2019 Winter Meeting
PBA Family Law Section
January 18-20, 2019

Omni William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Please join us for the 2019 Family Law Section Winter Meeting

In the long standing tradition of the PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting rotating amongst Pennsylvania locales, we return to Pittsburgh for a visit from January 18-20, 2019. Those who have not traveled to the Burgh lately will note a number of changes since our last meeting there, ones that I believe you will enjoy. There are many great restaurants within walking distance of our hotel, not to mention cultural experiences, including music, comedy and arts all close at hand.

We kick off the celebration on Friday with a welcome party from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. that you should not miss, featuring a Speakeasy theme, which is fitting given that the Omni William Penn Hotel has reopened its speakeasy bar in recent years. Found in the lower depths of the William Penn Hotel, this intimate, cozy bar was an actual speakeasy during Prohibition, and it has been restored to the 1920's décor, albeit you can drink legally there these days. So be prepared to enjoy food, drinks, and dancing at our own Speakeasy welcome reception in the Grand Ballroom, complete with a DJ and photo booth to create fun, lasting memories with your friends and coworkers in attendance. Feel free to dress accordingly as well, if you like; and after the reception ends, you can pop down to the Speakeasy bar.

Prior to the reception, you will not want to miss the AAML program commencing at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 18, that will focus on tips and methods to handle challenges inherent with the direct and cross examination of witnesses.

Saturday commences after breakfast with a plenary CLE featuring three Superior Court Judges and a panel of elite, experienced appellate litigators with mock oral arguments, feedback from the judges and pointers valuable to all. A second plenary will provide 1.5 ethics credits while focusing on dealing with mental health issues, including clients exposed to trauma and secondary trauma experienced by the lawyers and judges within family law. The breakout workshops after lunch include a session offering tips for successfully working with allied professionals, financial and other, to best represent and aid your clients, featuring a wealth advisor from BNY Mellon and a wellness coach, as well as attorneys and a workshop offering insights and strategies to achieve the “impossible,” including avoiding co-parenting disasters, financial issues in cases and finding creative remedies to difficult problems. The second set of breakouts will offer practice do’s and don’ts for the effective use of interim relief, including petitions and orders; and a session addressing the impact of Pennsylvania’s medical marijuana legalization within the arena of custody cases.

The Saturday reception will offer delicious hors d’oeuvres and drinks in the evening, and a later hospitality suite with desserts/drinks; leaving time in between to eat at one of the many highly regarded restaurants in the area and/or to explore the downtown area of the Burgh a bit. Sunday starts off with breakfast and the business meeting, followed by a plenary CLE, the budget bootcamp, which will focus on effective uses of a budget, particularly in light of the Hanrahan v Bakker decision. This session features a financial advisor and master for support/equitable distribution offering insight, as well as esteemed lawyers. We wrap up with Caselaw, Rules & Legislative Updates on Sunday morning, and there are many key changes not to be missed.

I hope to see you all in Pittsburgh and to find both familiar and new faces there to get to know! Also, looking forward, we will be enjoying our summer meeting in Orlando, Florida, at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel from July 11-14, 2019, so mark your calendars and plan to bring the kids or other young family members to have a blast while earning CLE credits (or you can luxuriate in the spa, pools and other amenities available). Our incoming chair, Michael Bertin, will take us to Hershey, Pennsylvania, in January 2020 for a chocolatey winter gathering at the Hotel Hershey.

We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh.

Gail C. Calderwood
PBA Family Law Section Chair
Hotel Reservations
The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at the Omni William Penn Hotel over the conference dates. Guest room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-843-6664 and referencing the PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting, or by using the online reservation link: https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/pittsburgh-william-penn/meetings/pba-family-law-section-winter-meeting.

The deadline to book rooms at the group rate is Thursday, December 27. Group rates are $149 per night, plus taxes, for standard deluxe room (single/double occupancy) accommodations. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is noon.

Amenities
Health and Fitness Center: Located next to front desk in the hotel lobby - 24 hour room key access for hotel guests.

Packing
There is a charge for both self and valet parking. The current self-parking fee is $19.00 per vehicle, per night, and the current overnight valet rate is $36.00. Valet has in and out privileges during the day at no added expense. Self-parking is available directly across the street at Mellon Square Garage. You must pay each time you exit the garage.

What to Wear
Suggested attire for the meeting is business casual. Please wear your PBA name badge to all events and the appropriately colored wristband to the evening events for which you have registered.

Course Materials
Course materials will be emailed to meeting registrants via a secure URL link to download, view and print in advance of the meeting. Digital CLE materials are in pdf. book format and contain links in the summary and table of contents, along with bookmarks for easy navigation. No printed materials or flash drives will be available for separate purchase.

Late Registrations
Registration deadline is close-of-business on December 17, 2018. 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 December 17, 2018. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a $75 administrative fee. Any cancellations received after 5 p.m. on December 17, 2018, will not receive a refund.

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 2019 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 mail Pamela Kance at the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pam.Kance@pabar.org. Application for this program must be made on or before November 25, 2018.

Online Registration

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The MCLE programs for the 2019 PBA Family Law Winter Meeting are presented in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court CLE Board as an accredited CLE provider. The individual CLE programs for this meeting have been approved for up for the number of credit hours indicated. To receive credits, you must complete and submit the indicated forms following the program.

Get social with us on Twitter and be entered for a chance to win
Do you enjoy using Twitter and like to win prizes? Even if you don’t, the Family Law Section has a challenge for you! New for 2019, each time an attendee at the Winter Meeting uses the Family Law Section's meeting hashtag, #PBAfamilylaw19, on Twitter, he or she will be entered to win a random drawing for prizes. The more you use the hashtag, the more chances you have to win!

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Schedule of Events

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

Friday, January 18

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.  Registration/Exhibits

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  AAML Program
Trials and Tribulations of Witness Examinations
As family lawyers, strong litigation skills are critical to effectively represent our clients and questioning witnesses is a key component in all litigation. But despite the best preparation, we have all had witnesses “go south” on the stand, develop cross examination amnesia, not show up for court, become confrontational or sound scripted. The PA Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers invites you to join our expert panel to learn how to handle the variety of challenges that frequently arise with direct and cross examination of witnesses.
Moderator: Julia Swain, Esq.
Speakers: Kenneth J. Horoho, Esq., Jay N. Silberblatt, Esq.
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  Council Meeting

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  Welcome Party

Saturday, January 19

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  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
Lawyers Never Lose Their Appeal
Four legal eagles step up before the Section for mock oral arguments in front of a panel of three Pennsylvania Superior Court Judges on provoking family law appellate issues. The judges will provide feedback on the oral arguments as well as pointers for effective oral advocacy.
Moderator: Andrew D. Taylor, Esq.
Panelists: James E. Mahood, Esq., Mary Sue Ramsden, Esq., Helen E. Casale, Esq., J. Paul Helvy, Esq.
Three Superior Court Judges
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.  Plenary Session
Mental Fitness – The Other New Year’s Resolution
Working with clients who have been exposed to trauma can create cognitive biases and secondary traumatic stress experienced by family law attorneys and judges. This program will help provide solutions for practitioners to have effective and sustainable practices in a healthy manner.
Moderator: Julie R. Colton, Esq.
Panelists: Hon. Jeannine Turner, Dauphin County;
Kristie Knights, LPC
1.5 Ethics CLE Credits

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch and Award Presentation
The Family Law Section will present the Eric Turner Memorial Award to John C. Howett Jr. of Howett, Kissinger & Holst PC, Harrisburg.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  Workshops
A. It Takes A Village: Working with Allied Professionals
Representing clients has become much more than a legal endeavor. A coach, financial advisor and attorney will discuss how the use of allied professionals in creating a team to support clients can aid in the best resolution possible.
Moderator: Jonathan T. Hoffman, Esq.
Panelists: Carly Fagan Barton, Esq., Adina Laver, Julia Cronin Rater, Esq.
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

B. Mission Impossible
Believe it or not, you might not be the only one scratching your head about how to get money for your dependent spouse clients, avoid co-parenting disasters and keep the peace until the judge will hear your exclusive possession case. This program will focus on how to counsel clients and seek creative remedies from the court to avoid Armageddon.
Moderator: Christina M. DeMatteo, Esq.
1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.  Break
Schedule of Events, continued

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Workshops

C. Can’t Hardly Wait
Interim relief is in the Divorce Code for a reason, so why not advance half the property, freeze the other half and decide custody in motions court? This panel focuses on the do’s and don’ts of interim petitions and orders.

Panelists: Hon. Deborah L. DeCostro, Beaver County; Cindy S. Conley, Esq., Amanda C. Fisher, Esq., Darren J. Holst, Esq.

1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

D. Medical Marijuana – Keeping Your Custody Case Out of the Weeds
Pennsylvania has legalized medical marijuana, but that doesn’t mean your custody case isn’t still complicated when one of the parties has a license for it. From supervised custody to driving restrictions, this program navigates these complex issues and will provide information and resources behind Pennsylvania’s newest piece of significant legislation.

Moderator: Jessica L. Crown, Esq.
Panelists: Hon. Susan Evashavik DiLucente, Allegheny County; Patrick K. Nightingale, Esq., Randi L. Rubin, Esq.

1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Cocktails & Hors d’oeuvres

9:00 – 11:00 p.m. Dessert Hospitality

Sunday, January 20

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

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Section Meeting

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session

Budget Bootcamp
While a client’s budget has long been an important piece of many cases, the recent decision in Hanrahan v. Bakker may make us all sharpen our pencils. Come learn from other practitioners some budget preparation secrets, from a certified divorce financial analyst the best information to rely upon, and from the court those line items and amounts that will . . . and will not . . . pass muster.

Moderator: Candice L. Komar, Esq.
Panelists: Donna M. Cheswick, CDFA; Cindy S. Conley, Esq., Melaine S. Rothey, Esq.

1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session

Case Law, Rules & Legislative Updates
As has been the custom in past meetings, this panel will discuss the most recent appellate decisions available since the last meeting in an interactive panel of attorneys with various levels of experience who will offer their insight, wisdom and practice pointers on how these decisions will impact family law issues in the future.

Moderator: Carla S. Donnelly, Esq.

1.5 Substantive CLE Credits

9:00 – 11:00 p.m. Dessert Hospitality
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Registration Form

Name ___________________________________________ Nickname or first name for badge ________________
Address ___________________________________________ Supreme Court ID #
Phone __________________ FAX __________________ Email __________________

☐ 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 10.5 hours of CLE credit; link to download course materials; Friday welcome reception, Saturday breakfast, lunch, reception and dessert hospitality and Sunday breakfast.
☐ PBA Section Member: $495
☐ PBA Member, Non-Section Member: $615 (includes Section membership for 2019)
☐ 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

Amount Due __________

LATE REGISTRATION FEE
For registrations placed after Dec. 17, 2018: $50

Amount Due __________

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

☐ AAML Program - Trials and Tribulations of Witness Examinations
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  ☐ Lawyers Never Lose Their Appeal
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  1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Workshops
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  ☐ D. Medical Marijuana — Keeping Your Custody Case Out of the Weeds
  Sunday: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
  ☐ Budget Bootcamp
  10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
  ☐ Case Law, Rules & Legislative updates

EVENING MEAL FUNCTIONS: (Registrant included in registration fee but for planning purposes please indicate the events you will attend.)

☐ Friday Welcome Party ☐ Saturday Reception

Friday and Saturday Events - Spouse/Guest/Children 12 & older
Friday $80 per person  # of tickets _______ Amount Due _______
Saturday $80 per person  # of tickets _______ Amount Due _______
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 you will attend the lunch.)

☐ Saturday Lunch

Spouse/Guest
Saturday Lunch $40 per person  # 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 _______

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RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 17, 2018, TO:

PBA Meetings Department,
P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 7108-0186
Fax credit card registrations to 717-213-2507

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