As summer ends and we move into fall, one of our signature events is on the horizon, the PBA Minority Bar Committee Minority Attorney Conference. This year’s theme is “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 a whopping 9.5 CLE credits.

Our keynote speaker is Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, and our A. Leon Higginbotham Award winners are the Honorable Theodore McKee and the Honorable Carolyn Nichols.

We have so many interesting and inspiring panelists but for the first time ever, we have two—wait for it—Hall of Famers: Maurice Cheeks and Franco Harris.

The conference co-chairs are Marisa Lattimore, Gina Thomas, and Rhodia Thomas. Our subcommittee members are the Honorable Stephanie Domitrovich, Carlton Johnson, Tsiwen Law, Wesley Payne, Michael Sand, Jessie Smith, Jackie Martinez and Su Ming Yeh. We invite you to attend. Please join us. You will be glad you did!

On Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, Marisa Lattimore, Esq., Gina Thomas, Esq. and Anthony Cox Jr., Esq., co-chair of the PBA Minority Bar Committee. We have something for everyone with lots of exciting, educational and informative panels:

1. COVID-19 remains a hot topic. Our first panel entitled, “What About COVID-19 and Communities of Color,” will examine COVID-19 and its continued effects on communities of color. Rhodia Thomas will moderate the panel, which includes Laval Miller-Wilson, Esq., Norris Bennis, Esq. and Brian Lentes.

2. What’s more exciting than “Women of Color in Leadership?” The panel will be moderated by Lisa Watson, Esq. and includes Dean and Professor at Penn State Dickinson Law, Danielle M. Conway; Pamela Cross, Esq.; the Honorable Joanna McClinton; the Honorable Carolyn Nichols and Geovette Washington.

3. We are all concerned about the weather and climate change. Our third panel entitled, ”Environmental Issues Affecting Minority Communities” will be moderated by Gina Thomas, Esq. and includes Diane Stares, Esq.; William Cluck, Esq. and Cecil Rodriguez.

4. After a long bout with COVID-19, things are beginning to reopen. Everyone is excited about things getting back to normal. Our fourth panel entitled, ”Financial Recovery: How Do Businesses Recover from COVID-19?” will be moderated by Tsiwen Law, Esq. and features the Honorable Renee Cardwell Hughes.

5. For all you sports lovers, we offer our fifth panel entitled, ”Professional Athletes and Social/ Criminal Justice Reform.” The panel will be moderated by Tom Kline, Esq. and includes Maurice Cheeks; Franco Harris; Riley Ross III, Esq.; Reginald Wilkes and the Honorable Dwayne Woodruff. That’s just the first day.

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On Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, opening remarks will be made by Su Ming Yeh, Esq., co-chair of the Minority Bar Committee, Rhodia Thomas, Esq. and Kathleen Wilkinson, Esq., PBA president. Our own Jessie Smith will introduce our keynote speaker, Lt. Governor John Fetterman. We will also present the A. Leon Higginbotham Awards to the Honorable Carolyn Nichols and the Honorable Theodore McKee.

A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients:

Judge Theodore A. McKee
Judge Carolyn H. Nichols

As if that isn’t exciting enough, the panels for Friday are:

1. Who doesn’t want the latest news on marijuana? Our first panel entitled, "Marijuana Update," will be moderated by Carlton Johnson, Esq. and includes Tauhid Chappell, Cher-ron Perry-Thomas and Patrick Nightingale, Esq.

2. Justice is always our goal. Our second panel entitled, "Jury Source Lists and the Perception of Justice: Increasing Representativeness." This panel will be moderated by the The Honorable Stephanie Domitrovich and includes the Honorable Cheryl Austin, the Honorable Cathy Bissoon, the Honorable Lucretia Clemons and Lisette McCormick, Esq.

3. We never want harassment or discrimination in the practice of law. Our final panel entitled, "Can We Rule Out Harassment and Discrimination in the Practice of Law?" will be moderated by Wesley Payne IV, Esq. and includes Jennifer Coatsworth, Esq.; Jay Silberblatt, Esq.; Victoria White, Esq., and Thomas Wilkinson Jr., Esq.

As you can see, you do not want to miss this conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

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