The 19th Amendment at 100 Years and the ERA: The Journey Continues

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Sept. 30 for a half-day event combining the CLE programming from our Spring and Annual Conferences. This event will be held as a webcast so that you can enjoy the programming from your office or home.

1:00 p.m.  Welcome: WIP Co-Chairs Melissa Leininger, Esq. & Stephanie Latimore, Esq.

1:05 p.m.  Remarks: PBA President David E. Schwager, Esq.

1:15-3:15 p.m.  The ERA: The Past, Present and Future!
Join the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession as we continue our celebration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and take an in-depth look at the Equal Rights Amendment. We are excited to welcome scholars and national experts on the ERA, who will take us through its history of legal battles and case law. We will also review the current status, examining ERA-related legislation and the strategies and tactics the ERA Coalition is employing on Capitol Hill. Finally, we will explore what lies ahead and what passage of the ERA means not only to women in general, but how it will affect the practice of law in areas of equal pay, gender equality, sexual harassment and more. Learn how you can prepare for this exciting time in history, not only for women, but for the practice of law and our society in general.
Qualifies for 2 hours substantive CLE credit
Moderators: Elizabeth R. Triscari, Esq. & Gina Miller, Esq.
Special guest speakers:
• Linda T. Coberly, Esq., Winston & Strawn, Chair of National ERA Coalition Task Force
• Roberta W. Francis, ERA Education Consultant, Alice Paul Institute
• Jovida Hill, Executive Director, Philadelphia Commission for Women
• Linda J. Wharton, Esq., Professor of Political Science, Stockton University

3:30-4:30 p.m.  Voting Rights/I.D. Panel Discussion
This panel of experts will explore voting rights and how individuals are affected in Pennsylvania and across the nation. We will talk about ways we as attorneys can help ensure that all constituents are afforded the opportunity to cast their vote and learn what we can do to bring justice to those who have not been able to participate in the voting process. We will also look at the laws relating to voting rights and the recent changes to them and discover what that means in our day-to-day practice.
Qualifies for 1 hour substantive CLE credit
Moderator: Alyson M. Oswald, Esq.
Panelists:
• Kathy Boockvar, Secretary of the Commonwealth
• Myrna Perez, Esq., Director, Voting Rights & Elections, Brennan Center for Justice
• Kathleen Kotula, Esq., Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of State

4:40-5:40 p.m.  Civility in the Profession Panel Discussion
Statistics indicate that one in five Americans say lawyers contribute a great deal to society, 43% say they make some contribution, but 34% say lawyers contribute not very much or nothing at all. This panel will explore civility in the profession as one key element to changing this perception. Attorneys are more effective on behalf of their clients when they act with civility toward each other. Ultimately, our treatment of each other and the jurists before whom we appear reflects on ourselves as members of the profession, both within the courtroom and in the community at large.
Qualifies for 1 hour of ethics CLE credit
Moderator: Anne N. John, Esq., Attorney at Law
Panelists:
• Hon. Cheryl Ann Krause, U.S Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
• Hon. Marjorie Rendell, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

5:45-6:45 p.m.  Happy Hour & Book Group Discussion
focusing on the Summer 2020 edition of the ABA Judges’ Journal (conference registrants will be provided a link to the publication in advance of the program).

REGISTRATION:
https://www.pbi.org/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=35618