Friday, Nov. 4

Noon – Registration
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. “Health, Wealth and Bringing Your Best Self"

Buzzwords like “self-care” and “financial fitness” have become commonplace, but what do they really mean in the context of practicing law? Why are these concepts not only important to the practitioner’s well-being, but also an integral part of professional competence and zealous advocacy? This two-hour session will focus on why physical, mental and financial health are not independent of a successful legal career but instead are essential components of bringing your best case forward. Our panelists will help us gain an understanding of how physical, mental and financial health can impact us professionally. They will also discuss tools we can use to improve our health so that we can bring our best selves to the office, courtroom and beyond.

1 substantive and 1 ethics CLE credit

Panelists:
- Ellen Freedman, PBA Law Practice Management Coordinator
- Virginia H. McMichael, Esq., Appellate Law Group LLC
- Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esq., Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Moderator:
- Gina Miller, Esq., PA Public Utility Commission

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Self-Defense Class
Join WIP members for an hour of self-defense training led by Grandmaster Duane Pelletier, owner of PHIST Martial Arts near Hershey. Duane will teach you valuable tools to recognize and avoid dangerous situations and how to defend yourself in the event that you are attacked. A few basic self-defense techniques could save your life.

4 p.m. Book Group Discussion
Mindfulness is the theme for the book group discussion. Choose your own book on mindfulness and come prepared to share what you’ve learned. We’re looking forward to spending time discussing the various ways to put mindfulness back at the forefront of our lives.

5:15 p.m. Fall Retreat Welcome Reception
6 p.m. Dinner
Welcome remarks: Jay N. Silberblatt, Esq, PBA President
Keynote speaker: Nilam A. Sanghvi, Esq., PA Innocence Project

8 p.m. Story Slam Activity

Saturday, Nov. 5

7 a.m. Quality of Life/Balance Walk
8 a.m. WIP Full Commission Business Meeting
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. “Who Are Our Clients?”
This panel brings together women from the wide expanse of the legal profession to discuss the complexities and...
nuances of client representation. Panel members will share the uniqueness of their client/lawyer relationships and how they navigate challenges presented by other interested parties while upholding ethical requirements. We will hear from a prosecutor, public defender, legal services attorney and a state government attorney.

1.5 ethics CLE credits

Panelists:
• Melinda C. Ghilardi, Esq., Munley Law PC
• Arlene A. Marshall-Hockensmith, Esq., PA Legal Aid Network Inc.
• Keli M. Neary, Esq., Office of Attorney General
• Erin Varley, Esq., Dauphin County District Attorney’s Office

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.-noon  Professional Liability Program
Striving for excellence in the profession is a common goal; however, situations sometimes occur when the client feels the attorney has failed them. This panel will assist attorneys in navigating professional liability issues and ways to avoid common pitfalls and disciplinary infractions.

1.5 ethics CLE credits

Panelists:
• Ellen C. Brotman, Esq., Brotman Law
• Amy J. Coco, Esq., DiBella Weinheimer
• Dana M. Pirone, Esq., Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of PA
• Deborah A. Winokur, Esq., Cozen O’Connor

Noon-1 p.m.  Lunch

1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.  Public Service Project
Join WIP members and representatives from the PA Innocence Project to assemble care packages for incarcerated individuals as well as those who have been recently released from prison.