



*Communities Under Attack:
Leadership Going Forward*

Pennsylvania Bar Association
30th Minority Attorney Conference

October 3-4, 2019

PBI Conference Center, Philadelphia

100 Penn Square East, 10th Floor, Suite 1010
Philadelphia, PA 19107



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This year is extra special as it marks the 30th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Minority Attorney Conference. Our theme is "Communities Under Attack: Leadership Going Forward."

The conference provides a wonderful opportunity for all attorneys to not only learn more and gain insight about the various minority communities under attack, but also gives everyone the opportunity to contribute their expertise for solutions to the problems. Besides that, the seminar provides excellent networking opportunities and the chance to earn a total of 9 CLE credits on leading topics of interest to the legal profession and the legal community.

Program topics include an overview of our signature "Communities Under Attack and Leadership Going Forward" theme and discussions about immigration, voter suppression, ethical issues faced by minority attorneys, marijuana impacts and business development, and best practices regarding *Batson* challenges and other juror diversity issues.

On Thursday evening, a networking reception will take place immediately following the presentation by our kick-off speaker, Chancellor Phoebe Haddon, Rutgers University, Camden, with delicious refreshments for all to enjoy. A highlight of the conference is the luncheon in the beautiful Crystal Tea Room with a keynote address by the esteemed Tom Kline, Esq., Kline & Specter. Also, during the luncheon, the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Prince Altee Thomas, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP, Philadelphia.

We look forward to seeing you at our 30th Minority Attorney Conference.

Marisa Lattimore, Gina Thomas & Rhodia Thomas
Co-chairs, MAC Minority Bar Conference Planning Subcommittee



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Thursday, October 3

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Registration

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

- Marisa H. Lattimore, Esq., Co-chair, Conference Planning Subcommittee
- Tyesha C. Miley, Esq., Chair, PBA Minority Bar Committee

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Communities Under Attack

(1.25 substantive CLE credits)

Moderator: Rhodia D. Thomas, Esq., MidPenn Legal Services, Harrisburg

Panelists:

- Lawrence S. Felzer, Esq., SeniorLAW Center, Philadelphia
- Jacqueline B. Martinez, Esq., JBM Legal LLC, Pittsburgh
- Ejaz Ahmed Sabir, Esq., Sabir Law Group, Upper Darby
- Michael A. Sand, Esq., Advocate & Past President, PA Jewish Coalition, Harrisburg
- Sandra I. Thompson, Esq., Law Office of Sandra Thompson, York

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Leadership Going Forward

(1.25 substantive CLE credits)

Moderator: Nigel S. Scott, Esq., Aegis Law LLC, Philadelphia

Panelists:

- Hon. Cheryl L. Austin, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, Norristown
- Tsiwen M. Law, Esq., Law & Associates LLC, Philadelphia
- Charisse Lillie, Esq., CRL Consulting LLC, Philadelphia
- Rep. Joanna McClinton, PA House of Representatives, Harrisburg
- Nefertiri Sickout, Esq., Deputy Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Office of the Mayor, City of Philadelphia

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Luncheon

1:10 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Rising Star Presentation

Recipient: Patrice M. Turenne, Esq., McCausland Keen & Buckman PC, Devon

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Humanitarian Crisis: From the Border to the Heartland

(1.25 substantive CLE credits)

Moderator: Tsiwen M. Law, Esq., Law & Associates LLC, Philadelphia

Panelists:

- Jacqueline B. Martinez, Esq., JBM Legal LLC, Pittsburgh
- Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, (Pa-5th CD) U.S. House of Representatives, Philadelphia
- Djung Tran, Esq., Tran Law Associates, Fairless Hills
- Prof. Shoba S. Wadhia, Penn State University, State College

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Voter Suppression *(1.25 substantive CLE credits)*

Moderator: Wesley R. Payne IV, Esq., White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia

Panelists:

- Suzanne Almeida, Common Cause, Harrisburg
- Marsha I. Cohen, Esq., Homeless Advocacy Project, Philadelphia
- Kahlil C. Williams, Esq., Ballard Spahr LLP, Philadelphia

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Common Ethical Issues Faced by Minority Attorneys

(1 ethics CLE credit)

Moderator: Gina M. Thomas, Esq., PA Department of Environmental Protection, Norristown

Panelists:

- Dawn R. Chism, Esq., School District of Philadelphia
- Ronald G. McNeil, Esq., McNeil Legal Service, Philadelphia
- Tracy Thompson, Esq., Acting Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, New Jersey Attorney General's Office

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Kick-off Speaker

- Phoebe A. Haddon, Esq., Chancellor, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ

5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Networking Reception



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Friday, October 4

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Rhodia D. Thomas, Esq., Co-chair, Conference Planning Subcommittee
- Anne N. John, Esq., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. CannaBusiness for Us

(1.5 substantive CLE credits)

Moderator: Carlton L. Johnson, Esq., Archer & Greiner PC, Philadelphia

Panelists:

- Tauhid Chappell, Founder, Color of Cannabis Conference, Executive Board Member, Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists, Philadelphia
- Lt. Governor John Fetterman (not yet confirmed)
- Desiree Ivey, Owner, Medicinally Jointed, Alternative Wellness Center & Spa, Women Grow, Philadelphia
- Thomas W. Nardi, Esq., Archer & Greiner PC, Philadelphia
- Omar Woodard, Fellow, Institute of Emerging Health Professionals, Thomas Jefferson University, Lambert Center for the Study of Medicinal Cannabis & Hemp

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Best Practices Regarding *Batson* Challenges & Other Juror Diversity Issues

(1.5 substantive CLE credits)

Moderator: Hon. Stephanie Domitrovich, Erie County Court of Common Pleas, Erie

Panelists:

- Lisette M. McCormick, Esq., Interbranch Commission for Gender Racial and Ethnic Fairness, Pittsburgh
- Hon. Barbara A. McDermott, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia
- Hon. Maria C. McLaughlin, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- Riley H. Ross III, Esq., Mincey Fitzpatrick Ross LLC, Philadelphia

12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Luncheon - Crystal Tea Room

Award Presentation: A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award

- Introduction: Marisa H. Lattimore, Esq., Co-chair, Conference Planning Committee
- Recipient: Prince Altee Thomas, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP, Philadelphia

Keynote Address: Thomas R. Kline, Esq., Kline & Specter PC, Philadelphia

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Two-day Registration, Thursday and Friday – includes 9 CLE credits & all meal functions

PBA members: \$340 Non-PBA members: \$405 Non-Attorneys: \$225

Thursday-only Registration – includes 6 CLE credits, continental breakfast, luncheon & reception

PBA members: \$215 Non-PBA members: \$255 Non-Attorneys: \$140

Friday-only Registration – includes 3 CLE credits, continental breakfast & keynote luncheon

PBA members: \$140 Non-PBA members: \$175 Non-Attorneys: \$ 90

Two-day Law Student Registration, Thursday and Friday – includes educational sessions & all meal functions - \$30

One-day Law Student Registration, Thursday or Friday (circle one) – includes educational sessions & meal functions for that day - \$20

Reception-only, Thursday

PBA members: \$65 Non-PBA members: \$75 Non-Attorneys: \$65

Luncheon-only, Friday

PBA members: \$55 Non-PBA members: \$65 Non-Attorneys: \$55

MEAL FUNCTIONS

For planning purposes, please indicate the meal functions you will attend:

OCTOBER 3

Luncheon

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Reception

OCTOBER 4

Continental Breakfast

Keynote Luncheon

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Registration Deadline: September 23

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 or email to hollywertz@pabar.org
 or fax credit card registration to 717-213-2507.

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