Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section
Winter Meeting
January 11-14, 2018
The Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA
Please join us for the 2018 Family Law Section Winter Meeting

The Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association is excited to present its 2018 Winter Meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, from Thursday, Jan. 11, through Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018.

The Roosevelt Hotel is a four star Waldorf Astoria property located within walking distance of the historic French Quarter. Built in 1893 and completely renovated through a $170 million restoration project in 2005, the Roosevelt has served as the centerpiece of the city’s nightlife and entertainment scene for decades.

Our welcome party will begin in the famed Blue Room directly across the street from the newly rebuilt Orpheum Theatre. Named after what many consider to be the world’s first mixed drink, the hotel’s historic Sazerac Bar returns you to the grandeur of old New Orleans. After visiting the many historic and cultural sites the city has to offer, an on-site spa offers a full range of spa services, including facials, full-body massages and couples’ massages and manicures.

New Orleans is a city well known for its distinct French and Spanish Creole architecture and cross-cultural and multilingual heritage. World famous for its cuisine, music and annual celebrations and festivals traced back to French colonial times, New Orleans is often referred to as the “most unique” city in the United States. From Preservation Hall (the birthplace of jazz) to Frenchman’s Street to Jackson Square, New Orleans provides a unique cultural travel experience. The city’s World War II Museum has been ranked by TripAdvisor as the #4 museum in the United States. In the words of Franklin Roosevelt, New Orleans “…makes it possible to go to Europe without ever leaving the United States.”

Hillary Moonay, Jerry Shoemaker and their programming committee have once again organized an engaging set of educational programs aimed at helping build your trial skills. The program will begin with a Friday morning plenary session led by Roger J. Dodd being co-sponsored by the Pa. Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers on “Cross-Examination at Trial and Deposition.” Roger J. Dodd, who recently co-authored a Matthew Bender treatise on the subject of his presentation, is best known for his more than two decades long presentation of the Killer Cross Examination series, graded the country’s most popular CLE program. “Cross-Examination at Trial and Deposition” embraces today’s reality that because very few family law cases make it to trial, the depositions are the trials. A panel of experienced practitioners from throughout the state will present a program on the do’s and don’ts of custody litigation; there will be a panel of masters and judges who will discuss the weight they assign to the various statutory factors in deciding equitable distribution, and a live survey of the audience on how practitioners believe the factors should be applied to various fact situations. An ethics session will also be provided to educate practitioners with respect to the Public Access Policy requirements that go into effect Jan. 6, 2018. The program will conclude with our traditional case law, rules and legislative update on Sunday morning.

We look forward to seeing you in the Big Easy!

Steven S. Hurvitz
PBA Family Law Section Chair

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The Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel
Step outside of this luxury New Orleans hotel and you are only yards from the narrow streets, wrought-iron balconies and old-world charm of the French Quarter. Explore the heart of old New Orleans populated with lively bars, numerous restaurants serving fresh Cajun cuisine, unique boutique shops, and world-famous live music venues. New Orleans is a city that offers a warm welcome to visitors. The city has a distinct Caribbean air and a fun-loving attitude to life, the city blends together Spanish, French, American and Creole cultures.

The Roosevelt New Orleans is situated between the French Quarter and the Art District and is ideally placed to allow you to explore New Orleans’ most popular attractions and discover some of its lesser known highlights.

The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at the Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel over the conference dates. Guest room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 504-335-3138 and reference the Pennsylvania Bar Association before Monday, December 18, 2017. The group rate for a deluxe room is $239 per night, plus taxes, plus resort fee, for standard accommodations. To book online, use the following link: https://aws.passkey.com/e/49122491

Please note: Be sure to reserve your rooms as soon as possible as space is limited.

Hotel Information
Check-in time is 3 p.m., and check-out time is 12 p.m. Note Time Zone: New Orleans is in the Central Standard Time Zone (CST).

Concierge Desk
The concierge and front desk are located in the main lobby of the hotel. The concierge can recommend activities and tours to make your trip an enjoyable New Orleans experience.

Guest Services and Amenities
Waldorf Astoria Spa
Relax in resplendent luxury in one of the most sought-after spas in the south. Reservations are strongly encouraged to ensure availability; please call 504-335-3190 or email waldorfastoriaspa@therooseveultneworleans.com, or view more information at http://www.therooseveultneworleans.com/health/waldorf-astoria-spa.html.

Fitness Center
The beautiful, state-of-the-art fitness facility spans 1,200 square feet and is open 24 hours a day for hotel guests. This custom-designed fitness center features legendary Technogym equipment, locker rooms with digital locks as well as showers that will keep you refreshed post-workout.

Transportation
From the airport:
Registrants will be flying into the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY), which is 12 miles from the hotel. Travel time between the airport and the Roosevelt Hotel is about 25 minutes. Limousine Livery is the hotel’s preferred airport transportation vendor. Those who choose this provider will be greeted by a chauffeur at the baggage claim. Call 504-561-8777 and press the reservations prompt 1 or online at https://myairporttrip.com/program/pennsylvania-bar-association to make a reservation. The average taxi fare between the airport and hotel is approximately $33.00 for two people.

Car Rentals:
PBA members are eligible for discounts with Avis, Hertz and National Car Rental. Contact Avis at 800-331-1212 or www.avis.com and use discount code AWD-A494900; contact Hertz at 800-654-3131 or www.HERTZ.com using discount code CDP ID 79456.

Hotel Parking:
Valet parking $46 plus tax per day with in/out privileges.
The landmark Roosevelt Hotel is a short walk to the French Quarter nightlife, street vendors, shopping, people watching and entertainment, Frenchman Street, Magazine Street, the Garden District, the Art District, locally owned restaurants that offer shrimp gumbo and rice, Oysters Rockefeller, po’ boy sandwiches, jambalaya etc. You can’t leave New Orleans without eating pralines and their famously made beignets. The National World War II Museum is fantastic; the Mississippi River paddle boats and swamp tours, the St. Louis Cemetery and St. Louis Cathedral are a must see. You will never see or be able to do the same thing two days in a row. Go to http://www.neworleanscvb.com/visit/ for a complete guide.

PBA Evening Functions

Thursday, January 11, Welcome Reception Party
The Family Law Section welcomes you New Orleans style. Gather at the Barrone side entrance in the Roosevelt Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12, Hospitality
Eat a little dessert, have a fun drink and be merry before retiring for the night or heading out in the Crescent City.

Saturday, January 13, Farewell Reception
Enjoy the final evening in NOLA with entertainment provided by the Tim Laughlin Jazz Trio.

What to Wear
Suggested attire for the meeting is business casual. The average temperature range in New Orleans in January is 43-62 degrees. Please wear your PBA name badge to all events and the appropriately colored wristband to the evening events for which you have registered.

Late Registration
Registration deadline is close-of-business on Dec. 18, 2017. 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. 18, 2017. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a $75 administrative fee. Any cancellations after 5 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2017, will not receive a refund.

Online Registration
Register for the PBA Family Section Winter Meeting online at www.pabar.org/events.

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Course materials
Covered by your registration fee, a URL secure link will be emailed prior to the meeting for you to download, view and print those materials that you wish. A memory stick version is available for an additional fee of $10. The traditional printed materials in book form cost $50. Memory sticks and books will be distributed at registration.
Schedule of Events
(Current as of time of printing but subject to change)

Thursday, January 11

2:00 – 7:00 p.m.  Registration/Exhibits

3:00 – 5:30 p.m.  Council Meeting

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  Welcome Reception Party
The section gratefully acknowledges Savran Benson’s generous sponsorship of the entertainment.

Friday, January 12

8:00 a.m. – noon  Registration/Exhibits

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.  Breakfast
(Please note that breakfast is open to meeting registrants and is not intended for family members or guests.)

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.  Welcome & Introductions

8:30 – 11:45 a.m.  Plenary Session
Second Albert Momjian Memorial Lecture Series
co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Cross Examination at Trial and Deposition
Trial lawyers are not able to try as many cases as we once did. In the civil world of trial work, that means that depositions are our trials. Therefore, we must prepare, and present cross-examinations that are designed to gather admissions from our opponents and their experts. This presentation will provide a complete system of how to use leading questions, chapters, and even impeachment at the depositions.

Speaker: Roger J. Dodd
3.0 Substantive CLE credits

11:45 a.m.
Free time for exploring, relaxing and enjoying dinner on your own.

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m. – noon  Registration/Exhibits

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.  Breakfast
(Please note that breakfast is open to meeting registrants and is not intended for family members or guests.)

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.  Welcome & Introductions

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  Plenary Session
Reading the Tarot Cards: Predicting Equitable Distribution Awards and Alimony Awards
Once the assets, liabilities and incomes are all quantified, the biggest hurdle for practitioners is often advising clients how the assigned judge or master will divide the marital estate and award alimony. The Divorce Code provides numerous factors for the court to consider and this program will address which factors are most important under what circumstances and how this analysis varies across the Commonwealth.

Moderator: David L. Ladov
Panelists: Hon. Kim D. Eaton, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Pamela A. Ruest, Centre County Court of Common Pleas; Master Rochelle B. Grossman, Chester County
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.  Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.  Workshops
A. Public Access Policy: The New Filing Requirements
Effective Jan. 6, 2018, there will be significant changes to the law in Pennsylvania requiring specific confidential and sensitive information to be redacted from court filings. Every lawyer is going to need to know the uniform standards and the type of information that must be safeguarded. Failure to comply with these new requirements could result in sanctions against counsel.

Speakers: Gregory J. Norton
1.5 Ethics CLE Credits
Schedule of Events, continued

B. Six Keys to Winning a Custody Case
This panel will explore the six “keys” to winning a custody case on behalf of a client focusing on custody evaluations, dissecting those reports, witness preparation including child witnesses and using pleadings to your advantage.

Speakers: Hon. Daniel Clifford, Court of Common Pleas; Hon. Michele P. Bononi, Court of Common Pleas; Jennifer P. Bierly, Robert J. Salzer, Susan J. Smith
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

11:45 a.m. Free time
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Farewell Reception

Sunday, January 14

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

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Section Business Meeting

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Case Law Updates/Legislative/Rules
A longtime favorite of attendees for updates on the recent case law developments in custody, support and equitable distribution, this interactive panel will offer their 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.

Speakers: Mark R. Ashton, Dawn K. Gull, Mark A. Momjian
Panelists:
Custody – Daniel J. Bell-Jacobs
Support – Robert D. Raver
ED – Jamie M. Jamison
Rules – Carolyn Moran Zack
Legislative – Melissa P. Greevy, Lawrence J. Persick
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

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 2018 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 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 Nov. 17, 2017.

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 7.5 hours of CLE credit. To receive credits, you must complete and submit the indicated forms following the program.
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):
- 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 Amount Due ______
- 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 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.
  - Cross Examination at Trial and Deposition
- Saturday 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
  - Reading the Tarot Cards: Predicting Equitable Distribution and Alimony Awards
  - A. Public Access Policy: The New Filing Requirements, or
  - B. Six Keys to Winning a Custody Case
- Sunday 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
  - Case Law Updates/Legislative/Rules

EVENING MEAL FUNCTIONS: (Registrant included in registration fee but for planning purposes please indicate the events you will attend.)
- Thursday Welcome Party
- Thursday and Saturday Farewell Reception
- Thursday & Saturday Events - Spouse/Guest/Children 12 & older
  - Thursday # of tickets ______ x $80 per person
  - Saturday # of tickets ______ x $80 per person
- Thursday & Saturday events - children 4 through 11
  - Thursday # of tickets ______ x $25 per person
  - Saturday # of tickets ______ x $25 per person
- Children age 3 and younger, no charge.
  - Thursday # of guests ______
  - Saturday # of guests ______
  - Spouse/guest attending parties are welcome to attend the Friday Hospitality as guests of the Section
  - 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 ________________________

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration deadline for the meeting is Dec. 18, 2017. After that date, all registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis and will incur a late fee of $50. Written cancellations must be received before the close of business on Dec. 18, 2017. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued, minus a $75 administrative fee. After Dec. 18, 2017, no refunds will be issued.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DEC. 18, 2017, TO:
PBA Meetings Department, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186
Fax credit card registrations to 717-213-2507
Registrations will not be processed without payment.

For more information call the PBA Meetings Department at 800-932-0311, ext. 2231 or 2245