Welcome spring and gather with colleagues to learn, connect and refresh at the annual PBA Civil Litigation Section Retreat.

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Join the PBA Civil Litigation Section at Skytop Lodge in the Pocono Mountains

Skytop Lodge, a 5,500-acre, sophisticated yet family-friendly four-diamond rated grand resort located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains, is the location of the 2018 PBA Civil Litigation Section Retreat. Skytop Lodge offers a welcomed respite to section members and colleagues just as spring arrives. Attendees will receive up to 7.5 hours of CLE credits including 1.5 ethics CLE credits on a variety of interesting subjects, including tips for jury selection in federal and state court, electronic discovery, keeping civility at depositions, planning for successful outcomes through mediation and learning winning strategies for bench trials. Presenters include esteemed members of the judiciary with Judge Cathy Bissoon, Judge Mark A. Kearney, Judge Marilyn Heffley, Judge John H. Foradora, Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Judge Terrence R. Nealon, Judge Lisa M. Rau and Judge Arthur L. Zulick.

Friday’s featured dinner speaker is Hon. Cynthia M. Rufe, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. A graduate of Adelphi University and SUNY Buffalo Law School, Judge Rufe began her legal career as a Bucks County public defender before establishing a successful solo practice. In 1994 she was elected to serve as a judge of the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, and in 2002 received her commission to serve as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania where she currently presides over civil and criminal cases in federal court.

Saturday night’s dinner includes opening remarks by PBA President Sharon R. López and an entertaining evening of Quiz-o trivia where teams will compete in quiz-show fashion on a variety of trivia questions. Complete with a large-screen trivia game board and buzzer system for each team, whether you prefer to watch or play, this family-friendly event will be a memorable experience for everyone.

Skytop Lodge offers plenty of recreation activities for all ages and a variety of relaxing options including nooks to sit and relax while enjoying the scenic surroundings. Retreat attendees have Saturday afternoon free to:

• Hit the links on the Robert White-designed championship golf course
• Reserve time for a Swedish, deep-tissue or warm stone massage
• Enjoy an invigorating tennis match at the sports pavilion
• Choose a trail and appreciate the natural settings a hike will offer
• Grab a rocking chair, a glass of wine and enjoy quiet time on the grand porch
• Feel the thrill of a zipline adventure (open year-round)
• Explore your creative side by joining in the optional Ready, Set, Paint activity

Contact the lodge at (855) 345-7759 for additional information or to make advance reservations for the above activities.

Skytop Lodge is nestled in the Pocono Mountains. The resort address is One Skytop Lodge Road, Skytop, PA, 18357.
Skytop Accommodations
The Pennsylvania Bar Association has reserved a block of rooms located in the main lodge and the adjacent cottages. Guest rooms in the main lodge feature king beds, and cottage rooms feature both king and two double beds. All rooms are uniquely decorated and inspired by Skytop’s surrounding natural beauty. Cottage rooms are ideal for families and guests requiring connecting rooms; each building offers up to four guest rooms with a shared hallway, a private bath, porch, small refrigerator and television along with everything else you need to feel at home. Be sure to designate your accommodation preference (lodge or cottage) on the registration form. Cottage rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, as availability is limited. Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check out time is 11 a.m.

Registration Fees
The registration fee includes 7.5 CLE credits including 1.5 ethics CLE credits, CLE written materials and conference meals consisting of Friday’s reception and dinner, Saturday’s breakfast and dinner, Sunday’s buffet breakfast and all refreshment breaks.

PBI is an approved provider for PA Continuing Judicial Education.

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 February 23 to qualify for section member pricing.

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Section Member Subsidy
The section generously subsidizes Retreat costs for all section members. The section member registration fee of $450 includes 7.5 CLE credits including 1.5 ethics CLE credits, CLE written materials, and conference meals consisting of Friday’s reception and dinner, Saturday’s breakfast and dinner, Sunday’s buffet breakfast and all refreshment breaks. The section will also subsidize a limited number of overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday for section members, on a first-come, first-reserved basis. Be sure to register early to take advantage of this special offering. Section members who register after the limited number of rooms is filled will pay for lodging in addition to the registration fee.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 13

1 - 6:30 p.m. Registration

2 - 3:30 p.m. Choosing Your Audience Wisely — Jury Selection in Federal and State Court

Jury selection can be a powerful tool in getting the results you want. However, the process of voir dire can vary widely from courtroom to courtroom. Knowing your venue and understanding the requirements for voir dire in federal and state courts is the first step to success. In addition to learning about these different jurisdictional requirements and practices, join our esteemed panel to pick up tips on how to conduct an effective voir dire:

- know how to use juror questionnaires to your advantage,
- discuss how to leave a lasting impression during jury selection,
- know which questions to always ask and which questions to never ask, and when and how to exercise challenges. Moreover, our panel will discuss various ethical considerations you need to know when selecting your jury.

Moderator: Jennifer S. Coatsworth, Margolis Edelstein
Speakers: Hon. Cathy Bissoon, U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
Hon. John H. Foradora, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Jefferson County
Hon. Lisa M. Rau, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County
Philip B. Friedman, Conner Riley Friedman & Weichler
Wesley R. Payne IV, White and Williams LLP

CLE Program: 1.5 credits (includes 1.0 substantive and .5 ethics)

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Assessing Economic Damages in Civil Litigation

Don’t miss this opportunity to gain a better understanding about economic damages from an expert. Get prepared for your next case as we discuss damage concepts and economic analysis, as well as how economic experts work and how attorneys can work more effectively with them. We will also explore tips for countering your opponent’s expert.

Speaker: Peter Angelides, Ph.D., AICP, Econsult Solutions

CLE Program: 1.0 substantive credit

5 - 6 p.m. Civil Litigation Section Council Meeting

6:30 - 7 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7 - 10 p.m. Dinner and Keynote Speaker
Hon. Cynthia M. Rufe, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

8 a.m. - noon Registration

8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

9 - 10:30 a.m. E-Discovery — Will You Know It When You See It? Where We Are Going and Why You Have To Know How To Explain It All
Despite all of the procedural rules and professional responsibility requirements in place for both technology and e-discovery, the term e-discovery is often misunderstood (and even mysterious). For some of us, e-discovery is exciting and new and for others it is annoying and avoided. As there is no longer a place to run from it, let this panel walk you through what it is, where it is, and why you need to understand it and face it head on. Join us for a discussion on e-discovery essentials: decisions/agreements on e-discovery, current methods of retrieval from mobile devices and the cloud and what technologies are on the horizon to help attorneys know where to look, how to search and how to explain it to your clients and the courts.

Moderator: Erin M. Siciliano, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
Speakers: Hon. Mark A. Kearney, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Cain Elliott, Ph.D., Chief Information Officer, Margolis Edelstein
Michael Nelson, DFDR Consulting LLC
David J. Walton, Cozen O’Connor

CLE Program: 1.5 substantive credits

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Dealing with Disruptive Deposition Tactics — Keeping Civility in Play

Name calling? Rude and condescending comments? Threats? Intimidation? Conducting and defending depositions can be especially challenging when dealing with a difficult, obstreperous opponent. Indeed, abusive and disruptive tactics used by opposing counsel can throw any good lawyer off his or her game and invite less than professional conduct to be reciprocated from a normally calm, skilled litigator. Knowing how to respond and maintain composure in the face of such antics is not always apparent or easy. But, with the rules of professional conduct and rules of civil procedure serving as our guide, we are given the necessary tools to deal with such conduct. Join our panel and learn how best to deal with such behavior, maintain professionalism, and keep your case on track moving forward.

Moderator:  David S. Cohen, Mintzer Sarowitz Zeris Ledva & Meyers LLP
Speakers:  Hon. Marilyn Heffley, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Ellen D. Bailey, Stockton University Office of General Counsel
Jay N. Silberblatt, Silberblatt Mermelstein P.C.
Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

CLE Program: 1.5 credits (includes 1.0 ethics and .5 substantive)

Lunch on your own

12:15 - 7 p.m.  Free Time
Free time to relax and enjoy the activities and amenities the resort has to offer, or take advantage of the optional afternoon planned activity.

2 p.m.  Ready, Set, Paint!
Optional afternoon activity

7 - 9 p.m.  Opening Remarks
Sharon R. López, PBA President
Buffet Dinner
Quizzo Team Competition

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:15 - 8:15 a.m.  Breakfast Buffet

8:15 - 9:15 a.m.  Planning for Successful Outcomes Through Mediation

This session will provide an overview of the key decisions and skill sets required for effective use of mediation in litigated disputes and includes:

- Understanding the place of mediation in ADR—and alternatives
- How to know when it is time for mediation
- Selecting the right mediator...“process” is important...
- Preparing yourself and your client for the mediation.

Speaker:  David A. Fitzsimons, Martson Law Offices

Co-Sponsored by the PBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

CLE Program: 1.0 substantive credit

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.  Break

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  Winning Strategies for Bench Trials

An esteemed panel of judicial speakers will provide practical tips for winning your case. You will learn:

- How advocacy to a judge is different than to a jury.
- Practical tips for discovery, motion practice and presentation of evidence when a judge is your factfinder.
- Useful tips for proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- Jury or bench trial? Things you should consider when you have a choice.

Moderator:  Pamela A. Lee, DiOrio & Sereni, LLP
Speakers:  Hon. Stephanie Domitrovich, Court of Common Pleas, Erie County
Hon. Terrence R. Nealon, Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County
Hon. Arthur L. Zulick, Court of Common Pleas, Monroe County

CLE Program: 1.0 substantive credit

CLE credits: The retreat has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 6.0 hours of substantive and 1.5 hours of ethics CLE credits.

*Speakers current at time of printing
READY, SET, PAINT
Join us for an afternoon of creativity and camaraderie by painting your own masterpiece! Each participant will receive a canvas, paint and paint brushes, and additional materials along with step-by-step instructions under the guidance of a local artist. Saturday: 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Price: $55 per person
Minimum: 20 people
Be sure to register separately on the registration form if you wish to join this planned activity.

Resort activities include tree top adventure course, shooting center, fishing, hiking, fitness, indoor pool, archery, biking, boating, horseback riding, lawn bowling, paddle tennis, tennis, paintball, rock climbing, daily games special events, and more. Go to www.skytop.com for more information.

Activities

- Indian Ladder Falls
- Golf course with rolling terrain and wide, tree-lined fairways
- North Card Room
- Tree top adventure course
- Trout stream
- Tap Room
- Indian Ladder Falls
PBA CIVIL LITIGATION SECTION RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM
Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA • April 13-15, 2018

Name ___________________________________________ Nickname or first name for badge ________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone ______________________________ Fax ___________________________ Email __________________________
Name (and preferred nickname for badge) of spouse/guest, if attending events ______________________________________
Child(ren) Name(s) and age(s), if attending events ______________________________________________________

☐ 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 (*SECTION MEMBER AS OF FEB. 23, 2018):
Registration fee includes 7.5 hours of CLE credit, course materials and meal functions and overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday nights in one of the guest rooms in the PBA-reserved block of rooms on a first-come, first-reserved basis.

☐ PBA Civil Litigation Section member $450 Amount Due ______________

PBA MEMBER, NONSECTION MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE:
Registration fee includes 7.5 hours of CLE credit, course materials and meal functions. The registration fee does not include hotel accommodations for nonsection member attorneys.

☐ PBA member, nonsection member attorney $495 Amount Due ______________

NON-PBA MEMBER ATTORNEY REGISTRATION FEE:
Registration fee includes 7.5 hours of CLE credit, course materials and meal functions. The registration fee does not include hotel accommodations for non-PBA member attorneys.

☐ Non-PBA member attorney $795 Amount Due ______________

HOTEL GUEST ROOMS:
The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at a reduced group rate. Anyone attending the PBA Civil Litigation Section Retreat must book guest rooms through the PBA using this registration form. Rates include taxes. Please indicate your accommodation preference (Lodge or Cottage) 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:
☐ MAIN LODGE ☐ COTTAGE

ROOM TYPE DESIRED (CANNOT BE GUARANTEED):
☐ KING BED ☐ TWO FULL BEDS

Desired room Arrival date Departure date
☐ Guest Room (single occupancy) ___________ __________ $209 x ___ (# of nights) = Amount due ______________
☐ Guest Room (double occupancy) ___________ __________ $209 x ___ (# of nights) = Amount due ______________
☐ Guest Room (triple occupancy) ___________ __________ $209 x ___ (# of nights) = Amount due ______________
☐ Guest Room (quad occupancy) ___________ __________ $209 x ___ (# of nights) = Amount due ______________

[SECTION MEMBERS ENTER $0 IN AMOUNT DUE]

MEAL FUNCTIONS:
(Registration fee includes these meal functions. For planning purposes, please indicate the functions you will attend.)

☐ Friday Reception/Dinner ☐ Saturday Buffet Breakfast ☐ Saturday Dinner ☐ Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Spouse/guest (9 years old and older): $150 per person $150 x _____(# of tickets) Amount Due ______________
Children (5-8 years old): $75 per person $75 x _____(# of tickets) Amount Due ______________
No charge for children 4 years old and younger.

OPTIONAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITY
Ready, Set, Paint 2 pm. $55 x _____(# of tickets) Amount Due ______________

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
☐ A check, payable to PBA, is enclosed. Or charge my: ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover
Account # ___________________________ Exp. Date ______________ Authorized Amount ______________

Billing Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration deadline for the meeting is March 9, 2018. After that date, all registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis. Cancellations must be received no later than March 12, 2018. Upon receipt of a written cancellation request, a refund will be issued minus a $50 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued after March 12, 2018.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY MARCH 9, 2018, TO:
PBA Meetings Department, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108
FAX CREDIT CARD REGISTRATIONS TO 717-213-2507
For more information, contact Missy Hepfer at 800-932-0311, ext. 2245, or melissa.hepfer@pabar.org.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PAYMENTS.
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