderator: Jonathan W. Kanter, Ph.D., director, Center for the Science of Social Connection, University of Washington (UW); behavioral scientist and core leadership team member, Office of Health Care Equity, UW Medicine

• Kristine L Calalang, Law Office of Kristine L Calalang
• Nancy Conrad, White and Williams LLP
• Anthony D. Cox, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC
• Ana Paulina Gomez, Governor’s Office of General Counsel
• Jay N. Silberblatt, PBA president; Silberblatt Mermelstein PC

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Autism & the Courts
This session will assist attendees to better understand and communicate with clients and witnesses having an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Our renowned panelists will describe the multitude of challenges and share their perspectives, experiences and techniques for ensuring ASD individuals have access to justice.
Moderator: Senior Judge Stephanie A. Domitrovich

• Justice Kevin M. Dougherty, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
• Roslyn Talley, police officer, Philadelphia Police Department