



# Luzerne County Bench Bar November 5, 2020

**Thursday, November 5, 2020**

**8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

*Advance Registration is necessary.*

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## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR AGENDA

**Zoom Link 1: Hosted by Gail & Joe**

**8:30AM - 8:45am: ATTENDEES LOG-IN USING THEIR ZOOM APP**

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**8:45am - 9:00am: OPENING REMARKS**

**Jamie Anzalone, Esquire - Chairperson, Bench Bar Committee.**

**9:00am - 10:00am: PLENARY SESSION**

*Human Trafficking* - **Shea M. Rhodes, Esquire**, Director and Co-Founder Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

(Worth 1 Hour of Substantive Distance Learning CLE Credit)

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:**

(Worth 1 Hour of Substantive Distance Learning CLE Credit)

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**Zoom Link 2: Hosted by Gail**

**10:15am - 11:15am: BANKRUPTCY**

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**Chairperson: David E. Schwager, Esquire.**

Topic and Presenters Include the Following:

**“Proofs of Claim - Do’s and Don’ts”** – **Hon. Henry W. Van Eck**, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and **Hon. Robert N. Opel II**, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Moderated by **David E. Schwager, Esquire.**

**OR**

**Zoom Link 3: Hosted by Joe**

**10:15am - 11:15am: ELDER LAW (Part 1):**

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**Chairperson: Brenda D. Colbert, Esquire, LL.M., CELA..**

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**Zoom Link 4: Hosted by Gail & Joe**

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**11:30am - 12:00pm: BAR PROGRAM**  
(Not Worth Any Distance Learning CLE Credit)

**Welcome & Presentation by**  
**Catherine R. O'Donnell, Esquire**  
President, Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association.

Presentation of the **2020 President's Award** to



**Hon. Joseph M. Augello.**

And,  
Recognition of Retired Executive Committee Members:  
**Elliot B. Edley, Esquire** and **Fred T. Howe, Esquire**

**Hon. Michael T. Vough,**  
President Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County —  
***A Report on the Courts.***

**12:00pm - 1:00pm: KEYNOTE ETHICS SPEAKER**  
(Worth 1 Hour of Ethics Distance Learning CLE Credit)

Introduced by  
**Jamie Anzalone, Esquire,** Chairperson, Bench Bar Committee



## **Danny Cevallos, Esquire**

*Danny Cevallos is an NBC News and MSNBC Legal Analyst, and an occasional host of NBC News Now's new streaming network. Danny is a co-founder of Cevallos & Wong LLP, a Bucks County personal injury law firm. Danny practices civil litigation and criminal defense in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Danny is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Notre Dame Law School.*

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**Zoom Link 5: Hosted by Joe**  
**1:15pm - 3:15pm: CIVIL LAW**  
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**Chairperson: Jamie Anzalone, Esquire.**

Topic and Presenters Include the Following:



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**“Enjoying the Holidays with Tort Talk: A Holiday Themed Civil Litigation Update” - Daniel E. Cummins, Esquire. (1hour)**

Technology Assistance Provided By:



**“A View from the Bench During the COVID-19 Pandemic” – Hon. Thomas F. Burke Jr., Hon. Lesa S. Gelb, Hon. Richard M. Hughes III, and Hon. Fred A Pierantoni III, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Caelie Sweigart, Esquire, and Shandra Kisailus, Esquire, with Jamie Anzalone, Esquire, as Moderator. (1hour).**

**OR**  
**Zoom Link 6: Hosted by Gail**  
**1:15pm - 3:15pm: CRIMINAL LAW**

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**Chairperson: Frank W. Nocito, Esquire and Michael I. Butera, Esquire.**

Topic and Presenters Include the Following:

**“Recent Developments in the Law” - Hon. Michael T. Vough**, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, **Hon. Joseph F. Sklarosky Jr.** and **Hon. David W. Lupas**, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, **Hon. Joseph M. Augello**, Senior Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, **Hon. Ferris P. Webby**, Magisterial District Court, **Stephanie J. Salavantis, Esquire**, District Attorney of Luzerne County, and **Steven M. Greenwald, Esquire**, Chief Public Defender of Luzerne County. **(2 hours)**

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**Zoom Link 7: Hosted by Gail**  
**3:30pm - 5:30pm: DOMESTIC LAW**

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**Chairperson: Ruth S. Borland, Esquire.**

Topic and Presenters Include the Following:

How the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected Family Law and Practice; Custody Case and Support Case Disposition; Custody and Support Case Practice Questions and Answer Period with **Hon. Jennifer L. Rogers** and **Hon. Joseph J. Van Jura (Ret.)** of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, **Sharon R. Bitzel, Esquire** – Custody Master, **Andrew Lazar, Esquire** – Custody Master, **Susan A. Maza, Esquire** – Divorce Master, and **A. Lisa Pierotti, Esquire**.

**OR**

**Zoom Link 7: Hosted by Joe**  
**3:30pm - 4:30pm: ELDER LAW (Part 2)**

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**Zoom Link 8: Hosted by Joe**  
**4:30pm - 5:30pm: REAL ESTATE LAW**

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**Chairperson: David E. Schwager, Esquire.**

Topic and Presenters Include the Following:

***"Pandemic Preparedness: When Your Client's Home is at Risk"* - Rasheedah Phillips, Esquire, Managing Attorney for Housing Policy for Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, and The Honorable Lesa S. Gelb, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County.**

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for Attending this year's Bench Bar Conference  
held virtually on Zoom.

Many Thanks to  
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The Chair of our Bench Bar Committee  
And the Committee Members

And to our Executive Director  
And Deputy Executive Director for Hosting  
the Event on Zoom.

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