



2021 BENCH BAR CONFERENCE AGENDA

11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. REGISTRATION (Convention Atrium).
Vendor Review Time (Salon CDEF).

11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. LUNCH (Salon CDEF).
LUNCH PROGRAM (Salon CDEF).

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

Presentation of the **2021 President's Award** to
Sheila L. Saidman, Esquire

*See Sheila's Photo & Biography published in **The Register**.*

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. PLENARY SESSION (Salon CDEF).

Jamie Anzalone, Esquire,
Chairperson, Bench Bar Committee.

*Implicit Biases; Micro-Aggressions & Beyond: Successfully Navigating
this New World – Keith Cutler, Esquire, and Dana Cutler, Esquire.*
(Worth 1 Hour of Ethics CLE Credit).

1:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M. BREAK.

1:15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:
In Various Rooms as Indicated in **Red**.
(Workshops are worth 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit).

(I). CIVIL LITIGATION – (Salon A).

Chairperson: **Jamie Anzalone, Esquire.**

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Using Social Media as a Weapon for Both the Plaintiff and the Defendant – **Jamie Anzalone, Esquire** and **Daniel E. Cummins, Esquire.**

(II). CRIMINAL LITIGATION – (Hemlock Meeting Room).

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

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Luzerne County Treatment Court & Specialty Courts - **The Honorable Joseph F. Sklarosky Jr., Dr. William Anzalone, James L. McMonagle Jr., Esquire,** Assistant District Attorney of Luzerne County, and **Jessica Miraglia, Esquire,** Assistant Public Defender of Luzerne County.

(III). REAL ESTATE – (Anthracite Meeting Room).

Chairperson: **James T. Shoemaker, Esquire.**

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Mortgage Foreclosure Diversionary Program - **The Honorable Lesa S. Gelb,** Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, and **Dave Ritter** of CEO.

Zoning Issues Relating to Small Wireless Facilities – **Richard Williams, Esquire.**

(IV). DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND CUSTODY – (Salon B).

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

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Practice in the Family, Support and Juvenile Court – **The Honorable Jennifer L. Rogers,** Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County; **A. Lisa Pierotti, Esquire,** Director of Domestic Relations; **Larry MacDonald, Esquire,** Support Master; **Susan Maza, Esquire,** Divorce Master; **Andrew Lazar, Esquire,** Custody Master; **Lorraine Yeager, Esquire.**

**(V). ELDER LAW, ESTATE PLANNING, SETTLEMENT,
ADMINISTRATION** – (Susquehanna Meeting Room).

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

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Estate Planning Update - **Kevin R. Grebas, Esquire, CELA, and Brenda D. Colbert, Esquire, LL.M., CELA.**

(VI). TRAVEL CLE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION –
(Mountain Laurel Board Room).

Chairpersons: **Elaine Cook, Esquire, Lee Ann White, Esquire, and Paula L. Radick, Esquire.**

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Aspects of Vaccine Passport Issues and Also Issues of Vaccine Mandates as Related to Employment - **Elaine Cook, Esquire, Lee Ann White, Esquire, and Paula L. Radick, Esquire.**

2:15 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. BREAK (Refreshments/ Convention Corridor and Vendor time/ Salon CDEF).

2:30P.M.-3:30P.M. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS CONTINUE
In Various Rooms as Indicated in Red.
(Workshops are worth 1 Hour of Substantive CLE Credit).

(I). CIVIL LITIGATION – (Salon A).

Chairperson: **Jamie Anzalone, Esquire.**

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

A View from the (Civil) Bench – **The Honorable Thomas F. Burke Jr., The Honorable Tina Polachek Gartley, The Honorable Lesa S. Gelb, The Honorable Fred A. Pierantoni III, and The Honorable Joseph J. Van Jura (Ret.),** Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, with **Jamie Anzalone, Esquire,** as Moderator.

(II). CRIMINAL LITIGATION – (Hemlock Meeting Room).

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

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

A View from the (Criminal) Bench - **The Honorable Michael T. Vough, The Honorable Joseph F. Sklarosky Jr., The Honorable David W. Lupas, and The Honorable Joseph M. Augello**, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County.

Recent Developments in the Law - **James L. McMonagle Jr., Esquire**, Assistant District Attorney of Luzerne County.

(III). BANKRUPTCY – (Anthracite Meeting Room).

Chairperson: **James T. Shoemaker, Esquire**.

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Questions and Answers with the New Bankruptcy Judge - **The Honorable Mark Conway**, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

(IV). DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND CUSTODY – (Salon B).

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

Presenters and Topics Include the Following:

Case Law Update on Family Law and Termination of Parental Right Matters - **The Honorable Jennifer L. Rogers**, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County.

(V). ELDER LAW, ESTATE PLANNING, SETTLEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION – (Susquehanna Meeting Room).

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

Presenter and Topics Include the Following:

Elder Law Update - Kevin R. Grebas, Esquire, CELA, and Brenda D. Colbert, Esquire, LL.M., CELA.

3:30 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. **BREAK.**

3:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. **GENERAL SESSION** – (Salon CDEF).

A Report on the Courts -
The Honorable Michael Vough,
President Judge,
Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County.

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. **KEYNOTE ETHICS SPEAKER** –
(Salon CDEF).

Constitutional Issues and the Post-Trump Presidency
(Worth 1 Hour of Ethics CLE Credit).

Elie Honig –
CNN Senior Legal Analyst and
Author of *Hatchet Man: How Bill Barr Broke the Prosecutor's
Code and Corrupted the Justice Department.*

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. **Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres**
(Convention Atrium Corridor).

**The Reception will be located in the Atrium Corridor
where everyone first checked in at the start of the day.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR ATTORNEY CLE
ATTENDANCE SHEETS to JOE, GAIL, OR KRISTIN, SO THAT YOU
MAY RECEIVE CLE CREDIT.**