Family Law Section
Winter Meeting

January 15-17, 2016
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster
Join me and your fellow family lawyers in historic Lancaster for our 2016 PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting, Jan. 15-17. We will again enjoy the accommodations and hospitality of the centrally located Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. It is sure to be a gathering for all participants to remember.

Attendees will have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances with fellow family lawyers from across the commonwealth and to make new friends who share common interests in our profession. You will recognize our focused program agenda, giving attendees an opportunity to complete this year’s CLE requirements while hearing about the latest trends and developments, exploring new ideas and learning from colleagues who specialize in other areas of the law that sometimes become areas of interest or necessity in family law.

Our program this winter includes the always anticipated case law, rules and legislative updates to keep everyone current on the latest changes in family law. Other programs explore complex tax issues of divorce, Marcellus Shale, a new type of “restraining order” and firearms law as these relate to our practice, and 1.5 CLE credits are offered to help you resolve any “ethical quandaries.”

I encourage all attendees to begin the meeting with Friday afternoon’s presentation by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Friday evening’s welcome party will conclude the day with the magic of the PBA’s own Joe Curcillo. He is amazing, and has graciously agreed to share his talent with us.

Saturday morning’s program will commence with a plenary presentation on parent alienation, followed by a variety of breakout opportunities for all, interrupted only by lunch. That evening concludes with our farewell reception and hospitality retreat. Sunday morning features a special presentation by the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, Thomas G. Saylor, a native of my home county of Somerset. You won’t want to miss this rare opportunity!

While in Lancaster, be sure to enjoy the city’s historic character and charm. The outlet malls are just down the road for the shoppers among us and, of course, Franklin & Marshall College is just across town. Whether you visit the Lancaster Central Market — the country’s oldest farmers’ market, across from the hotel — shop at the outlet malls or just enjoy a drive through the surrounding Pennsylvania Dutch countryside, Lancaster is a place I have longed to share with you. So, come to delight in the warmth of old friendships, make new ones, get your CLE credits for the year and enjoy a break during the winter season!

I look forward to seeing you!

Mary E. Schellhammer
PBA Family Law Section Chair
THE LANCASTER MARRIOTT AT PENN SQUARE HOTEL

The PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting will be held at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square Hotel, located in vibrant downtown Lancaster (a National Historic District), near the Central Market, the Fulton Theatre and unique shopping and dining.

HOTEL AMENITIES

Artfully balancing old with new, the stylish Lancaster Marriott provides plenty of modern services and amenities for guests to enjoy.

- The Mandarin Rose Spa — inspired by the Red Rose City of Lancaster. Experience a signature massage and let your stresses melt away.
- An indoor pool, whirlpool and fitness center with cardiovascular equipment and free weights are complimentary to hotel guests.
- The Lancaster Marriott’s lodging offers posh décor combined with comfortable, contemporary amenities and luxury bedding.

TRAVEL AND PARKING

The Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square is located in the heart of Lancaster and can be accessed by several different highways and routes. The hotel offers valet parking for $30 per overnight and on-site garage parking for $11 per night. For air travel, Lancaster is serviced by Harrisburg International Airport (MDT). For GPS directions to the hotel use 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, and for the self-parking garage use 38 South Duke Street, Lancaster.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square over the conference dates. Guest room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 888-850-6146 or by clicking on this reservation link and referencing the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Conference 2016 before Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015. The group rate is $123 per night, plus taxes, for standard room accommodations. Check-in time is 4 p.m., and check-out time 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 2016 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) from counties that have been under-represented at section meetings. 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. 15, 2015.
The Section gratefully acknowledges BNY Mellon Wealth Management for their generous support as the primary sponsor of our annual meetings.

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LATE REGISTRATIONS
The registration deadline is close-of-business on Dec. 29, 2015. 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. 29, 2015. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a $75 administrative fee. Any cancellations received after 5 p.m. on Dec. 29, 2015, 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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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 9.5 hours of CLE credit. To receive credits, you must complete and submit the indicated forms following the program.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

1 – 7 p.m. Registration/Exhibits

1:30 – 3 p.m. AAML Program
“Not the Usual Custody Evaluation: Special Issues”
Special issues arise in custody cases when a child with special needs is involved, a parent is impaired by addiction issues or there are allegations of sexual misconduct or physical abuse. How are these issues identified accurately and promptly by family lawyers and how do they play out in evaluations? How can the courts address these topics appropriately in custody proceedings?
Moderator: Brian C. Vertz
Panelists: Helen Casale, Sharon Richter, Psy.D., LPC, CADA; Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D., Riegle, Shienvold & Associates
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

7 – 9 p.m. Welcome Reception

9 – 9:30 p.m. Entertainment
Entertainer, mentalist and PBA-member Joe Curcillo has performed for more than 30 years in venues from Las Vegas casinos to New York corporate offices to Caribbean resorts to cheap motels in Des Moines, but his favorite place is in your head! Known internationally as “The Mind Shark,” Curcillo has received some of mentalism’s highest awards and is recognized as one of the world’s top thought readers. He is looking forward to navigating your mind!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

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 – 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session
“Reunification: What Works and What Doesn’t Work”
Dr. Stanley S. Clawar will explore the myths of reunification counseling, what judges want to hear, how to draft court orders that are effective at reuniting parents and children, and which conditions of reunification result in higher success rates.
Speaker: Dr. Stanley S. Clawar, PhD, CCS
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – noon Plenary Session
“Exploring the Expansion of Protective Orders”
Prosecuting and defending petitions for protection from sexual violence and intimidation will be covered in the session. Also included will be a discussion of evidence needed to establish or disprove such claims and practitioners’ concerns pertaining to the practical application of the new statute.
Moderator: Amy J. Phillips
Panelists: Dauphin County Judge William T.C. Tully, Paul D. Edger, Yvette L. Wilson
1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Award Presentation
The Family Law Section will present the Eric Turner Memorial Award to Mark B. Dischell of the Dischell Bartle & Dooley Law Firm, Lansdale.
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.  **Workshops**

A. “Drilling In! Finding Value in Marcellus Shale”
As the Marcellus Shale boom continues across Pennsylvania, practitioners must understand the best way to tackle these unique assets. Learn how to identify shale assets during the initial client consultation and work toward valuation of both marital and non-marital Marcellus Shale assets for equitable distribution. This program will address everything from creative settlement tactics and in-kind distributions to working with experts for litigation, with an eye on the pitfalls to avoid at every step of the case.

*Moderator:* Joseph R. Williams
*Panelists:* Brandon J. Otis, CPA, BDO Consulting; Taunya Knolles Rosenbloom; Dearald “Bud” Shuffstall

1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

B. “Navigating the Intricacies of Tax Issues in Family Law”
Tax aspects in family law can be complicated and costly to litigants. Learn all about alimony as applied to equitable distribution and business transactions.

*Moderator:* Christine Gale
*Panelists:* Mitchell E. Benson, CPA, Savran Benson LLP; Mark B. Dischell, Christine Gale

1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.  **Refreshment Break**

3:30 – 5 p.m.  **Workshops**

C. “Lights, Camera, Action!”
Join us as we discuss the ethical quandaries raised in several vignettes. This program will provide an engaging dialogue addressing issues faced by lawyers in our pursuit of maintaining ethical standards.

*Moderator:* Paul C. Troy
*Panelists:* Philadelphia Judge Holly J. Ford, Robert H. Davis Jr., David A. Fitzsimons

1.5 Ethics CLE credit hours

D. “Case Law, Rules and Legislative 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 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.

*Moderator:* Julia C. Rater
*Panelists:*

- Custody – Jennifer P. Bierly
- Colleen McCue Norcross
- Divorce/Equitable Distribution – Melinda M. Previtera, Brian C. Vertz
- Legislative – Pamela L. Purdy
- Rules – Hillary J. Moonay
- Support – Anthony M. Hoover, Jamie L. Jano

1.5 Substantive CLE credit hours

7 – 9 p.m.  **Farewell Reception**

9 – 11 p.m.  **Dessert Hospitality**

The Section gratefully acknowledges Divorce On Your Terms Inc. for their generous support of our dessert hospitality.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

8 – 10:45 a.m.  **Registration/Exhibits**

8 – 8:30 a.m.  **Continental Breakfast/Section Meeting**

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.  **Plenary Session**

“Practice and Procedure before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court: A View from the Bench and Bar”
This program offers the practitioner an opportunity to understand practice and procedure particular to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, including the extraordinary relief powers of the court and Children’s Fast Track.

*Moderator:* Frederick N. Frank
*Panelists:* Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Thomas G. Saylor, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice-elect David N. Wecht

2 Substantive CLE credit hours
**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 9.5 hours of CLE credit; link to download course materials; Friday welcome reception; Saturday breakfast, lunch, reception and dessert hospitality; breakfast on Sunday. 

☐ PBA Section Member $495 

☐ PBA Member, Non-Section Member $615 (includes Section membership for 2016) 

☐ Non-PBA Member $715 

☐ Judges & Judicial Law Clerks and those in practice 3 years or less $320 

☐ PBA FLS Joanne Ross Wilder Scholarship Applicant $0 

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**LATE REGISTRATION FEE:** For registrations placed December 30, 2015, or later $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 

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

**Friday, 1:30 - 3 p.m.** ☐ AAML Program: Not the Usual Custody Evaluation: Special Issues 

**Saturday, 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.** ☐ Reunification: What Works and What Doesn’t Work 

**Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - noon** ☐ Exploring the Expansion of Protective Orders 

**Saturday, 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.** Workshops: ☐ A — Drilling In! OR ☐ B — Navigating the Intricacies of Tax Issues in Family Law 

**Saturday, 3:30 - 5 p.m.** Workshops: ☐ C — Lights, Camera, Action! OR ☐ D — Case Law, Rules and Legislative Updates 

**Sunday, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.** ☐ Practice and Procedure Before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court 

**EVENING EVENTS:** (Registrant included in registration fee but, for planning purposes, please indicate the parties you will attend.) 

☐ Friday Reception & Entertainment 

☐ Saturday Reception & Dessert Hospitality 

**Spouse/Guest:** 

**Friday:** $80 per person # of tickets _____ x $80 

**Saturday:** $80 per person # of tickets _____ x $80 

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**Spouse/Guest attending parties are welcome to attend the Saturday Hospitality as guests of the Section.** 

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

☐ Saturday Lunch 

**Spouse/Guest:** 

**Saturday Lunch:** $40 per person # of tickets _____ x $40 

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT:** 

☐ A check, payable to PBA, is enclosed. Or charge my: ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover 

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**RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 29, 2015, TO:** 

PBA Meetings Department, 100 South Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108 

FAX CREDIT CARD REGISTRATIONS TO 717-213-2507 

For more information, call the PBA Member Services Center at 800-932-0311 

Registrations will not be processed without payment.
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