

Rhode Island Bar Association

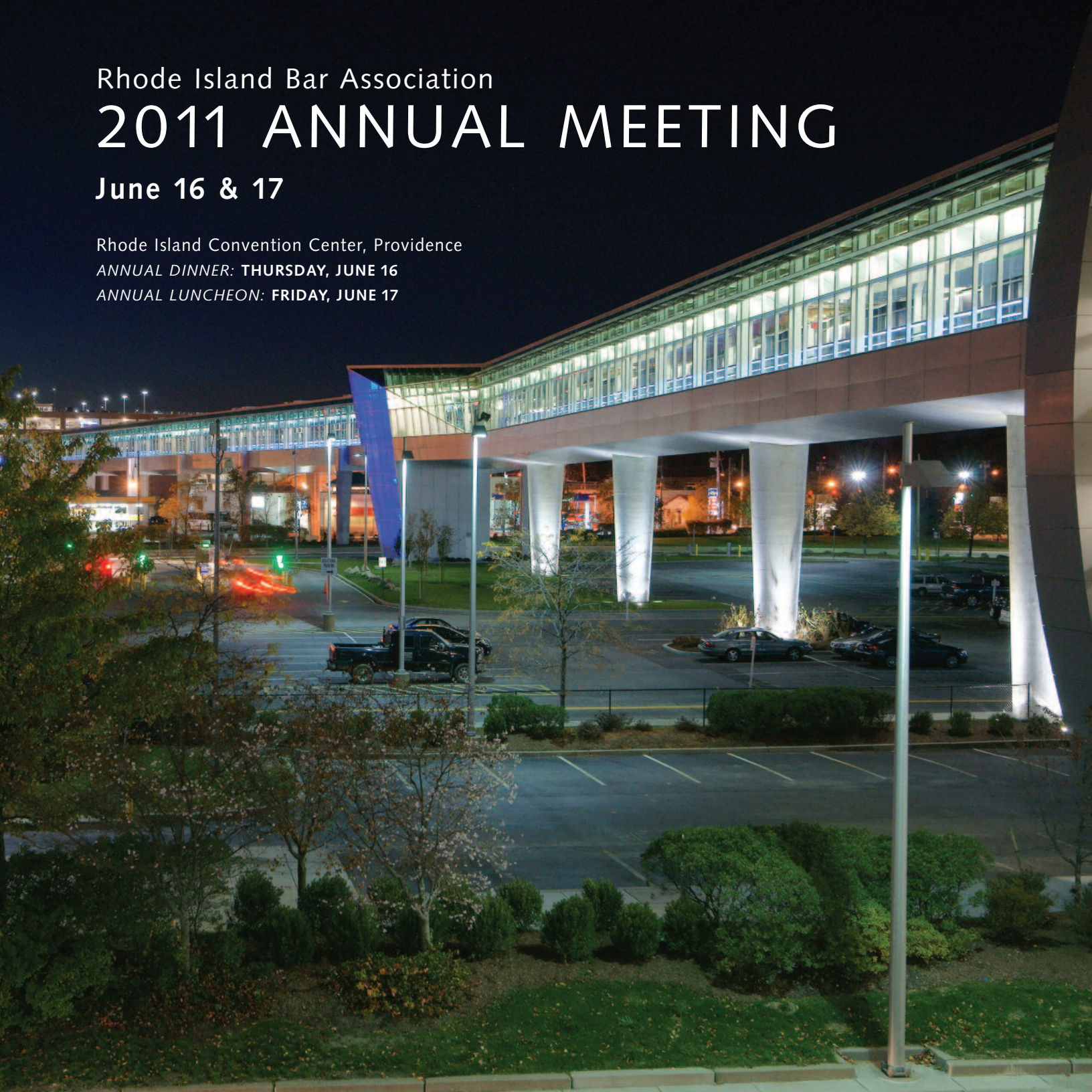
2011 ANNUAL MEETING

June 16 & 17

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence

ANNUAL DINNER: THURSDAY, JUNE 16

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: FRIDAY, JUNE 17



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THE NEW SKYWALK AT TF GREEN AIRPORT
by Brian McDonald

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2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to seeing you at our 2011 Annual Meeting. This year's hard-working Annual Meeting Committee, ably chaired by Bruce W. McIntyre, produced a diverse and enriching program. Supporting this effort, many Bar members and the Bar staff worked with the Committee to ensure a seamless presentation of workshops and social events. As a result, our Annual Meeting provides an outstanding opportunity to learn, to improve your practice, and to socialize with your colleagues.

We have a wide range of workshops providing guidance in family, federal, trial, and commercial law, as well as a variety of ethics-related topics. The two days of programming include seminars on a wide range of legal topics and issues enhanced by the participation of many distinguished and accomplished presenters.


This year's Annual Meeting Plenary Session speaker is legendary civil rights activist Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to seeking justice. Through the Center, Attorney Dees uses the law like a sword in his battle against prejudice.

At this year's Meeting, we are also offering a Free Wellness Center in the Convention Center Rotunda featuring a range of free, interesting, healthful and educational activities including: blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings; chair massage stations offering relaxing shoulder and upper back massages, and much more!

On Thursday night, the festivities begin with a lively reception, followed by dinner, our Annual Bar Awards (please see page 17 for a complete listing), for outstanding achievements, new officer elections, and an address by our new Bar President, William J. Delaney. During our Annual Awards Luncheon on Friday, we are honoring our colleagues for their exceptional community service and contributions to our Bar Journal. Additionally, we will have the pleasure of remarks by our Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell.

The 2011 Annual Meeting Committee's attention to our diverse membership's interests and needs ensures excellent programming, and I urge you to take advantage of the Meeting's early registration fee savings by completing and sending in your registration form before June 10th.

I look forward to seeing you on June 16th and 17th!



Lise M. Iwon, Esq.
President, Rhode Island Bar Association

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2011

FREE WELLNESS CENTER IN THE ROTUNDA, features a range of free, interesting, healthful and educational activities including: blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings; chair massage stations offering relaxing shoulder and upper back massages and more!

8:00am

Registration Begins and Exhibits Open – *Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor*

8:45 – 9:20am

President's Welcome by Lise M. Iwon, Esq. – *Convention Center, Ballroom, 5th Floor*

9:20 – 10:20am

1 Keynote Address – Morris Dees, Esq. – co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center

10:20 – 10:45am

Morning Break

10:45am – 12:00pm

SESSIONS

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| 2 Legal & Ethical Issues in Depression Treatment | 5 Patent Law – Recent Developments |
| 3 Truck Wreck Cases* | 6 Foreclosure Sales – Advising Clients* |
| 4 Using Technology in Your Practice | 7 Estate Planning/Elder Law Update* |

12:00 – 1:30pm

Members Luncheon – *Convention Center, 1st floor*

12:00 – 1:30pm

Rhode Island Bar Foundation Annual Meeting – *Westin Hotel, Waterplace Ballroom*

1:30 – 2:45pm

SESSIONS

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| 8 Non-English Speaking Witness* | 12 Unraveling Mystery of MERS* |
| 9 Landlord/Tenant Case Study* | 13 Elder Law – 10 Must-Know Things* |
| 10 Social Media in the Workplace* | 14 Intersection of Domestic Blvd. & Debtor* |
| 11 Intellectual Property Aspects in Business | |

2:45 – 3:15pm

Afternoon Break

3:15 – 4:30pm

SESSIONS

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| 15 Courtroom Tech – 21st Century Evidence* | 19 Commercial Real Estate Transactions* |
| 16 Forensic Science – Emerging Law & Practice* | 20 Special Needs – Trusts & Planning* |
| 17 Protecting Practice from Techno Disaster | 21 Family Law – Taxation Issues* |
| 18 National Health Reform – Legal & Benefits | |

4:45pm

Reception – *Convention Center, 1st floor*

6:00pm

Annual Dinner – *Convention Center, 1st floor*

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FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2011

Registration Begins and Exhibits Open – *Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor*

President's Welcome by Lise M. Iwon, Esq. – *Ballroom A, 5th Floor*

SESSIONS

- 22 Civil Case Law Update*
- 23 Refusal Cases: Beyond Basics*
- 24 Business Representation Ethics*
- 25 60 Tech Practice & Management Tips
- 26 Charitable Giving Counsel's Role*
- 27 Environmental Land Use Law Update

Mid Morning Break

SESSIONS

- 28 Limited Scope Representation
- 29 Criminal Case Law Update*
- 30 Abusive Debt Collectors – FDCPA
- 31 Social Networking
- 32 VA Benefits Introduction*
- 33 Family Court Mediation Dos & Don'ts*
- 34 Online Legal Research – CASEMAKER

Awards Luncheon – *Convention Center, 1st floor*

SESSIONS

- 35 Federal & State Court Rules & Practices*
- 36 Medical Marijuana Consequences*
- 37 Handling Chapter 11 Individual Business Owner*
- 38 Disorder in the Court
- 39 Controlling Trust Funds*
- 40 Family Court 101*
- 41 Online Legal Research – CASEMAKER

Afternoon Break

SESSIONS

- 42 Digital Evidence/Electronic Discovery*
- 43 Student Bullying – Legal Implications*
- 44 Commercial Law Workshop*
- 45 Starting/Ending Client Relationships
- 46 Estate Planning – Dealing With CPAs*
- 47 Online Legal Research – CASEMAKER

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In Memoriam: J. Robert Weisberger, Jr., Esq., *Secretary*

Nominating Committee Report: Victoria M. Almeida, Esq.
Committee Chair

Treasurer's Report: Michael R. McElroy, Esq., *Treasurer*

9:20 – 10:20am

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1.0 ETHICS CREDIT

Rediscovering our Roots: A Life in the Law

Remember why you became a lawyer? Were you motivated by a family member or a friend? Was it the opportunity to seek justice? Did you want to help the less fortunate? Renew your connection to your calling through an informative and inspirational address by one of our time's most famous attorneys. *Attorney Dees is available after the plenary session to speak, informally, with interested Bar members.*



Morris Dees, Esq.

MORRIS SELIGMAN DEES, JR., ESQ., and his Montgomery, Alabama law partner Joseph J. Levin, Jr. and civil rights activist Julian Bond founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to seeking justice. Through the Southern Poverty Law Center, Dees uses the law like a sword in his battle against prejudice and hatred. In the 1980s and '90s, he bankrupted the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi groups with a series of historic lawsuits. Today, he focuses his attention on anti-government militias. In his book, *Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat*, Dees explains the dangers these groups represent. He is also author of *A Lawyer's Journey*, an autobiography, and *Hate on Trial: The Case Against America's Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi*.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2011

10:20 – 10:45am

Morning Break

Enjoy a range of refreshments, conversation and exhibitor products and services. And, don't forget to stop by the Free Wellness Center in the Rotunda!

10:45am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Workshops *(choose one from #2-7)*

Please Note: *Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are approved for re-certification to court appointment panels. Courses taken for court appointment must be relevant to the panels.*

10:45am – 12:00pm

2

Legal and Ethical Issues Surrounding the Treatment or Failure to Treat Depression: A Conversation with Dr. Peter Kramer

1.5 ETHICS CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderators: Nicholas Trott Long, Esq., *Providence*

Lise M. Iwon, Esq., *Laurence & Iwon*

Speaker: Peter Kramer, M.D., *Brown University Medical School*

Studies indicate lawyers suffer from depression at, at least, twice the national average. Reasons include the very characteristics that make lawyers good at what they do. Lawyers are taught to aim for perfection, to be aggressive and emotionally detached. They intellectualize, rationalize and displace problems. The speaker discusses lawyers' ethical responsibilities to themselves, their partners and clients regarding depression-related issues, and how to promote timely diagnosis and treatment of the disease.



Peter Kramer, M.D.

Brown Medical School Professor, practicing psychiatrist and best-selling author of six books including *Listening to Prozac* and *Against Depression*, Dr. Kramer persuasively argues that depression is a woefully undertreated, serious disease with significant consequences, not only for the individual, but society. He addresses the impact and management of this life-threatening illness, and examines how depression can impair the practice and a practitioner's quality of life.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2011

10:45am – 12:00pm

3

What Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Speakers: Robert T. Karns, Esq., *Karns Law Group*
Morgan Adams, Esq., *Law Office of Morgan Adams, Chattanooga, TN*
Gary N. Stewart, Esq., *Rawle & Henderson, Harrisburg, PA*

Presented from both the plaintiff and the defendant standpoints, this seminar examines how truck accidents differ significantly from other motor vehicle accidents. Tractor trailers are bound by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act regulations including hiring, company operation, loading, safety, electronic communication, investigation and post accident regulation. Many causes of action exist over and above simple negligent operation with different levels of insurance coverage. In addition, the regulations may help prove the case. For example, certain documents and records must be kept for a period of time, and certain electronic recording equipment must be used and all are completely discoverable.

10:45am – 12:00pm

4

The Only Rational and Real Reasons to Use Technology in Your Practice in 2011 and Beyond

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Speaker: Ross L. Kodner, Esq., *MicroLaw, Inc.*

We've all done the ritual dance of technology acquisition and change many times in our practice careers. But why? Because someone waved a digital magic wand and pronounced all our old technology obsolete? Because the firm down the hall did it, and we have to keep up with the law practice Joneses? This session gets to the core of why it's insane not to acquire and implement the right tech, right now, in your practice. How to achieve a best practices approach every day, be ethically compliant, reduce malpractice risk and, above all, find a way to enjoy your law practice and have a better life.



Ross L. Kodner, Esq.

ROSS L. KODNER, ESQ., an internationally-recognized legal technology consultant and educator, is the founder of the Wisconsin-based MicroLaw, Inc., an independent legal technology and law practice management consulting practice, serving law firms and government and corporate legal departments. A frequent faculty member on CLE programs throughout the country, he has received six awards from the Technolawyer Community and served four years as Chair of the ABA Law Practice Management Section's Computer and Technology Division.

10:45am – 12:00pm

5

Recent Developments in Patent Law

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

Moderator: Alexander J. Smolenski, Jr., Esq., *Sunstein Kann Murphy Timbers LLP*

LEVELS – INTERMEDIATE

Speakers: Thomas J. Tuytschaevers, Esq., *Sunstein Kann Murphy Timbers LLP*Joshua A. Stockwell, Esq., *Barlow, Josephs & Holmes, Ltd.*

A review of the hottest and most noteworthy developments in patent law geared for the non-patent practitioner. Learn about recent patent law cases, legislation, trends and ramifications. Exemplary topics covered include patentable subject matter, the patent prosecution highway and patent marking lawsuits. This seminar also touches on topical ethical issues regarding this thriving area of law.

10:45am – 12:00pm

6

Foreclosure Sales Good, Bad and Ugly: How to Advise Your Clients Who Want to Make a Killing*

1.5 CREDITS

Speakers: Jonathan L. Stanzler, Esq., *Providence*

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Stephen P. Patti, Esq., *Law Offices of Stephen P. Patti*Theodore A. Topouzis, Esq., *Topouzis & Associates*

Your client comes to you believing there is a killing to be made by buying foreclosed properties. He wants you to tell him how to do it; “We will both make a lot of money,” he says. How should you respond? What advice do you give him or her about advantages, risks, rewards and perils? What duties do you owe your client before and during the transactional process? What do you need to do and think of to avoid malpractice? This workshop answers these questions.

10:45am – 12:00pm

7

2011 Rhode Island Estate Planning and Elder Law: A Review of New Federal and State Estate Tax and Medicaid Qualification Changes*

1.5 CREDITS

Moderator: Joseph R. Marion III, Esq., *Burns & Levinson LLP*

LEVEL – ALL

Speakers: Karen G. Delponte, Esq., *Cameron & Mittleman, LLP*Lynn E. Riley, Esq., *Cameron and Mittleman, LLP*James J. Mullen, Esq., *Law Offices of James J. Mullen*

A discussion of new Federal Estate and Gift Tax changes passed by Congress on December 17, 2010 and of the likelihood of implementation of an increased Rhode Island Estate Tax exemption based on the Ocean State Policy Research Council report *Leaving Rhode Island*. An overview of Medicaid changes includes the status of the Rhode Island Medicaid System for Long Term Care Assistance, as administered by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, as a result of the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2006 and the recent implementation of the Global Waiver Program.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2011

12:00 – 1:30pm

Rhode Island Bar Association Members' Luncheon

Convention Center, 1st floor

Enjoy a relaxed lunch with your colleagues, then take a leisurely stroll through the exhibits and recharge your batteries. And, consider a visit to the Free Wellness Center in the Rotunda. Remember, our Cocktail Reception at 4:45p.m. immediately follows the last seminar, and our Annual Dinner begins at 6:00p.m.

12:00 – 1:30pm

Rhode Island Bar Foundation Annual Meeting – *Westin Hotel, Waterplace Ballroom*

Fellows and invited guests receive a separate invitation for this event.



John A. Tarantino, Esq.
President

The Rhode Island Bar Foundation Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Rhode Island Bar Association Annual Meeting. President John A. Tarantino and the Board of Directors are pleased to welcome and thank the Foundation Fellows who, through their professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community and to the objectives of the Foundation. During the luncheon we recognize the recipient organizations of Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) grants. Over \$400,000 was granted this calendar year for the provision of legal services and the administration of justice in Rhode Island. Recipients of the Thomas F. Black, Jr., Memorial Law School Scholarship are introduced.

1:30 – 2:45pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #8-14)

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1:30 – 2:45pm

8

What We Have Here is a Failure to Communicate: Assessing the Credibility of Non-English Speaking Witnesses*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Hon. Daniel A. Procaccini, *Associate Justice, RI Superior Court*

Speakers: Hon. Netti C. Vogel, *Associate Justice, RI Superior Court*
 Laura Murray Tjan, Esq., *Professor, Boston College Law School*
Immigration Clinic

Mark H. Grimm, Esq., *Warwick*

Susana E. Torres, *Office of Court Interpreters, Coordinator*

Daniel J. Procaccini, Esq., *Providence*

The participation of non-English speaking witnesses in court proceedings is no longer an infrequent occurrence. Panelists discuss inherent difficulties when making credibility assessments of non-English speaking witnesses and how to address juror issues and preconceptions. The speakers explore whether expert testimony regarding the unique cultural characteristics of such witnesses should be permitted to assist juries in interpreting verbal and non-verbal communications cues that might otherwise be lost or misinterpreted in translation.

1:30 – 2:45pm

9

A Landlord-Tenant Case Study and Discussion*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Lise M. Iwon, Esq., *Laurence & Iwon*

Speakers: Robert M. Sabel, Esq., *Rhode Island Legal Services*
 John W. Dineen, Esq., *Providence*

“Are you a lawyer? I just have a simple landlord-tenant question.” Watch out. Simple may become very tricky. In this case study and discussion session, you meet Lucille the Landlord, Tony the Tenant, Michael Vick’s pit bulls, Tony’s counselor, and Officer McGraw. And, you learn about reasonable accommodation law, medical marijuana, rent-withholding, non-compliance notices, inspections, non-renewals, and even invasion of privacy.

1:30 – 2:45pm

10

Rights & Responsibilities of Employees and Employers: Social Media in the Workplace*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE**Moderator:** Richard M. Peirce, Esq., *Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce***Speakers:** Stacie B. Collier, Esq., *Nixon Peabody*Zoe Argento, Esq., *Professor, Roger Williams Law School*

This program addresses the rights and responsibilities of both employers and employees regarding social media (Facebook postings, tweets, blogs, YouTube, and more) in the workplace. Issues include: What are an employer's legal and business risks resulting from an employee's use of social media and what employment actions may an employer take based upon information posted on social media? What are an employee's rights to privacy and what employee communications are protected by state and federal law?

1:30 – 2:45pm

11

Intellectual Property Aspects of Organizing and Growing a Rhode Island Business

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Joseph R. Marion, III, Esq., *Burns & Levinson LLP***Speakers:** Jerry Cohen, Esq., *Burns & Levinson LLP*Jacob N. Erlich, Esq., *Burns & Levinson LLP*

The presenters discuss Intellectual Property (IP) with business law issues, including how to build and maintain IP positions, perfection and enforcement of rights, defense perspective and financing development of technology and IP through private and government sources.

1:30 – 2:45pm

12

Unraveling the Mystery of the Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS).*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ADVANCED

Speaker: George E. Babcock, Esq., *Providence*

The speaker reviews MERS and how it has affected the mortgage recording/foreclosure/eviction market in RI and across the country with a focus on how MERS mortgages, assignments and foreclosure deeds must be reviewed with extra attention and how title examiners must go outside the recorded documents to make decisions regarding title status. Discussion includes the statutory of power sale in regard to MERS mortgages and post foreclosure challenges to title.

1:30 – 2:45pm

13

Rhode Island Elder Law – Ten Things You Must Know to Help Your Elder Clients*

1.5 CREDITS

Speaker: Michael T. Lahti, Esq., LL.M., *Lahti, Lahti & O'Neill, LLC*

LEVEL – BEGINNER

A primer on the elder law issues all Rhode Island attorneys must be familiar with to provide advice to existing and prospective senior clients on matters ranging from basic estate planning to dealing with Medicare, Medicaid and other healthcare laws, to protecting assets from potential creditors.

1:30 – 2:45pm

14

The Intersection of Domestic Blvd. and Debtor Ave.*

1.5 CREDITS

Speakers: Kevin D. Heitke, Esq., *Harrisville*William J. Delaney, Esq., *Delaney & DeMerchant, LLC*LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATERobert S. Parker, Esq., *McIntyre, Tate & Lynch, LLP*

How are Domestic Support Obligations and property settlement agreements treated in Federal Bankruptcy Courts, and how is dischargeable and non-dischargeable debt dealt with in Rhode Island Family Courts? Over five years have elapsed since the new BAPCA rules were enacted, so how has it been going for debtors' and creditors' attorneys, as it relates to domestic relations orders and family court matters? This session assists the beginner in either court and provides informative tips to regular practitioners.

2:45 – 3:15pm

Afternoon Break

The Free Wellness Center is open in the Rotunda, and our exhibitors are interested in demonstrating how their products and services help your practice.

3:15 – 4:30pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #15-21)

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3:15 – 4:30pm

15

Technology in the Courtroom: Demonstrative Evidence for the 21st Century and Beyond*

1.5 CREDITS

Moderator: Bohun B. Kinloch, III, Esq., *Hasbro, Inc.*

LEVEL – ALL

Speakers: Richard Suls, *Computer/Technology Consultant*

Hon. Patricia A. Hurst, *Associate Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court*

This program explores how technology can improve fact-finders' understanding and memory retention of evidence presented at trial and includes demonstrations of existing and emerging technologies available to law practices of all sizes. The panelists address practical issues arising out of the use of technology in the courtroom, as well as admission of digital evidence.

3:15 – 4:30pm

16

Forensic Science: RI Law Practice & Emerging Trends*

1.5 CREDITS

Speaker: Michael A. DiLauro, Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

The workshop focuses on two recent reform efforts to address the leading causes of wrongful convictions in Rhode Island and across the country including mistaken eyewitness identification and fraudulent forensic science. Attendees learn how to use the recent National Academy of Science report, *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States* and the Rhode Island report of the *Task Force to Identify & Recommend Policies & Procedures to Improve the Accuracy of Eyewitness Identification*. The presentation concludes with an overview of *State of Rhode Island v. John Gordon*, concerning the last man executed in the state.

3:15 – 4:30pm

17

Protecting Your Practice from Technology Disaster: The Ethical and Responsible Approach to Inevitable Calamity

1.5 ETHICS CREDITS

Speaker: Ross L. Kodner, Esq., *MicroLaw, Inc.*

LEVEL – ALL

Great capability means great responsibility. Learn about the dark side of technology in your practice. Identify the pitfalls the unwary lawyer can experience and learn to navigate safely through treacherous technology traps. The speaker addresses backup issues, security, wifi exposure of confidential client information, theft of technology, cloud computing potential risks and disasters, email messes, and how to make sure that these disasters don't happen.

3:15 – 4:30pm

18

National Health Reform: Legal and Benefit Implications

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Speakers: Michael S. Varadian, Esq., MBA, *Executive Director, Environmental and Health Services Regulations, RI Department of Health*
Gerard R. Goulet, Esq., MPH, *Hinckley Allen & Snyder, LLP*

This presentation addresses selected aspects of national health reform legislation, as they may apply to states, individual and employer clients in your legal practice. Among the topics covered are regulations affecting health insurance coverage mandates, roadblocks to coverage, premium assistance subsidies, employer penalties, and small business tax credits. Legal challenges, anti-fraud provisions and new provider and payer corporate structures are reviewed.

3:15 – 4:30pm

19

Commercial Real Estate Transactions: The New Economic Climate*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Richard M. Fil, Esq., *Robinson & Cole, LLP*

Speakers: Carla M. Moynihan, Esq., *Robinson & Cole, LLP*

John A. Chambers, PG, LSP, *VP Brownfields and Urban Redevelopment, Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.*

Jeffrey A. St. Sauveur, Esq., *Principal and Senior Title Attorney, Pilgrim Title*

This workshop focuses on issues related to commercial real estate transactions involving property in RI and New England states. The panel addresses matters including securing obligations, title/survey, financing and workouts, construction (payment and mechanics' liens), leasing, and environmental issues. The presenters review different underwriting standards emerging in response to economic conditions and alternative approaches including how to position transactions to get to a closing.

3:15 – 4:30pm

20

Special Needs Trusts & Disability Planning: A Primer for Estate Planners, General Practitioners and Personal Injury Lawyers*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Speaker: David J. Correia, Esq., *Correia, LLP*

The speaker reviews the tax and regulatory regime unique to special needs trusts and structured settlements.

3:15 – 4:30pm

21

Taxation Issues in Family Law Cases: What You Need to Know Before it's Too Late*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Jane F. Howlett, Esq., *Chair, Family Court Bench/Bar Committee***Speakers:** Gregory A. Porcaro, CPA, *Orlando, Porcaro & Associates*Elizabeth W. Segovis, Esq., *RI Legal Services, Inc., Taxpayer Clinic*Justin S. Holden, Esq., *Holden & O'Brien*

This seminar addresses major issues practitioners in Family Law cases need to address including, but not limited to, claims of exemptions and filing status of returns, accounting issues, and IRS collection issues and defenses.

4:45pm

Cocktail Reception (*Sponsored by Our Exhibitors*) – *Convention Center, 1st Floor*

6:00pm

Annual Dinner – *Convention Center, 1st Floor*

Recognition of Officers

2011 Pro Bono Awards

Established in 1987, the Pro Bono Publico Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of attorneys who provide equal access to justice for the poor through the Volunteer Lawyer Program and the Pro Bono Program for the Elderly during the past year.

Volunteer Lawyer Program

David B. Hathaway, Esq.

Elderly Pro Bono Program

Arthur D. Parise, Esq.

Joseph T. Houlihan Lifetime Mentor Award

Named in honor of Joseph T. Houlihan, this award recognizes individuals who consistently demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to serve as role models to other lawyers; have significantly contributed to the profession and/or the community; with their excellent counsel have excelled as mentors and contributed to the ideals of ethics, civility, professionalism and legal skills.

Justin T. Shay, Esq.

Chief Justice Joseph R. Weisberger Judicial Excellence Award

Named in honor of its first recipient, Chief Justice (ret.) Joseph R. Weisberger, this award is presented to a judge of the Rhode Island State Courts or Federal District Court bench for exemplifying and encouraging the highest level of competence, integrity, judicial temperament, ethical conduct and professionalism.

Hon. George E. Healy

Chief Judge, Workers' Compensation Court

William J. Delaney Accepts the President's Gavel

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2011

8:00am

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9:00 – 10:15am

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Civil Case Law Update*

Moderator: Hon. Francis X. Flaherty, *Associate Justice, RI Supreme Court*

Speakers: Hon. Judith C. Savage, *Associate Justice, RI Superior Court*
Hon. Francis J. Darigan, *Associate Justice, RI Superior Court*
Hon. Joseph R. Weisberger, *Chief Justice (ret.), RI Supreme Court*
Lauren E. Jones, Esq., *Jones Associates*

The distinguished panelists provide an informative and insightful overview of recent noteworthy civil case-related decisions issued by the United States Supreme Court and the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

9:00 – 10:15am

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Refusal Cases: Beyond the Basics*

Speakers: Robert H. Humphrey, Esq., *Law Offices of Robert H. Humphrey*
Amy K. Dodge, Esq., *Department of Attorney General*

This workshop is for both new attorneys and attorneys who have experience handling refusal cases before the RI Traffic Tribunal. This workshop reviews the four key elements the state must prove to sustain a refusal charge, and then moves beyond the basic refusal case elements, analyzing past and recent decisions that prosecutors and defense attorneys should be aware of to successfully prosecute and defend refusal cases.

9:00 – 10:15am

1.5 ETHICS CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

24

Representing the Rhode Island Business Entity: Ethical Considerations***Speaker:** Susan Leach DeBlasio, Esq., *Adler, Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*

The seminar addresses ethical considerations when providing legal representation to a business entity in connection with its formation and its continuing operations, whether a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, or other form of business enterprise. Significant topics include identity of the client, conflicts of interest, confidential information, and the attorney-client relationship.

9:00 – 10:15am

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

25

60 Hot Tech and Practice Management Tips, Gadgets and Websites**Speaker:** Ross L. Kodner, Esq., *MicroLaw, Inc.*

A rapid-fire exposition of all things tech covering everything under the sun with special emphasis on smartphones, applications, tablets including Android and iPad, cloud computing/SaaS, practice management, Windows and Mac issues, gadgets to maximize your productivity, manage your practice, and provide better service to your clients.

9:00 – 10:15am

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

26

Examining the Role of Charitable Giving Counsel: Are You Looking Beyond the Bequest?***Moderator:** James S. Sanzi, Esq., *The Rhode Island Foundation***Speakers:** Deborah DiNardo, Esq., *Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP*Leon C. Boghossian III, Esq., *Hinckley Allen & Snyder LLP*

The attorney's role in client-centric charitable giving is comprehensive, covering whether to give, how to most effectively give from both a tax and emotional standpoint, and the fiduciary obligations associated with certain types of gifts. Such considerations include: current vs. deferred giving, planned and split-interest gifts, estate and income tax implications, and the fiduciary risks and rewards associated with various gifts. The panelists discuss the legal landscape of charitable giving, the estate and tax planner's role in counseling a client on giving options, and the attorney's role as fiduciary or counsel to a fiduciary.

9:00 – 10:15am

27

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Update on Environmental and Land Use Law

Speakers: Jennifer R. Cervenka, Esq., *Partridge Snow & Hahn, LLP*
 Marisa A. Desautel, Esq., *Legal Counsel, RI Department of Environmental Management*
 Christopher A. D'Ovidio, Esq., *Merolla & Accetturo, Adjunct Professor, Land Use Law, Roger Williams University*
 Brian A. Goldman, Esq., *Legal Counsel, RI Coastal Resources Management Council*

The panelists discuss updates on state environmental and land use law, including the new Ocean Special Area Management Plan (SAMP), the new Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual, legislative changes and case law developments.

10:15 – 10:45am

Morning Break

Enjoy a range of refreshments, conversation, and exhibitor products and services. And, check into the Free Wellness Center in the Rotunda.

10:45am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (*choose one from #28-34*)

Please Note: *Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are approved for re-certification to court appointment panels. Courses taken for court appointment must be relevant to the panels.*

10:45am – 12:00pm

28

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Limited Scope Representation: How does it work?

Moderator: Richard M. Peirce, Esq., *Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce*
Speaker: Michael Millemann, Esq., *Professor, University of Maryland Law School*

This program introduces limited scope representation, intended to permit clients who otherwise could not afford to, or would not choose to, hire a lawyer to obtain critical legal representation for discrete and important tasks in the course of resolving disputes. The session reviews how limited scope representation is being implemented around the country and in Rhode Island where the Rules of Professional Responsibility were amended to permit this.

MICHAEL MILLEMANN is the Jacob A. France Professor of Public Interest Law and Director of the Leadership, Ethics & Democracy Initiative at the University of Maryland Law School. Professor Millemann was the reporter of the American Bar Association (ABA) Task Force which produced the Handbook on Limited Scope Representation for the ABA Litigation Section.

10:45am – 12:00pm

29

Criminal Case Law Update*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Hon. Francis X. Flaherty, *Associate Justice, RI Supreme Court*

Speakers: Hon. Judith C. Savage, *Associate Justice, RI Superior Court*
 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, *Associate Justice, RI Superior Court*
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10:45am – 12:00pm

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Turning the Tables on Abusive Debt Collectors: Using the FDCPA

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Speakers: John T. Longo, Esq., *Citadel, Consumer Litigation, PC*
 Steven M. Richard, Esq., *Nixon Peabody, LLP*

The speakers highlight cost effective ways to use the Federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act to help clients harassed by debt collectors. Topics include: dollars & cents; FDCPA statutory damages & mandatory fee shifting; determining whether clients are judgment proof; consumer's rights under FDCPA; common FDCPA violations; building FDCPA cases; demand letters; dealing with the underlying debt; and forum selection – state court v. federal court.

10:45am – 12:00pm

31

Social Networking in Your Practice: Facebook, Twitter, Youtube & Linked In – What to do now, ethically and responsibly.

1.5 ETHICS CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Speaker: Ross L. Kodner, Esq., *MicroLaw, Inc.*

Social media and social networking have burst onto the law practice scene and radically altered the way our practices can be marketed, promoted, branded and communicated. But, ethical pitfalls and traps abound for the social media unwary among us. Learn about the four key sites, how to use them, how to position them and how to stay out of trouble.

10:45am – 12:00pm

32

Introduction to Veterans Benefits*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Speaker: Robert V. Chisholm, Esq., *Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick, Ltd.*

This workshop includes an overview of Veterans Administration (VA) benefits. The speaker focuses on how to apply for VA disability compensation, and what to do when the claim is denied.

10:45am – 12:00pm

33

Dos and Don'ts for Family Court Practitioners with Court Ordered Mediation*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Timothy J. Conlon, Esq., *TJC, Esq.***Speakers:** Lori Jean Giarrusso, Esq., *Mediator, RI Family Court*Steven J. Hirsch, Esq., *Office of Steven J. Hirsch*Jean A. George, MA, *Macktaz & George LLC, Inc.*

Mediation often serves as an excellent alternative to family court issues. However, what do you do when you are ordered to participate in mediation by the court? The panelists address challenges and strategies for dealing with court ordered mediation.

10:45am – 12:00pm

34

Online Legal Research – CASEMAKER

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

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This session is repeated at 1:30pm and 2:45pm. Choose just one session.

12:00 – 1:30pm

Awards Luncheon – *Convention Center, 1st floor***Address by Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell** – *Supreme Court of Rhode Island***Rhode Island Bar Journal Lauren E. Jones Writing Award**

The Rhode Island Bar Journal Writing Award recognizes authors of published Bar Journal articles on the basis of effectiveness of presentation, legal significance, and accuracy and depth of research and information provided.

Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Awards

Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Awards recognize members for their volunteer work benefiting non-profit organizations. The award is named in memory of Rhode Island attorney Dorothy Lohmann who devoted her entire professional life to helping the poor.

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1:30 – 2:30pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #35-41)

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1:30 – 2:30pm

35

Federal and State Court Rules and Practices – Differences Do Make a Difference*

1.0 CREDIT

Moderator: George E. Lieberman, Esq., *Vetter & White*

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

Speakers: S. Michael Levin, Esq., *Winograd Shine & Zacks, P.C.*

Timothy M. Bliss, Esq., *Vetter & White*

The panelists compare the significant and practical differences between our federal and state courts, the rules, practices and procedures concerning pre-trial proceedings and the conduct of trials and how they can materially affect the outcome of a case. Including: how judges are assigned; mandated discovery disclosures, including expert witness information; conduct of depositions; motion practices; required pre-trial filings; ADR programs in each of the courts; jury empanelment and conduct of trials; evidentiary rules, particularly as to expert testimony and post-accidental remedial measures; and differences in practice between the courts.

1:30 – 2:30pm

36

Medical Marijuana: Unexpected Consequences for Employers, Landlords, Tenants, Licensed Health Facilities, and Patients*

1.0 CREDIT

Moderator: Bruce W. McIntyre, Esq., *RI Department of Health*

LEVEL – ALL

Speakers: Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN, *RI Department of Health*

Kenneth Madden, Esq., *US Attorney's Office*

State and Federal Law conflicts have raised serious questions about rights of patients, caregivers, employers, landlords, tenants, and law enforcement. The panelists examine the rights and potential liabilities of patients, caregivers, and those who house, employ and treat patients medically.

1:30 – 2:30pm

.5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

37

New Options for Individual Business Owners in Chapter 11*

Speakers: Vincent A. Indeglia, Esq., *Indeglia & Associates*
 Russell D. Raskin, Esq., *Raskin & Berman*

Individuals in business now have an alternative when Chapter 13 is not available. New provisions introduced in 2005 make Chapter 11 more accessible providing re-organization options for your individual business client. Individual Chapter 11 offers advantages that do not exist in a corporate Chapter 11.

1:30 – 2:30pm

1.0 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

38

Disorder in the Court: Why are you acting like that?

Speakers: Hon. Alice B. Gibney, *Presiding Justice, RI Superior Court*
 Judith G. Hoffman, LICSW, CEAP, *Executive Director, Rhode Island Employee Assistance Services (RIEAS)*
 Brian Adae, Esq., *RI Disability Law Center*
 Wayne M. Kezirian, Esq., *Senior Vice President & General Counsel Johnson & Wales University*

This interactive presentation examines various fact patterns showing lawyers acting improperly with emphasis on underlying causes from disabilities, impairments, and other issues. Learn about options and alternatives if this happens to you.

1:30 – 2:30pm

1.0 CREDIT

LEVEL – ALL

39

Controlling Trust Funds*

Speakers: Deborah J. Schaefer, CPA
 David D. Curtin, Esq., *Office of the Disciplinary Counsel*

Trust funds must be meticulously accounted for. Trust fund audits are more common now than ever. What is required? What are the rules? Controlling trust funds requires sound record keeping, and the speakers provide useful information to ensure appropriate trust fund control.

1:30 – 2:30pm

40

Family Court Practice 101: Ask the Veteran Lawyers*

1.0 CREDIT

Moderator: Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Johnston*

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Speakers: Hon. Karen Lynch Bernard, *Associate Justice, RI Family Court*Deborah M. Kennedy, Esq., *Kennedy Law Office, LLC*Richard A. Boren, Esq., *Visconti & Boren, Ltd.*

In this interactive presentation, the panelists discuss key issues regarding domestic and juvenile legal issues and encourage and respond to questions regarding these issues from Family Court practitioners.

1:30 – 2:30pm

41

Online Legal Research – CASEMAKER

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LEVEL – ALL

2:30 – 2:45pm

Afternoon Break

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2:45 – 4:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (*choose one from #42-47*)

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2:45 – 4:00pm

42

Digital Evidence and Electronic Discovery: How to Find and Use It*

1.5 CREDITS

Speakers: Victor Fay-Wolfe, Ph. D., *Director, Rhode Island Digital Forensics Center*

LEVEL – BEGINNER

This workshop introduces what attorneys should know about the art and science of digital forensics and electronic discovery including: why they need it; how it works; and how to make it work for their practice. The speaker covers basic concepts of: what digital evidence can be found; how digital evidence can be used; and how to obtain digital evidence. The seminar provides available attorney resources for refreshers, more detail, and professional help.

2:45 – 4:00pm

43

Student Bullying: The Legal Implications for Students and School Departments*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE**Moderator:** Susan T. Perkins, Esq., *Law Office of Susan T. Perkins***Speakers:** Hon. Haiganush R. Bedrosian, *Chief Judge, Rhode Island Family Court*
Thomas A. Palombo, Esq., *Assistant Attorney General, Department of Attorney General*Karen L. Loewy, Esq., *Senior Staff Attorney, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders*James Robinson, *Executive Director, Youth Pride, Inc.*

The panelists provide an analysis of legal issues surrounding student bullying. Seminar topics include: how student bullying cases are handled by the Family Court; current trends in cyber bullying via the internet and text messaging; various causes of action and remedies available under Rhode Island's hate crimes laws and through the Office of Civil Rights Advocate; an analysis of the existing legal protections focusing on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) bullying; and services available to LGBTQ students.

2:45 – 4:00pm

44

Commercial Law Workshop: Pitfalls and Practical Considerations*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Thomas S. Hemmendinger, Esq., *Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP***Speakers:** Jeffrey B. Cianciolo, Esq., *Reavis Cianciolo, LLC*Richard J. Land, Esq., *Winograd, Shine & Zacks, P.C.*

Business clients do not like surprises. This program identifies and explores some traps for the unwary in commercial practice, including: inadvertent loss of contractual rights and remedies; dealing with federal tax liens; disputes over the proceeds of collateral; new trade terms for both international and domestic sales of goods; and the upcoming revisions of UCC Article 9 and the problems that created the need for these revisions.

2:45 – 4:00pm

1.5 ETHICS CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

45

Electronic and Personal Connections: Risk Management and Ethical Obligations in Starting and Ending an Attorney-Client Relationship

Speakers: David A. Grossbaum, Esq., *Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP*
 Samuel C. Bodurtha, Esq., *Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP*
 Charles S. Levine, *Assistant Vice President Professional Liability Claims, Liberty International Underwriters*

Within the context of client inquiries through the internet and email, as well as through more traditional means including referrals and advertising, the panelists discuss the ethical rules and case law governing the start of client relationships, the lawyer's obligations, and ways to minimize the risk of problems if the relationship sours.

2:45 – 4:00pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

46

Dealing with CPAs – Estate Planning*

Speakers: David T. Riedel, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, PC*
 Boyd Foster, CPA, CFE, ABV, *Sullivan & Company LLP*
 Paul O'Brien, CPA, MST, CFP, *Sullivan & Company LLP*

Young attorneys do not always understand and appreciate estate planning options available to their clients. CPAs bring knowledge and experience in life insurance plans and reverse mortgages providing examples to assist young lawyers in meeting their clients' goals. Legal and accounting professionals share their experience and thoughts on this challenging and timely subject.

2:45 – 4:00pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

47

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INFORMATION AND FEES

General Information

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PAYMENT METHOD

You may use cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover. Faxed registrations are accepted when paying with a credit card. The fax number is 401-421-2703. We cannot accept telephone registrations, bill you, nor issue invoices. Your cancelled check or charge receipt will serve as confirmation of your registration. **NOTE: Registrations cannot be processed without payment.**

CHECK-IN

Upon arrival, registrants and guests are required to check-in at the Bar Association desk on the 5th floor pre-function area of the Convention Center. The desk opens at 8:00 a.m. each day. Two-day registrants need only check-in on Thursday. To avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you arrive early.

CANCELLATION

Refunds, less a \$20 processing fee, are given to registrants who cancel by 12:00 noon, June 10th. There are no refunds for those who do not attend. However, written materials are provided or a substitute, who would have paid the same tuition rate, may attend for someone unable to do so.

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INFORMATION AND FEES

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Registration Fees

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MEALS

Tickets for the Thursday Luncheon and Friday Awards Luncheon are available at a separate cost of \$25 per person. Please order ahead. Meal tickets may not be available at the door. Tickets for the Bar Association Annual Dinner may also be purchased at a separate cost of \$50 per person.

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Thursday Lunch	_____ @ \$25	\$ _____
Thursday Annual Dinner	_____ @ \$50	\$ _____
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| 9:20 – 10:20 am | _____ 1 | Keynote: Roots | 1.0 ethics credit |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | _____ 2 | Legal & Ethical Issues in Depression Treatment | 1.5 ethics |
| | or _____ 3 | Truck Wreck Cases* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 4 | Using Technology in Your Practice | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 5 | Patent Law – Recent Developments | 1.0 ethics + .5 credit |
| | or _____ 6 | Foreclosure Sales – Advising Clients* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 7 | Estate Planning/Elder Law Update* | 1.5 credits |
| 1:30 – 2:45 pm | _____ 8 | Non-English Speaking Witness* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 9 | Landlord/Tenant Case Study* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 10 | Social Media in the Workplace* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 11 | Intellectual Property Aspects in Business | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 12 | Unraveling Mystery of MERS* | 1.0 credit + .5 ethics |
| | or _____ 13 | Elder Law – 10 Must-Know Things* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 14 | Intersection of Domestic Blvd. & Debtor* | 1.5 credits |
| 3:15 – 4:30 pm | _____ 15 | Courtroom Tech – 21st Century Evidence* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 16 | Forensic Science – Emerging Law & Practice* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 17 | Protecting Practice from Techno Disaster | 1.5 ethics credits |
| | or _____ 18 | National Health Reform – Legal & Benefits | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 19 | Commercial Real Estate Transactions* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 20 | Special Needs – Trusts & Planning* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 21 | Family Law – Taxation Issues* | 1.0 credit + .5 ethics |

Friday, June 17, 2011 – Please check off the programs you plan to attend
Only check one for each time slot.

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| 9:00 – 10:15 am | _____ 22 | Civil Case Law Update* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 23 | Refusal Cases: Beyond Basics* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 24 | Business Representation Ethics* | 1.5 ethics |
| | or _____ 25 | 60 Tech Practice & Management Tips | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 26 | Charitable Giving Counsel's Role* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 27 | Environmental Land Use Law Update | 1.5 credits |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | _____ 28 | Limited Scope Representation | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 29 | Criminal Case Law Update* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 30 | Abusive Debt Collectors – FDCCA | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 31 | Social Networking | 1.5 ethics credits |
| | or _____ 32 | VA Benefits Introduction* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 33 | Family Court Mediation Dos & Don'ts* | 1.0 credit + .5 ethics |
| | or _____ 34 | Online Legal Research | 1.5 credits |
| 1:30 – 2:30 pm | _____ 35 | Federal & State Court Rules & Practices* | 1.0 credit |
| | or _____ 36 | Medical Marijuana Consequences* | 1.0 credit |
| | or _____ 37 | Handling Chapter 11 Individual Business* | .5 credit + .5 ethics |
| | or _____ 38 | Disorder in the Court | 1.0 ethics credit |
| | or _____ 39 | Controlling Trust Funds* | 1.0 credit |
| | or _____ 40 | Family Court 101* | 1.0 credit |
| | or _____ 41 | Online Legal Research | 1.0 credit |
| 2:45 – 4:00 pm | _____ 42 | Digital Evidence/Electronic Discovery* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 43 | Student Bullying – Legal Implications* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 44 | Commercial Law Workshop* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 45 | Starting/Ending Client Relationships | 1.5 ethics credits |
| | or _____ 46 | Estate Planning – Dealing With CPAs* | 1.5 credits |
| | or _____ 47 | Online Legal Research | 1.5 credits |

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