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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I encourage you to attend the 2018 Bench and Bar Conference, a unique event steeped in Delaware tradition which allows our small Bar to socialize in a relaxed setting — and also participate in excellent CLE ethics courses.

Bench and Bar is a great opportunity for lawyers and judges to come together. Take advantage of this chance to get to know your colleagues in the Bar and on the Bench in this informal setting, grab some good food, enjoy ice cream from the UDel Creamery, and come support incoming President, David Ferry and this year's First State Distinguished Service Award winner, Betsy McGeever. You will not be disappointed with this experience. I hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Michael Houghton, Esquire

President

Delaware State Bar Association

ABOUT THE DSBA

For more than 90 years, the Delaware State Bar Association has organized and united the lawyers who practice in Delaware and served as their professional association. The DSBA was founded in 1923 and is committed to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence by providing continuing education, networking opportunities, and a framework for providing proper standards for membership in the Delaware Bar.

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AN EVOLVING PROFESSION: IMPROVING THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS

3.0 hours CLE credit in Enhanced Ethics for Delaware and Pennsylvania attorneys



REGISTRATION BREAKFAST, VENDOR VISIT, AND TRANSITION TO SESSION | 7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.

BREAKOUT SESSION I

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 1.5 HOURS CLE CREDIT IN ENHANCED ETHICS

Ethical and Professional Depositions

Hear from the author who literally wrote the book on depositions and a panel of attorneys who consistently raise the bar in this field of practice. Learn the best way to adhere to rules of ethics and professionalism as you prepare for and conduct a deposition, lodge effective objections with civility and zealous advocacy, and make the most of this pre-trial device.

Moderator

Dennis R. Suplee, Esquire
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP
(Philadelphia)

Richard Galperin, Esquire
Morris James LLP

Joel Friedlander, Esquire
Friedlander & Gorris, P.A.

Panelists

David Evan Ross, Esquire
Ross Aronstam & Moritz LLP

Meeting the Challenges of Domestic Violence in Custody Cases

Making decisions in custody cases is difficult when domestic violence is present. The panel will discuss considerations for victims who are seeking custody, the Court's approach to making decisions after a finding of domestic violence, and the greatest challenges. The panel will highlight recent work being done to improve the ability of Family Court to reach the best solutions in these cases and will focus on the role of professionalism and civility in the handling of confidential matters.

Moderator

The Honorable Jennifer B. Ranji
Family Court of the State of Delaware

Panelists

The Honorable Mary Susan Much
Family Court of the State of Delaware
The Honorable James G. McGiffin, Jr.
Family Court of the State of Delaware

Kelly Cloud Ensslin, Esquire
Office of the Child Advocate

Kara M. Swasey, Esquire
Bayard, P.A.

Eleanor B. Torres, Esquire
Family Court of the State of Delaware

Arbitration Rule 16.1: The Comeback... (& Introduction to Path to Trial Committee)

This panel will discuss the various ways Courts are addressing effective dispute resolution including the Superior Court's revived and improved Rule 16.1, the Court of Common Pleas Special Election and Expedited Docket (SPEED), and an introduction to the newly formed Path to Trial Committee, which is assessing the need for revisions to existing speedy trial guidelines and court rules, with a view toward enhancing efficiency and effectiveness at each step along the "path to trial" (and beyond). Panelists will focus on the ethics of ADR including adherence to confidentiality agreements and ethics rules related to confidentiality, preparation, communication and civility.

Moderator

The Honorable Eric M. Davis
Superior Court of the State of Delaware

Panelists

The Honorable Gary F. Traynor
Supreme Court of the State of Delaware

The Honorable Anne Hartnett Reigle
Court of Common Pleas of the
State of Delaware

Frederick S. Freibott, Esquire
The Freibott Law Firm, P.A.

Mary E. Sherlock, Esquire
Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton
Fires & Newby, LLP

Raising the Bar by Closing the Gap

Does having the "keys to the courthouse doors" obligate attorneys to ensure that there is justice for everyone? A panel of practitioners and judicial officers explore what responsibilities come hand in hand with the decision to join this profession.

Moderator

The Honorable Karen L. Valihura
Supreme Court of the State of Delaware

Panelists

The Honorable Michael K. Newell
Family Court of the State of Delaware

Gregory P. Williams, Esquire
Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

Mark L. Desgrosseilliers, Esquire
Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP

Frederick H. Alexander, Esquire
Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell LLP

Professor James Teufel
Director of Public Health &
Assistant Professor, Moravian College

REFRESHMENT BREAK AND VENDOR VISIT | 10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

DSBA ANNUAL MEETING

10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Presided over by Michael Houghton, Esquire, Delaware State Bar Association President

Presentation of the First State Distinguished Service Award to Elizabeth M. McGeever, Esquire

Election of 2018-2019 Executive Committee Members

Passing of the Gavel to the new Delaware State Bar Association President, David J. Ferry, Jr., Esquire

BREAKOUT SESSION II

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. | 1.5 HOURS CLE CREDIT IN ENHANCED ETHICS

Blockchain II: Where No Contract Has Gone Before

Part II (Part I was on April 17 at DSBA) delves further into this new commercial law topic which is poised to change the world of commerce and the legal profession.

Moderator

James H. S. Levine, Esquire
Pepper Hamilton LLP

Panelists

The Honorable Sam Glasscock III
Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware

Lewis R. Cohen, Esquire
Hogan Lovells (NY)

Doneene Keemer Damon, Esquire
Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

Jalak Jobanputra
Future Perfect Ventures

Valerie A. Szczepanik, Esquire
Security and Exchange Commission

Professor Aaron J. Wright
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

New Expectations in Forensic Science

Forensic evidence is entering a new era of scrutiny and this panel will look at accepted evidentiary forensics and how science is showing that your case may not necessarily be airtight. Hear from experts and practitioners about firearms identification and DNA.

Moderator

The Honorable William L. Witham, Jr.
Superior Court of the State of Delaware

Panelists

Sheila Willis
Former Director of Forensic Science Ireland

Robert M. Thompson, Senior Forensic Science Research Manager
National Institute of Standards & Technology

Lisa M. Schwind, Esquire
Office of Defense Services

Barzilai K. Axelrod, Esquire
Department of Justice

Best Practices in State Court Cases: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality

Immigrant children come before state court judges in cases that can have a profound impact on the child's health, welfare, well-being, and best interests. This workshop will discuss cases in which courts will encounter SIJS eligible children and best practices for these issues and will include distribution of a bench book. Courts are seeing a rise in cases in which litigants and defendants are using discovery as a tactic to obtain information about an abused immigrant's immigration case; this seminar will focus on federal protection for such information.

Moderator

Professor Leslye E. Orloff
Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project

Panelists

The Honorable Rosemary Collins
Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit, Rockford, IL

The Honorable Paula T. Ryan
Family Court of the State of Delaware

The Honorable Loretta M. Young
Family Court of the State of Delaware

Laura Carothers Graham, Esquire
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

BBQ-STYLE RECEPTION

End the day by making new connections and reconnecting with friends and colleagues. Relax, mingle, eat, and drink. Casual dress encouraged!

Hosted by

The Honorable Leo E. Strine, Jr.,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware,
Justices Karen L. Valihura, James T. Vaughn, Jr.,
Collins J. Seitz, Jr., and Gary F. Traynor,
The Delaware Judicial Conference,
and the Delaware State Bar Association

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	CLE Breakout Session I
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Annual Meeting
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	CLE Breakout Session II
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Reception

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Please return by June 8, 2018 • DSB06152018BENCH • Seating is limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration fee includes a continental breakfast, CLE seminar, refreshment breaks, annual meeting, and social reception, including food and beverages.

Tuition Fees: ☐ \$210 – Early Bird Registration ON or BEFORE June 8, 2018 ☐ \$260 – Late Registration AFTER June 8, 2018
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