CIVIL LITIGATION SECTION RETREAT 2022
April 29 - May 1
The Gettysburg Hotel

Discover Gettysburg
Recognized around the world as the site of a pivotal point in the American Civil War and President Lincoln’s renowned Gettysburg Address, the Gettysburg Hotel is the setting of the 2022 PBA Civil Litigation Section Annual Retreat. Located in the heart of historic downtown Gettysburg and within walking distance to historic area attractions, the iconic Gettysburg Hotel is a well-appointed, family-friendly hotel offering modern luxuries and charming details amid one of the most patriotic destinations in America.

Attendees will receive up to 7.0 hours of substantive CLE credits including 3 ethics CLE credits. In addition to topics related to timely issues, we will hear from judicial panels addressing specific personal jurisdiction, best practices to handling depositions and discovery, effective approaches for returning to the courtroom with winning tactics, and a session that focuses on trauma-based lawyering and how to adapt litigation strategies. A special session will highlight examples of professionalism, civility and equality from the 16th President of the United States that are relevant and essential today.

Free time is built into the Saturday afternoon agenda for registrants to tour the battlefields and historic sites, visit local wineries, cideries and antique shops or enjoy any of the incredible amenities found in and around Gettysburg.

The Gettysburg Hotel is located at One Lincoln Square in downtown Gettysburg, 30 minutes from Harrisburg, two hours from Philadelphia and three hours from Pittsburgh. The hotel address is One Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Friday Evening Dinner
Friday’s dinner will feature a local ghost expert who will share history and hauntings of Gettysburg including the Gettysburg Hotel where several spirits continue to roam. The hotel served as a hospital during the Civil War where nurse Rachel has been known to wander the rooms, digging through guests’ drawers and luggage, and pushing carts haphazardly around the hotel. A Union soldier who perished in the hospital is often seen wandering the hotel’s halls on occasion. After dinner you will have the option to join us for a walking ghost tour through a few blocks of downtown.

Saturday Evening Dinner
Transportation will be provided to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center where attendees will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres followed by a sumptuous dinner and private access to experiences exclusive to the Museum & Visitor Center including:
• The film, A New Birth of Freedom, which tells the epic story of the Battle of Gettysburg, while illuminating the causes and outcomes of the battle within the context of American history.
• The historic Gettysburg Cyclorama which will place you in the middle of Pickett’s Charge, complete with light and sound effects.
• The world-class Gettysburg Museum of The American Civil War featuring some of the most unique artifacts from the Battle of Gettysburg.

Optional Friday Evening Activity
Walking Ghost Tour - Stroll through dark alleys and streets while listening to history rich tales of spirits left behind from the Civil War and other periods. The tour will highlight some of the infamous lawyers of that time including David Wills and Thaddeus Stevens.

Tour time: 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Price: $10 per person
Minimum: 20 guests; there is no maximum

Local Activities
Golf: The Links at Gettysburg offers spectacular golfing with water on almost every hole and elevated tee shots to greens fronting red rock cliffs. The Links is a supreme challenge and a rewarding experience every golfer should have. To book your tee time call (717) 359-8000 or visit the website at www.thelinksatgettysburg.com

Local Wineries, Cideries and Distilleries: Although known for
its acres of apple orchards, Adams County and particularly the area surrounding Gettysburg is also making its mark in the wine, spirits and cider world. Jump in the car and spend the afternoon visiting local wineries, cideries, breweries and distilleries enjoying both the scenic countryside and a few local sips!

Shopping
Whether you’re in the mood to shop ‘til-you-drop or browse boutiques, Gettysburg offers both options. Just minutes away, The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg features dozens of name-brand stores. Nearby, New Oxford is noted for antiques or stroll the streets of Gettysburg for eclectic shops with handmade items from local artists, distinctive art and Civil War artifacts.

Be sure to visit the Destination Gettysburg website at www.destinationgettysburg.com for a detailed list and descriptions for each of the local attractions and activities.

Hotel Reservations/Information
The Pennsylvania Bar Association has reserved guest rooms at the Gettysburg Hotel for Retreat attendees. Traditional and luxury guest rooms feature two queen beds or one king bed and comfortable amenities. Luxury guest rooms also feature a fireplace. Wireless internet access is complimentary. Guestroom rates are $199 for traditional rooms and $229 for luxury rooms, plus taxes.

Registration Fees
The registration fee includes 7 CLE credits including 3 ethics CLE credits, digital CLE materials and conference meals consisting of Friday’s reception and dinner, Saturday’s breakfast, Museum event featuring reception, dinner, tour, cyclorama film and transportation, Sunday’s buffet breakfast and all refreshment breaks.

The section will subsidize a limited number of overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday for section members, on a first-come, first-reserved basis. Section members who register after the limited number of rooms is filled will pay for lodging in addition to the registration fee.

Non-section members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association are encouraged to become a section member by March 4 to qualify for section member pricing.

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CLE Credits
The retreat has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 4.0 hours of substantive and 3.0 hours of ethics CLE credits.

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Schedule of Events

(Current as of time of printing but subject to change)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Registration

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Lessons from Abraham Lincoln: Professionalism, Civility and Equality

Some consider Abraham Lincoln to be one of the nation’s greatest attorneys and an enormously persuasive speaker. Looking back at his life, this panel will discuss examples of professionalism, civility and equality and provide takeaways from his life to apply to your practice.

Moderator: Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr., Cozen O’Connor
Speakers: Anne N. John, John & John, PBA Immediate Past President; Wesley R. Payne IV, White and Williams LLP; Prof. Matthew Pinsker, Dickinson College
CLE Program: 1.0 ethics

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.  Perspectives from In-House Counsel

Join a dialogue with in-house counsel about the qualities they consider when selecting outside counsel and best practices they rely on when retaining counsel. Gain particular insight into in-house counsel’s initiatives and programs to increase diversity, equity and inclusion internally and with their partner law firms.

Moderator: Jennifer S. Coatsworth, Margolis Edelstein
Speakers: Latosha Dexter, Franklin & Marshall College; Scott E. Maier, CPCU, ARE, Penn National Insurance; Elizabeth R. Triscari, Pennsylvania American Water
CLE Program: 1.0 ethics

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  Civil Litigation Section Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  Dinner and Speaker

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Walking Ghost Tour (Optional Activity)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  International Shoe Lives: Recent Federal and State Challenges regarding Specific Personal Jurisdiction

This panel of judges will address various factors that determine specific personal jurisdiction and the various nuances considered by federal and state courts so as not to offend "traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice." Our experienced faculty is composed of judges in federal court and state trial court. Join us for a fascinating educational journey delving into relevant and cutting-edge intricacies addressing personal jurisdiction issues.

Speakers: Hon. Stephanie Domitrovich, Erie County Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Terrence R. Nealon, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Mark A. Kearney, U.S. District Court Eastern District of PA
CLE Program: 1.0 substantive credit

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Depositions and Discovery Battles

A lawyer, trying to be an advocate for their client, may make it difficult for opposing counsel to discover evidence that could hurt their case or help their opponent. Hear directly from a panel of seasoned judges about the best practices to handle depositions and discovery.

Moderator: Matthew Haar, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP
Speakers: Hon. Barry C. Dozor, Delaware County Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Philip A. Ignelzi, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Susan Schwab, U.S. District Court Middle District of PA
CLE Program: 1.0 substantive credit

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Getting Back to Trial

Between a global pandemic, a heated political environment and social unrest, trial lawyers want to know what they can do to determine what biases potential jury members have and how to effectively frame their cases accordingly. Our panel of judges will offer specific approaches for returning to the courtroom with winning strategies.

Moderator: Brian Simmons, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Speakers: Hon. Terrence R. Nealon, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Mark A. Kearney, U.S. District Court Eastern District of PA; Hon. Stella M. Tsai, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas
CLE Program: 1.0 substantive credit

Lunch on your own
Schedule of Events

*Speakers current at time of printing*

12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Free time to relax and enjoy Gettysburg attractions

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Night at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center Reception, Dinner, Cyclorama Film and Tour

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Trauma Based Lawyering: How to Effectively Represent Emotionally Traumatized Clients

Trauma can impact anyone regardless of gender, economic means, age, race, religion, ethnicity, and nationality. Many people suffer from some form of trauma whether it is from the effects of the COVID-19 closures, systemic racism, hostile work environment, sexual or physical assault or abuse, a traumatic accident, or medical trauma. The symptoms and effects are often difficult to predict but we know that it may affect our clients throughout the litigation process. As lawyers, we have a professional responsibility to effectively represent our clients including those who may have been emotionally traumatized. Learn trauma-informed lawyering including identifying trauma, adjusting the attorney-client relationship, adapting litigation strategy, and preventing vicarious trauma during the litigation process.

**Moderator:** Pamela A. Van Blunk, Van Blunk Law LLC  
**Speakers:** Prof. Deeya Haldar, Villanova University; Barrett Marshall, Centre Safe; Emily Vener-Gister, Vener Family Law and Mediation LLC  
**CLE Program:** 1.0 ethics

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Hot Topics in Litigation

Enjoy this fast-paced session of litigation Hot Topics providing you with recent developments in a wide variety of practice fields including pandemic-related issues, employment, personal injury, immigration, and civil rights from a panel of practitioners in those fields.

**Moderator:** Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, PBA President  
**Speakers:** Lisa M. Benzie, Navitsky Olson & Wisneski LLP; Nancy Conrad, White and Williams LLP; Thomas R. Hurd, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP; Jacqueline B Martinez, JBM Legal LLC; Riley H. Ross III, Mincey Fitzpatrick Ross LLC  
**CLE Program:** 1.0 substantive credit

PBA COVID-19 Meeting Protocols

The Pennsylvania Bar Association continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, keeping its focus on protecting the well-being of PBA in-person meeting attendees, including members, guests, and staff.

With health and safety in mind, the following requirements are currently in place for all PBA in-person events, including the PBA Civil Litigation Section Retreat.

All PBA meeting attendees must be fully vaccinated. This safety guideline will remain in place for all planned PBA in-person meetings until further notice. A person is fully vaccinated after receiving two-doses plus a booster of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, OR a single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine followed by a booster of the Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. If not yet eligible for a booster, the person must present proof of the original vaccination PLUS proof of a negative PCR COVID test (clearly showing the name of the person being tested) taken within 72 hours of arrival at the meeting. Vaccination of children should be in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

All attendees must present proof of being fully vaccinated prior to or upon arrival at the meeting registration desk by presenting a physical vaccination card or a photo of a vaccination card on a cell phone screen. More information about presenting proof of vaccination prior to the event will be shared with meeting registrants closer to the meeting date.

Additionally, masks will be required for all meeting attendees including spouses, family members and other guests at all times (correctly covering the nose and mouth) other than when food and beverages are being consumed.
Please check here if you or any of your guests require special services, including any special dietary needs. Please attach a written description of needs that includes the name of the individual.

**Section Member* Registration Fee**
Includes up to 7 hours of CLE credit, digital course materials, conference meal functions and overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday nights in one of the rooms in the limited PBA-reserved block of rooms on a first-come, first-reserved basis. *Section member as of Mar. 4, 2022.

- **PBA Section Member**: $575 traditional accommodations  
  Amount Due ____________
- **PBA Section Member**: $605 luxury accommodations  
  Amount Due ____________

**PBA Member, Non-section Member Registration Fee**
Includes up to 7 hours of CLE credit, course materials and conference meal functions but does not include overnight accommodations.
- **PBA Member, Nonsection member**: $695  
  Amount Due ____________

**Non-PBA Member Attorney Registration Fee**
Includes up to 7 hours of CLE credit, course materials and conference meal functions but does not include overnight accommodations.
- **Non-PBA Member**: $895  
  Amount Due ____________

**Hotel Guest Rooms**
The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at a reduced group rate. Any one attending the PBA Civil Litigation Section Annual Retreat must reserve guest rooms through the PBA using this registration form. Rates include taxes. Please indicate your room type preference and reservation request and include your amount due if you are a non-section member. If you register after the block of rooms has been filled, you will be notified promptly. There is a maximum of four people to a guest room.

- **King Bed**
- **Two Queen Beds**

**Evening Meal Functions**
Your registration fee and guest registration fee includes conference meal functions. For planning purposes, please indicate the functions you and your guests will attend by indicating the number attending:
- **Friday Reception/Dinner**
- **Saturday Reception/Dinner/Museum Tour**
- **Saturday Breakfast Buffet**
- **Sunday Breakfast Buffet**

**Guest Registration** (Includes conference meal functions, but no CLE credits or materials, although permitted to attend the sessions):
- **Spouse/guest (21 years/older)**  
  # of registrations ____________ X $250__________
- **Children (9 - 20 years)**  
  # of registrations ____________ X $150__________
- **Children (5 - 8 years)**  
  # of registrations ____________ X $75__________

No charge for children 4 years old and younger.

Amount Due $ ____________

Return completed registration form and payment by March 28, 2022, to:

PBA Meetings Department  
P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108

Or fax credit card registration to 717-213-2507

For more information, contact Holly Wertz 800-932-0311, ext. 2245 or holly.wertz@pabar.org.

Registrations will not be processed without appropriate payments included.