Pennsylvania Bar Association

Family Law Section
Winter Meeting

January 13-15, 2017
Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2017 FAMILY LAW SECTION WINTER MEETING

After holding the PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting for two successive years at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, in 2017 we will resume our tradition of coastal meetings at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia, Jan. 13-15, one block from Center Square and its immense City Hall. In 2018 Steve Hurvitz will direct you to the Big Easy with a winter meeting at The Roosevelt, a Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New Orleans.

We are also changing some of the format. At a 2016 meeting, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) voted to fund a speaker series in memory of the late Al Momjian, a founding member and past chair of our section. That series begins at the Winter Meeting with a program on managing clients who come to us with emotional disorders. The AAML has engaged author and forensic psychologist Deborah O. Day, Psy.D. to lead the program, to be held on Friday, Jan. 13 beginning at 1 p.m. The AAML will provide refreshments immediately following the session, and the section council will meet beginning at 3:30 p.m. The opening reception will be held in the hotel beginning at 7 p.m. with entertainment provided by The Untouchables Band, Philadelphia's premier party band.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, we will have a morning case-law update, followed by a judges’ roundtable. During lunch, the Eric David Turner Award will be presented, and our speaker will be Stacey Pratt McDermott, Ph.D., from the University of Illinois Springfield, who will talk about Abraham Lincoln’s experience trying divorce cases in Illinois.

Saturday afternoon will feature workshop sessions on ethics, custody evaluations, determining the worth of small and family businesses, and the ever-evolving changes in how support is established and collected by the various domestic-relations sections that form part of the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System. The Saturday reception will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres so participants can venture out, only steps away, to enjoy the variety of restaurants. Return after dinner for a nightcap on the 33rd floor overlooking the city.

On Sunday, the closing plenary session on ways to sharpen trial skills from a procedural and evidentiary viewpoint is based on a program presented to widespread acclaim by judges in the civil division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

I hope to see you while we’re in Philadelphia!

Mark Ashton
PBA Family Law Section Chair
THE LOEWS PHILADELPHIA HOTEL

The PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting will be held in the heart of Philadelphia at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street. Contemporary decor and gracious hospitality make Loews Philadelphia one of Center City’s most inviting luxury hotels. It is within walking distance of shopping, theater, eclectic South Street, cultural attractions and restaurants. Guestrooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi and large work desk areas, along with breathtaking skyline views.

HOTEL AMENITIES

The fifth floor fitness center, part of 12 Fit Spa & Gym, is the ideal place to work out. It has new equipment, a two-lane indoor heated lap pool, and floor-to-ceiling windows with great views of downtown Philadelphia. After your workout, unwind in his-and-hers steam rooms and saunas. Use of the fitness center is complimentary for all hotel guests.

TRAVEL AND PARKING

The Loews Philadelphia is 20 minutes from Philadelphia International Airport and 10 minutes from Amtrak’s 30th Street Station. For GPS directions to the hotel use the address 1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. The hotel offers valet overnight parking for $40 plus tax, and day parking. The group will receive 10% off parking prices. If you are staying under the room block, this discount will be applied to the reservation. If you are parking for the day, you will be able to get a discount sticker at the group registration desk.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at Loews Philadelphia Hotel over the conference dates. Guest room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 888-575-6397 and reference Family Law Conference Winter Meeting, or the online reservation link: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=16261004 before Friday, Dec. 23, 2016. Group rates are $184 per night, plus taxes, for standard deluxe room (single/double occupancy) accommodations. Check-in time is 4 p.m., and check-out is noon.

ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION FEES

The Joanne Ross Wilder Memorial Family Law Section Scholarship is available through the Membership Incentive Program to cover registration fees for the Family Law Section’s 2017 Winter Meeting. Eligible recipients must be section members who are a) young/new to the practice; b) from a solo practice or a small firm; c) a public interest or governmental agency attorney; d) from counties that have been under-represented at section meetings; or e) have experienced financial hardship or other hardship. Interested applicants should complete and forward a scholarship application form (found at www.pabar.org/pdf/FLS%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf) to Pamela Kance at the Pennsylvania Bar Association, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108, or Pam.Kance@pabar.org. Application for this program must be made on or before Dec. 16, 2016.

LATE REGISTRATIONS

The registration deadline is close-of-business on Dec. 23, 2016. Registrations received after that date will be charged an additional $50 late fee and will be accepted on a space-available basis only.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written cancellations must be received before close-of-business on Dec. 23, 2016. Upon receipt, a refund minus a $75 administrative fee will be issued. Any cancellations received after 5 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2016, will not receive a refund.
ONLINE REGISTRATION
To reach your PBA member personal dashboard to register for the meeting, go to www.pabar.org and click on the “Member Login” link at the upper right of the home page.

COURSE MATERIALS
Covered by your registration fee, a URL secure link will be emailed to you prior to the meeting for you to download, view and print those materials you wish. A memory stick version is available for an additional fee of $10. The traditional printed materials in book form will cost $50. Memory sticks and books will be distributed at registration.

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AAML SPEAKER SERIES IN MEMORY OF ALBERT MOMJIAN

The Family Law Section winter meeting features the PA Chapter AAML Inaugural Albert Momjian Memorial Lecture on Friday at 1 p.m. Mr. Momjian, a nationally known expert on family law, died July 11, 2016. He received the Eric D. Turner Award from the Family Law Section for outstanding service as a teacher and mentor.

Mr. Momjian was a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis where he worked for 24 years before retiring in 2012. He led the firm’s family law department. Regarded by his peers as the dean of the Pennsylvania family-law bar, Mr. Momjian’s practice dealt with divorce, custody, alimony, child support, surrogate parenting, and prenuptial agreements.

CLE CREDITS
The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for up to 9 hours of CLE credit. To receive credits, you must complete and submit the indicated forms following the program.

The Section gratefully acknowledges BNY Mellon Wealth Management for their generous support as the primary sponsor of our annual meetings.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

1 – 7 p.m. Registration/Exhibits

1 – 2:30 p.m. Pennsylvania Chapter AAML Inaugural Albert Momjian Memorial Lecture Series: “Identifying & Dealing with Personality Disorders with Opposing Counsel, Clients and Judges in the Family Court”

A renowned author, forensic psychologist, and frequent lecturer will share her perception of how family lawyers in daily practice can best address those who exhibit personality disorders — not only clients but even, at times, opposing counsel and judges.

Moderators: David N. Hofstein, Lori K. Shemtob
Speaker: Deborah O. Day, Psy.D.
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Dessert Social
Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the AAML and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

7 – 10 P.M. Welcome Reception
Entertainment provided by The Untouchables Band

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration/Exhibits

7:30 – 8:20 a.m. Breakfast
Please note that breakfast is open only to meeting registrants and is not intended for family members or guests.

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session “Case Law, Legislative and Rules Updates”
A longtime favorite of attendees for updates on the recent case law developments in custody, support and equitable distribution, this interactive panel will offer its vast experience and provide practical pointers on how recent decisions may impact your daily practice. Chairs of the Section’s Rules Committee and Legislative Committee will also provide up-to-date reports on recent rules from the Supreme Court and legislative activity on issues of importance to family law practitioners.
Panelists: Hon. Ourania Papademetriou, Philadelphia County
Equitable Distribution - Michael R. Chilcot Jr., Sophia P. Paul
Support - Allison R. Levinson, Jessica A. Pritchard
Custody - Randi J. Silverman, Adam H. Tanker
Legislative - Lawrence J. Persick
Rules - Bruce J. Ferguson
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – noon Plenary Session “A View from the Bench —Procedure, Presentation and Exceeding Expectations”
A panel of judges from across the commonwealth will discuss and respond to questions related to procedure, protocol, evidence, their pet peeves, and intensely contested areas of equitable distribution, support and custody.
Moderator: Hon. Daniel J. Clifford, Montgomery County
Panelists: Hon. Katherine B.L. Platt, Chester County; Hon. Hugh F. McGough, Allegheny County; Hon. Katherine V. Oliver, Centre County; Hon. Jennifer Harlacher Sibum, Monroe County
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Award Presentation
The Family Law Section will present the Eric Turner Memorial Award to David S. Pollock of Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC, Pittsburgh.

Keynote: “Lincoln and the Practice of Family Law in 19th Century America” Stacy Pratt McDermott, Ph.D., University of Illinois Springfield

The Section gratefully acknowledges Savran Benson for its generous support of Saturday’s keynote speaker.
1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Workshops
A. “Avoiding Ethical, Disciplinary and Malpractice Issues in Family Law Practice”
This workshop will cover hot topics on relevant ethical, disciplinary and malpractice issues to avoid in family law; how to spot and mitigate troubling situations before they get you in trouble; and the crafting of appropriate fee agreements and boundary-setting communications to limit your disciplinary exposure and avoid the hassle of having to defend your actions in a malpractice action.
Speakers: Edwin A.D. Schwartz, Paul C. Troy
1.5 Ethics CLE credit hours

B. “The Secrets of Support Remedies”
Don’t miss this unique program discussing what goes on behind the walls of Domestic Relations. What do the federal and state regulations allow and require? How are arrearages handled? Can you seize bank accounts or suspend licenses? Find out all of this and more from our panel of experts.
Moderator: Melissa M. Boyd
Panelists: Edward V. Lehmann Jr., director, data management and case processing, Philadelphia County Domestic Relations; Joseph M. Waters, director, Chester County Domestic Relations
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 5 p.m. Workshops
C. “Dissecting Custody Evaluations”
Join this interactive panel discussion focusing on how to use every custody evaluation to your advantage. Seasoned practitioners as well as a well-respected custody evaluator and a judge will walk you through a hypothetical evaluation from start to finish. Learn how to prepare a client for a custody evaluation, provide support throughout the process and cross-examine the evaluator. The panel will also provide hot tips from the bench and bar.
Moderator: Christina M. DeMatteo
Panelists: Hon. Michele G. Bononi, Westmoreland County; J. Paul Helvy; Arnold Shienvold, Riegler-Shienvold & Associates
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

D. “All in the Family – Taking Care of the Small and Family Business”
Most small- and family-business interests have marital value but practitioners often struggle with determining the worth of these businesses without bankrupting the client or the business itself through extensive discovery and litigation. This program will explore how to get the golden egg without killing the goose.
Moderator: Heather Trostle Smith
Panelists: Gregory Crumling, CPA/ABV/CFF, Crumling Consulting, LLC; Sarinia Feinman; Jonathan P. Moyer
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

6 – 7:30 p.m. Cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres
9:30 – 11 p.m. Hospitality

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
8 - 10 a.m. Registration/Exhibits
8 – 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Please note that breakfast is open only to meeting registrants and is not intended for family members or guests.
8 – 8:30 a.m. Section Meeting
8:30 – 10 a.m. Plenary Session
“Trial Techniques for the Family Lawyer: The Art of Cross-Examination”
Through the use of popular clips from TV shows and movies, as well as the re-creation of real life cross-examinations by some of Pennsylvania’s most prominent civil litigators, the panelists will bring their renowned style of courtroom presentation to the family law environment. Join one of Pennsylvania’s foremost authorities on evidence and cross-examination and one of Philadelphia’s top plaintiff’s counsel for an insightful and entertaining program providing keys to effective and compelling cross-examination.
Panelists: Hon. Mark I. Bernstein, Philadelphia County; Larry E. Bendesky
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits
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Registration Form

Name ___________________________________________________ Nickname or first name for badge ____________________________
Address __________________________________________________ Supreme Court ID # ________________________________
Phone ___________________________ FAX ___________________________ Email ______________________________

Name (and preferred nickname for badge) of Spouse/Guest(s) __________________________________________________________
Children’s 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.
☐ Please check here if you are a first-time attendee.

REGISTRATION FEE (Please check one):
Includes up to 9 hours of CLE credit; link to download course materials; Friday welcome reception; Saturday breakfast, lunch, reception and hospitality; Sunday breakfast.
☐ PBA Section Member: $495
☐ PBA Member, Non-Section Member: $615
☐ Non-PBA Member: $715
☐ Judges & Judicial Law Clerks and those in practice 3 years or less: $320

Amount Due _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE:
For registrations placed after Dec. 23, 2016: $50

Amount Due _____

COURSE MATERIALS OPTION:
In addition to URL link with course materials,
☐ I would like to purchase a Memory Stick for $10
☐ I would like to purchase a PBI “Blue Book” for $50

Amount Due _____

CLE PROGRAMS: (Included in registration fee. Please check preference. Choice is used for planning purposes and is non-binding.)

Friday: 1 - 2:30 p.m.
☐ Inaugural Albert Momjian Memorial Lecture Series
☐ Case Law, Legislative and Rules Updates
10:30 a.m. - noon
☐ A View from the Bench
1:45 - 3:15 p.m. — WORKSHOPS:
☐ A. Avoiding Ethical, Disciplinary and Malpractice Issues in Family Law Practice OR
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3:30 - 5 p.m. — WORKSHOPS:
☐ C. Dissecting Custody evaluations OR
☐ D. All in the Family - Taking Care of the Small and Family Business
Sunday: 8:30 - 10 a.m.
☐ Trial Techniques for the Family Lawyer: The Art of Cross-examination

EVENING EVENTS: (Registrant included in registration fee but for planning purposes please indicate the events you will attend.)
☐ Friday Reception
☐ Saturday Cocktails and Hospitality

Spouse/Guest/Children 12 and Over:
Friday # of tickets_____ x $80 per person
Saturday # of tickets_____ x $80 per person
Spouse/guest attending parties are welcome to attend the Friday Hospitality as guests of the Section

Amount Due _____

SATURDAY LUNCH: (Registrant included in registration fee, but for planning purposes please indicate if attending.)
☐ Saturday Lunch

Spouse/Guest
Saturday Lunch # of tickets_____ x $40 per person

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METHOD OF PAYMENT:
☐ A check, payable to PBA, is enclosed.
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RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DEC. 23, 2016, TO:
PBA Meetings Department, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 7108-0186
Fax credit card registrations to 717-213-2507
Registrations will not be processed without payment.

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