



Rhode Island Bar Association

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Awards Reception JUNE 15

Annual Luncheon JUNE 16

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence

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2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to seeing you at the Bar Association's 2017 Annual Meeting on Thursday and Friday, June 15th and 16th, at the Rhode Island Convention Center. This year's hard-working Annual Meeting Committee, ably chaired by Lynda L. Laing, produced a diverse and enriching program for us. Supporting this effort, many Bar members and the Bar staff have worked with the Committee to ensure a seamless presentation of workshops and social events. As a result, our Annual Meeting provides attendees with an outstanding opportunity to learn, to improve your practice, socialize with your colleagues, and fulfill your annual CLE requirements.

We have a wide range of seminars scheduled over the two days of the Annual Meeting, providing guidance in family, probate, criminal, trial and business law, a variety of ethics-related topics, the always popular State and Federal Court updates and more. These seminars are enhanced by the participation of many distinguished and accomplished presenters, including many of our colleagues. Please also visit our exhibitors offering a range of practice-related products and services.

This year, our Thursday Morning Plenary speaker is Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., one of the nation's premier Supreme Court and appellate advocates, and former Solicitor General of the Obama Administration. Attorney Verrilli will discuss what litigating before the Supreme Court in a time of transition and the current political climate means for our nation's legal evolution. And, our Friday Afternoon Plenary speaker, Stuart B. Teicher, Esq., Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center, promises to entertain by revealing how the music, attitude, and lifestyle of legendary trumpeter Miles Davis allow us to learn about certain fundamental concepts in ethics.

On Thursday night, in the midst of a lively reception, we will honor our Annual Bar Award winners (please see page 14 for a complete listing and description of this year's awards) for outstanding achievements. During our Annual Awards Luncheon on Friday, we are honoring our colleagues for their 50 years of service in the profession, following an address by our incoming Bar Association President, Linda Rekas Sloan. Additionally, we will have the pleasure of traditional remarks by Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell on the State of the Rhode Island Judiciary.

The 2017 Annual Meeting Committee's attention to our diverse membership's interests and needs resulted in an excellent program, and I urge you to take advantage of the Annual Meeting's early registration fee savings by completing and sending in your registration form before June 9th.

I thank you in advance for the honor and pleasure of serving you throughout the past year, and I look forward to seeing you on June 15th and 16th.



Armando E. Batastini, Esq.
President, Rhode Island Bar Association

8:00am	Registration Begins and Exhibits Open – Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor					
8:45 – 9:20am	Welcome by Armando E. Batastini, Esq., Bar President Convention Center, Ballroom A, 5th Floor					
9:20 – 10:20am	1 Keynote Address – Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Esq. 1.0 CREDIT					
10:20 – 10:45am	Morning Break					
10:45am – 12:00pm	2 Dealing with Pro Se Litigants* 1.5 ETHICS	3 Current Developments in Estates & Trusts* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	4 RI Family Court: Statutory and Case Law Update* 1.5 CREDITS	5 A.I. and the Practice of Law .5 CREDIT + 1.0 ETHICS	6 Regulation of Insurance & Enforcement Process 1.5 CREDITS	7 Focus Groups* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS
12:00 – 1:30pm	Members Luncheon – Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor					
12:00 – 1:30pm	Rhode Island Bar Foundation Fellows Annual Meeting – Convention Center, 1st floor					
1:30 – 2:45pm	8 Criminal Matters Pending in District Court* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	9 The Wrongful Death Act: The Good, The Bad and The Probate* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	10 What's New in Child Support?* 1.5 CREDITS	11 Practice Management, Client Communications & Professionalism 1.5 ETHICS	12 Recent Developments In Environmental & Land Use Law 1.5 CREDITS	13 1031 Exchanges 1.5 CREDITS
2:45 – 3:15pm	Afternoon Break					
3:15 – 4:30pm	14 Residential Landlord/Tenant Law* 1.5 CREDITS	15 Guardianships & Less Restrictive Alternatives* 1.5 CREDITS	16 FMLA & Temporary Caregiver Leave 1.5 CREDITS	17 Suing the Government 1.5 CREDITS	18 Business Divorce* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	19 E-Filing* 1.5 CREDITS
4:30pm	Annual Awards Reception – Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor					

8:00am	EXHIBITS OPEN	Registration Begins and Exhibits Open – Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor					
8:45 – 9:00am		President’s Welcome by Armando E. Batastini, Esq. Convention Center, Ballroom A, 5th Floor					
9:00 – 10:15am	EXHIBITS OPEN	20 Civil Case Law Update* 1.5 CREDITS	21 Cyber Attacks 1.5 ETHICS	22 Personal Exposure in Business Dealings* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	23 Judicial Foreclosures* 1.5 CREDITS	24 The Resilient Law Firm 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	25 Employment Law 1.5 CREDITS
10:15 – 10:45am		Morning Break					
10:45am – 12:00pm	EXHIBITS OPEN	26 Criminal Case Law Update* 1.5 CREDITS	27 ESI for Plaintiffs, Solo Practitioners, & Small Firms* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	28 341 Creditors Meeting* 1.5 CREDITS	29 Construction Project 1.5 CREDITS	30 Jury Instruction* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	31 Incorporating Pro Bono into Your Practice 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS
12:00 – 2:00pm		Annual Meeting Luncheon – Convention Center, Ballroom B/C, 5th floor					
2:00 – 3:00pm	EXHIBITS OPEN	32 Juvenile Criminal Law* .5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	33 Social Media & Countdown to Ethical Demise 1.0 ETHICS	34 Golden Nuggets 1.0 ETHICS	35 Food Safety 1.0 CREDIT	36 Arbitration* 1.0 CREDIT	37 Internal Investigations .5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS
3:00 – 3:15pm		Afternoon Break					
3:15 – 4:15pm	EXHIBITS OPEN	38 What Miles Davis Teaches About Attorney Ethics – Stuart Teicher, Esq. 1.0 ETHICS					

* 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.

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8:00am

Registration Begins and Exhibits Open

Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

8:45 – 9:20am

Welcome Armando E. Batastini, Esq., *President*, Ballroom A, 5th Floor

In Memoriam: David N. Bazar, Esq., *Secretary*

Nominating Committee Report: Michael R. McElroy, Esq., *Chairperson*

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn R. Barone, Esq., *Treasurer*

9:20 – 10:20am

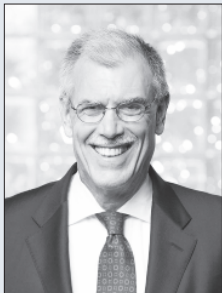
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1.0 CREDIT

The Supreme Court in a Time of Transition

The role of Solicitor General is ultimately to gather information, and decide what position the government should take before the Supreme Court, but there is more to it than meets the eye. Providing his perspectives from some of his noteworthy cases argued before the Court during his time as Solicitor General, Attorney Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. discusses what litigating before the Supreme Court in a time of transition means for our nation, given the current political climate.



Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Esq.

Our speaker, Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., is one of the nation's leading Supreme Court and appellate advocates. He served as Solicitor General of the United States from June 2011 to June 2016 under the Obama Administration. During that time he argued dozens of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, was responsible for representing the United States government in all appellate matters before the High Court and in the courts of appeals, and was a legal advisor to President Barack Obama and the Attorney General. Mr. Verrilli's landmark victories include his successful advocacy in defense of the Affordable Care Act in *National Federation of Independent Businesses v. Sebelius* and *King v. Burwell*; his successful advocacy for marriage equality in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and *United States v. Windsor*; and his vindication of federal immigration authority in *Arizona v. United States*. Currently, Mr. Verrilli is a partner with Munger, Tolles & Olson, and the founder of its Washington, D.C. office, where he focuses on representing and counseling clients on multi-dimensional problems, where litigation, regulation and public policy intersect to shape markets and industries in our evolving economy.

10:20 – 10:45am

Morning Break

Enjoy a range of refreshments and conversation, while connecting with our exhibitors who are offering valuable law practice and business management services.

10:45am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #2-7)

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10:45am – 12:00pm

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Compassionately and Effectively Dealing with Pro Se Litigants*

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Brian J. Lamoureux, Esq., *Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux & O’Gara, LLC*

Speakers: Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr., *RI Superior Court (ret.)*

Meghan C. Barry, Esq., *Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons*

Bruce D. Todesco, Esq., *RI Office of Mental Health Advocate*

This panel discusses the many challenges facing attorneys opposing pro se parties in state and federal courts. The workshop focuses on best practices, tips, and strategies, handling ethical dilemmas, and how to act as a zealous advocate while also recognizing the humanity and dignity of pro se litigants and their place in our justice system. The panelists also address what lawyers should (and should not) do when they suspect an opposing pro se litigant suffers or may suffer from mental illness.

10:45am – 12:00pm

3

Current Developments in Estates and Trusts*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE,
ADVANCED

Moderator: Mark A. Sjoberg, Esq., *Sjoberg & Votta Law Offices*

Speaker: Hon. Cristine L. McBurney, *Probate Judge of Pawtucket*

This workshop keeps attendees current with cases, legislation and developments in the areas of estates, trusts and probate court practice during the past year.

10:45am – 12:00pm

4

Rhode Island Family Court: Statutory and Case Law Update*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Stephen M. Prignano, Esq., *McIntyre Tate, LLP*

Speakers: Jane F. Howlett, Esq., *Attorney at Law*

Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Attorney at Law*

This session updates family court practitioners on new cases and new laws affecting the practice.

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10:45am – 12:00pm

5

Will Your Next Partner Be a Robot? Artificial Intelligence, Automation and the Practice of Law

.5 CREDIT + 1.0 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Thomas W. Lyons III, Esq., *Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons***Speakers:** Andrew M. Perlman, *Dean, Suffolk Law School*
Frederic S. Ury, Esq., *Ury & Moskow*

The panel discusses the increasing influence of artificial intelligence and automation on the practice of law, including ethical issues. Speakers are members of the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services and the panelists review the Commission's final report. Dean Perlman, chairperson of the governing council of the ABA's new Center for Innovation, examines the Center's work.

10:45am – 12:00pm

6

The Regulation of Insurance and the Enforcement Process

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Ellen R. Balasco, Esq., *RI Department of Business Regulation***Speakers:** Elizabeth A. Kelleher Dwyer, Esq., *RI Department of Business Regulation*Melissa E. Darigan, Esq., *Partridge, Snow & Hahn LLP*Robert P. Suglia, Esq., *Amica Mutual Insurance*Stephen D. Zubiago, Esq., *Nixon Peabody LLP*

This workshop offers a panel of experts in insurance law who will discuss legal issues facing insurance companies and State regulators of the insurance industry. The panel will offer practice tips and pitfalls for private attorneys who represent insurance companies, and who represent individual insurance licensee clients in Department of Business Regulation disciplinary actions.

10:45am – 12:00pm

7

Focus Groups*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Speaker: David G. Morowitz, Esq., *The Law Office of David Morowitz, LTD.*

The direction and focus of every type of case is guided by what will be most successful at trial, whether it goes to verdict or when considering settlement. The seminar includes an explanation of the benefits of focusing a case; types of focus groups; cost ranges; mechanics of creating a focus group; when and how often to focus; who should conduct the sessions; and your role.

12:00 – 1:30pm

Rhode Island Bar Association Members' LuncheonConvention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor **THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT**

Enjoy a relaxed lunch with your colleagues, then take a leisurely stroll through the exhibits and recharge your batteries. Remember, our Awards Reception immediately follows the last seminar at 4:30 p.m.

12:00 – 1:30pm

Rhode Island Bar Foundation Fellows Annual Meeting

Convention Center, 1st Floor

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

The Rhode Island Bar Foundation Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Rhode Island Bar Association Annual Meeting. President Michael A. St. Pierre 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. \$385,609 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. Again this year, with the continued generosity of The Horace A. Kimball and S. Ella Kimball Foundation and The Champlin Foundations, we were able to grant two \$20,000 Thomas F. Black Jr. Memorial Scholarships to two promising first-year law students from Rhode Island who have demonstrated financial need, superior academic performance, community and public service, and demonstrated contacts with and commitment to the State of Rhode Island. Since 1989, this fund has awarded 58 scholarships, totaling many thousands of dollars to promising law students from Rhode Island.



Michael A. St. Pierre, Esq.
President

1:30 – 2:45pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #8-13)

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1:30 – 2:45pm

8

Can You Help Out My Neighbor?: Criminal Matters Pending in District Court*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

Moderator: Pamela E. Chin, Esq., *Lynch & Pine, LLC*

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Speakers: Christopher S. Gontarz, Esq., *Lynch & Pine, LLC*
William J. Murphy, Esq., *Murphy & Fay, LLP*

A review of current practices in the District Court including: electronic filing; arraignments; pretrial conferences and alternative dispositions; creation of attorney-client relationships; and fee agreements.

1:30 – 2:45pm

9

The Wrongful Death Act: The Good, The Bad and The Probate*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

Moderator: Patrick C. Barry, Esq., *Decof, Decof & Barry, PC*

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

Speakers: Steven A. Minicucci, Esq., *John N. Calvino, Esq., Law Associates*
John S. Foley, Esq., *FoleyCerilli, PC*

This workshop discusses the provisions of the Rhode Island Wrongful Death Act, including specific statutory provisions and cases interpreting the statutes. It also reviews the effects of the amendments in terms of handling wrongful death claims, ethical issues that may arise when there are multiple claimants, as well as proper settlement procedures, along with the overall impact upon the Decedent's Estate, and taxation issues.

1:30 – 2:45pm

10

What's New in Child Support?*

1.5 CREDITS

Moderator: Janet Gilligan, Esq., *RI Legal Services, Inc.*

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Speakers: Sharon A. Santilli, Esq., *RI Office of Child Support Services*
Frank J. DiBiase, Esq., *RI Office of Child Support Services*
Kevin D. Tighe, Esq., *RI Office of Child Support Services*

Wondering why Rhode Island's Office of Child Support Services is involved in your family court case? Learn from the experts why your court order alone may not be enough. Panelists discuss RI's new Child Support Guidelines, the CSS-1, and the basics of the UIFSA.

1:30 – 2:45pm

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

11 A Practitioner’s Guide to Best Practices: Practice Management, Client Communications, and Professionalism**Presenter:** Susan Leach DeBlasio, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*

This seminar provides a primer for new practitioners and a reminder for experienced practitioners of some of the best practices an attorney can adopt to manage his or her practice, communicate with his or her clients, and maintain a professional posture in today’s fast-paced, stress-inducing legal environment. Topics for discussion include: communicating with clients and other parties; drafting documents; efficiency, productivity, and time management tools and strategies; effective use of assistants; handling paper overload; use of forms; office policies; confidentiality; and stress and work-life balance.

1:30 – 2:45pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE**12 Recent Developments in Environmental & Land Use Law****Speakers:** Jennifer R. Cervenka, Esq., *Cervenka Green Antonelli LLC*Christopher A. D’Ovidio, Esq., *D’Ovidio Law*Anthony DeSisto, Esq., *Coastal Resources Management Council
Legal Counsel*Christina A. Hoefsmit, Esq., *RI Department of Environmental
Management Senior Legal Counsel*

This workshop provides environmental, land use and real estate practitioners with an update on federal and Rhode Island case law developments, regulatory changes, and Rhode Island legislative changes.

1:30 – 2:45pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE**13 Anatomy of a 1031 Exchange****Moderator:** Jeffrey B. Cianciolo, Esq., *McLaughlinQuinn LLC***Speaker:** Cory J. Bilodeau, Esq., *McLaughlinQuinn LLC*

This workshop reviews a hypothetical like-kind real estate exchange under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. Areas addressed include: pre-transactional planning, engaging a qualified intermediary, statutory deadlines, and potential failed exchanges.

2:45 – 3:15pm

Afternoon Break

Please stop by and learn how our exhibitors’ unique products and services may help you in your practice or at home. Find out how you can stay ahead of the curve with some of the latest in legal software and technology.

3:15 – 4:30pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #14-19)

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3:15 – 4:30pm

14

Residential Landlord and Tenant Law*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Michael D. Crane, Esq., *The Law Offices of Michael D. Crane, LLC*

Speakers: Hon. Mary E. McCaffrey, *RI District Court*

Murray Gereboff, Esq., *Gereboff & Gelade*

Tiffinay A. Antoch, Esq., *Heitke Cook Antoch LLC*

This session covers topics in residential landlord and tenant law from the perspective of attorneys representing plaintiffs, attorneys representing defendants, and from the perspective of the judge who hears the cases and/or approves consensual resolution of the cases.

3:15 – 4:30pm

15

Guardianship and Less Restrictive Alternatives*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Moderator: Hon. Paula M. Cuculo, *Probate Judge of North Providence*

Speakers: Erin E. Casey, Esq., *RI Office of Health and Human Service*

Kathleen Heren, *RI Alliance for Better Long Term Care*

Mark A. Sjoberg, Esq., *Sjoberg & Votta Law Offices*

This panel approaches the question of when a guardianship is required and when less restrictive alternatives are sufficient from a variety of perspectives. The presenters discuss elements of what is truly in the best interests of the proposed ward balanced against the potential problems of elder abuse, financial and otherwise.

3:15 – 4:30pm

16

How Companies Should Handle Overlapping Demands of Family Leave, Disability Accommodation and Temporary Caregiver Leave

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

Speakers: Chip Muller, Esq., *Muller Law, LLC*

Eric B. Mack, Esq., *Littler Mendelson, P.C.*

Jessica Schachter Jewell, Esq., *Nixon Peabody LLP*

Sonja L. Deyoe, Esq., *Law Offices of Sonja L. Deyoe*

There are at least three major areas of state and federal law that place substantial demands upon employers of any size: the Family Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (and Rhode Island equivalents), and the Rhode Island Temporary Caregiver Act. These statutes weave a confusing web of obligations and rights. The presenter explains how employers' counsel can handle requests for leave and accommodation to honor employee rights and minimize legal risk to the employer.

3:15 – 4:30pm

17 **Suing the Government**

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Amy H. Goins, Esq., *Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd.***Speakers:** Marc DeSisto, Esq., *DeSisto Law Offices*Lynette J. Labinger, Esq., *Roney & Labinger LLP*Rebecca Tedford Partington, Esq., *RI Department of the Attorney General*

Do you represent a client who needs to file suit against the state or a municipality in Rhode Island? This workshop reviews important legal doctrines that apply to suits against governmental entities. Panelists discuss topics including qualified immunity, the Recreational Use Statute, caps on monetary damages and the public duty doctrine.

3:15 – 4:30pm

18 **The Nuts and Bolts of a Business Divorce***

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Vincent A. Indeglia, Esq., *Indeglia & Associates***Speakers:** Hon. Brian P. Stern, *RI Superior Court*Jack Cacchiotti, CPA, *Restivo Monacelli LLP*

When partners in a closely held business decide they no longer can or want to work together, separating the assets while maintaining the operating business of the partners poses a host of thorny issues for legal counsel. This seminar provides a primer on business divorce, what it involves, and how to counsel your clients to get a “divorce” in a closely-held business.

3:15 – 4:30pm

19 **State Court E-Filing: Where Are We and Where Are We Going***

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Thomas W. Lyons III, Esq., *Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons***Speakers:** Gail M. Valuk, Esq., *Deputy State Court Administrator, Supreme Court of RI*Michael M. Goldberg, Esq., *Mesoletta & Goldberg, LLC*Peter Panciocco, *Assistant Administrator of Judicial Technology Center*Lauren E. Jones, Esq., *Jones Associates*Rhannon S. Huffman, Esq., *Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons*

Representatives for the RI state courts and lawyers who file pleadings electronically discuss the status of the electronic filing system and future developments.

Head straight to the Rotunda, immediately adjacent to the exhibitor and refreshment stations, after the last Thursday session and join us for complimentary hors d'oeuvres as we recognize our Annual Awards recipients.

4:30pm

Annual Awards Reception (Sponsored by Our Exhibitors)Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor **FREE TO MEETING ATTENDEES**

All Annual Meeting attendees are welcome to join us for our festive Annual Awards Reception, an opportunity to recognize and honor outstanding work of members of the legal community who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the profession, while enjoying complimentary libations and hors d'oeuvres.

Recognition of Officers**Rhode Island Bar Journal Lauren E. Jones, Esq. Writing Award**

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

2017 Pro Bono Awards

Since 1987, Pro Bono Awards have recognized the outstanding efforts of those who provide equal access to justice to the poor through a Rhode Island Bar Association *pro bono* program. Recipients demonstrate dedication to the administration of justice, professionalism, compassion and commitment to public service.

PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARD**Michael A. Castner, Esq.**

Volunteer Lawyer Program

Colleen P. Murphy, Esq.

Volunteer Lawyer Program

Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Award

The Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Award recognizes 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.

Erica Laros, 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.

Christopher S. Gontarz, Esq.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JUNE 16, 2017

8:00am

Registration Begins and Exhibits Open

Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

8:45 – 9:00am

President's Welcome – Armando E. Batastini, Esq. – Ballroom A, 5th Floor

9:00 – 10:15am

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #20-25)

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9:00 – 10:15am

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Civil Case Law Update*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

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

Speakers: Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. (ret.), *RI Superior Court*

Hon. Sarah Taft-Carter, *RI Superior Court*

Hon. Sandra A. Lanni, *RI Family Court*

Thomas M. Dickinson, Esq., *Law Offices of Thomas M. Dickinson*

Professor Jared Goldstein, *Roger Williams University School of Law*

Lara E. Montecalvo, Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*

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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Lawyers Are Under Cyber Attack: Understanding the Threat and the Counter-Attack

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: David A. Grossbaum, Esq., *Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP*

Speakers: Scott R. Schaffer, Esq., *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*

Thomas W. Wilson, Jr., Esq., *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*

Holly R. Rao, Esq., *Oleyn & Penza, LLP*

Lawyers today must use technology to run their practices. Hackers and cyber criminals focus on lawyers because they are soft targets, with many firms that do not employ adequate cyber security, but who handle large amounts of money and possess valuable confidential information. The head of the FBI, Robert Mueller, has said that “there are only two types of companies: those who have been hacked and those that will be.” There are three categories of threats: internal (errors and reckless behavior by lawyers and staff); external (hackers, criminals and malware); and hardware (loss of phones or computers containing confidential information). This

seminar discusses the most frequent types of attacks, the most common errors made by lawyers that leave themselves open to a cyber-attack or to a compromise of client information, the types of liability exposure that exist, and the risk management practices lawyers can employ to best prevent the liability that arises from these attacks.

9:00 – 10:15am

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Personal Exposure in Business Dealings: Sources, Avoidance of and Defenses and Responses to Claims for Personal Liability*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Richard L. Gemma, Esq., *Wieck DeLuca & Gemma, Inc.*

Speakers: Preston W. Halperin, Esq., *Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP*
Matthew J. McGowan, Esq., *Salter McGowan Sylvia & Leonard, Inc.*

This session will review a survey of (i) the most prevalent sources of potential personal liability in business dealings, including alter ego, veil-piercing, personal guaranty, fraudulent transfer, “trust fund” tax, and unpaid wage claims, and (ii) avoiding these claims, and defenses and response to them, including through receivership, bankruptcy and asset preservation options.

9:00 – 10:15am

23

The Mediation Statute and Unresolved Issues in Judicial Foreclosures*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: John S. McNicholas, Esq., *Korde & Associates, PC*

Speaker: Jeffrey C. Ankrom, Esq., *RI Legal Services, Inc.*

Wonder how to do a judicial foreclosure in Rhode Island? The panelists discuss the cutting edge trend toward using a complaint in equity to foreclosure. They review current procedures, defenses, and challenges to this action, as well as define what “principles of equity and usages in chancery” means in modern day practice.

9:00 – 10:15am

24

The Resilient Firm: Built to Thrive in the New Economy

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Moderator: Rodney S. Dowell, Esq., *Law Management Innovation, LLC*

Speakers: Andrew D. Kang, J.D., LICSW, *Boston Professionals Counseling, LLC*
Karen Glowacki, *Sherin & Lodgen, LLP*

Law firms tend to follow traditional organizational models which can trend towards stagnation and inertia over change and innovation. Organizational practices focused on short-term financial goals over long-term investment and resource allocation, and autocratic closed-door leadership and one-way communication over open, collaborative communication that draws insights from across all firm channels often can result in firms that lack organizational and financial resilience needed to thrive in the new legal economy. This session looks at the challenges faced by firms, how current governance structures have failed, and address best practices that move beyond “that’s the way it’s always been done” to create financially and organizationally resilient firms that are nimble, adaptable, and built to thrive in a rapidly changing legal economy impacted by technology, client demands, and other internal challenges.

9:00 – 10:15am

25

Recent Trends in Employment Law

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE,
ADVANCED**Moderator:** Chip Muller, Esq., *Muller Law, LLC***Speakers:** Jeffrey S. McAllister, Esq., *Morgan, Brown, & Joy, LLP*
Jonathan D. Persky, Esq., *Morgan, Brown, & Joy, LLP*

The workshop discusses recent trends in litigation and at the agency stage; important employment decisions from 2016 and 2017 and new or revised statutes and regulations that affect employment practitioners.

10:15 – 10:45am

Morning Break

Check your email, network with your fellow Bar members, or browse the large selection of practice-related informational books at our CLE table!

10:45am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #26-31)

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10:45am – 12:00pm

26

Criminal Case Law Update*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Hon. Francis X. Flaherty, *Supreme Court of RI***Speakers:** Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. (ret.), *RI Superior Court*
Hon. Sarah Taft-Carter, *RI Superior Court*
Hon. Sandra A. Lanni, *RI Family Court*
Thomas M. Dickinson, Esq., *Law Offices of Thomas M. Dickinson*
Professor Jared Goldstein, *Roger Williams University School of Law*
Lara E. Montecalvo, Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*
Lauren E. Jones, Esq., *Jones Associates*

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

10:45am – 12:00pm

27

ESI for Plaintiffs, Solo Practitioners, & Small Firms: How to Catch Up Electronically with the Big Guys*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE,
ADVANCED**Moderator:** Hon. Patricia A. Sullivan, *U.S. District Court***Speakers:** George E. Lieberman, Esq., *Gianfrancesco & Friedemann, LLP*
Nicole J. Benjamin, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.*
Andrew S. Tugan, Esq., *Hinckley Allen*
Dana Conneally, JD, *Evidox Corporation*

This session is specially focused on electronic discovery in small cases to assist lawyers in small firms, and who are solo, in representing individuals and small entities. Tweets, Facebook posts, message board postings, texts...it is all discoverable and lawyers need to know how to preserve it, produce it and ask for it from the other side. The goal of this panel is to remove the mystery and educate practitioners on how to use the rules to your client's advantage. The focus of the discussion will be on a realistic, efficient and affordable approach to litigation in a world where there is a new reality – everything is electronic.

10:45am – 12:00pm

28

'Live' From Providence: How to Survive a Tumultuous 341 Creditors Meeting*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Marcia McGair Ippolito, Esq., *Attorney at Law***Speakers:** Janet J. Goldman, Esq., *Law Office of Janet J. Goldman*
Christopher M. Lefebvre, Esq., *Family & Consumer Law Center of Claude Lefebvre, Esq. & Christopher Lefebvre, Esq., P.C.*
Stacey Ferrara Bettez, Esq., *Nolan, Brunero, Cronin & Ferrara, Ltd.; US Bankruptcy Trustee*

Local bankruptcy attorneys and bankruptcy trustee will present a 'live' reenactment/skit of a 341 creditors meeting from all perspectives. In an instructive and entertaining manner, the panel will incorporate the best legal practices and tips for avoiding the 341 pitfalls in accordance with Federal and local rules. This program will be of interest primarily to new attorneys or attorneys who are interested in bankruptcy matters.

10:45am – 12:00pm

29

Birth of a Construction Project

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Patrick A. Guida, Esq., *Duffy & Sweeney, Ltd.***Speakers:** Girard R. Visconti, Esq., *Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP*
Jeffrey H. Gladstone, Esq., *Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP*

The presentation examines the start of a construction project with financing, hiring of consultants by the owner, review of different types of contracts between owner and contractor and subcontractors, and a general description of the project from start to finish.

10:45am – 12:00pm

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

30

The Problem with Communication Is the Illusion It Has Been Accomplished: Effective Use of Civil Jury Instructions***Moderator:** Kelly A. Kincaid, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.***Speakers:** Mark B. Morse, Esq., *Law Office of Mark B. Morse*
Kara G. Thorvaldsen, Esq., *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*Hon. Daniel A. Procaccini, *RI Superior Court*

The workshop introduces attendees to the process of instructing jurors in civil jury cases. Attendees will hear the perspectives of lawyers for plaintiffs and defendants, and from an experienced jurist, as to strategies for drafting meaningful jury instructions, proper procedures for submitting jury instructions and conferencing with the court, the mechanics of instructing the jury and sending them out to deliberate, and preserving the record.

10:45am – 12:00pm

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

31

The Value of Incorporating Pro Bono Representation into your Law Practice**Moderator:** Barbara L. Margolis, Esq., *Office of Disciplinary Counsel***Speakers:** Victoria M. Almeida, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.*
David N. Bazar, Esq., *Bazar & Associates, P.C.*David F. Reilly, Esq., *Law Office of David Reilly*

This program features a presentation by attorneys in solo practice, a small firm and a large firm about the value and challenges of pro bono representation, including limited scope representation and managing your caseload.

12:00 – 2:00pm

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Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq. Accepts the President's Gavel

Join us as we highlight some of the year's accomplishments of outgoing President Armando E. Batastini, followed by the passing of the President's Gavel to Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq. Sworn in by Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell, Ms. Sloan's one-year term officially begins on July 1, 2017.



Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq.

2:00 – 3:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #32-37)

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2:00 – 3:00pm

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Juvenile Criminal Law: Issues for the Defense and for the Families in Family Court*

.5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Attorney at Law*

Speakers: Martha (Kelly) Krollman, Esq., *DCYF*

James F. Queenan, Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*

This workshop examines the implications for both the defendant and for the family unit when juveniles are wayward and delinquent or commit crimes. Does commission of a crime as a juvenile or a wayward petition subject the parent(s) to a dependency/neglect petition? How does the defense counsel deal with the parent(s) when there is a potential conflict in representing the juvenile?

2:00 – 3:00pm

33

Tech Tock, Tech Tock: Social Media and the Countdown to Your Ethical Demise

1.0 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Speaker: Stuart I. Teicher, Esq., *Georgetown University Law Center*

Social Media is part of the legal landscape and technology is charging forward, but the ethics rules are struggling to keep up. Sure, there are obvious concerns that everyone is talking about (like confidentiality), but there are hidden hazards that few people consider (trial publicity concerns...really?). Join “The CLE Performer” Stuart Teicher, Esq., as he reviews ethics opinions from across the country and explains the rules in a substantive but humorous way.

2:00 – 3:00pm

34

Golden Nuggets

1.0 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: David D. Curtin, Esq., *RI Disciplinary Counsel*

Speakers: Matthew F. Callaghan, Jr. Esq., *Callaghan & Callaghan*

John N. Calvino Esq., *Calvino Law Associates*

Joseph M. Hall, Esq., *Hall Associates*

A panel of this year’s honorees for achievement of 50 years of Rhode Island law practice share their experiences, challenges and war stories as well as a perspective of the changes they have seen in professionalism, advertising and technology. Discussion focuses on the rules of professionalism conduct which did not formally exist when they passed the bar.

2:00 – 3:00pm

1.0 CREDIT

LEVEL – BEGINNER

35

Food Safety Modernization Act and What It Means for Your Clients**Moderator:** Max Greene, Esq., *Conservation Law Foundation***Speakers:** Sumana Chintapalli, Esq., *Conservation Law Foundation*
Lori Pivarnik, PhD, *University of Rhode Island*

As our Rhode Island food sector grows, clients look to their attorneys for guidance on a number of legal issues. Food safety is a practice area in the law that continues to grow in relevance as the FDA implements the Food Safety Modernization Act's mandates. Learn about the two major rules that have been promulgated, including detail on exemptions from the rule and how to maintain an "exempt" status.

2:00 – 3:00pm

1.0 CREDIT

LEVEL – BEGINNER

36

Court-Annexed Arbitration: Everything You Need to Know***Moderator:** Samantha M. Clarke, Esq., *Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara, LLC***Speakers:** James S. D'Ambra, Esq., *Rice Dolan & Kershaw*Patrick J. McBurney, Esq., *Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara, LLC*

The workshop offers a comprehensive overview of the court-annexed arbitration process, including the applicable rules, the arbitration itself, and the corresponding motion calendar. Attorneys receive a thorough grounding in arbitration procedure, as well as an in-depth understanding of best practices—and pitfalls—when serving as an advocate in court-annexed arbitration.

2:00 – 3:00pm

.5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

37

Putting Clients under the Microscope: The Mechanics of Business Investigations and the Challenge of Serving as an Independent Investigator**Moderator:** Daniel J. Procaccini, Esq., *Foley Hoag LLP***Speaker:** Neil Austin Esq., *Foley Hoag LLP*

A client on the verge of a major business deal calls you with a problem: the company's bookkeeper has uncovered a series of irregular payments to an employee and the company is concerned that the funds may have been used to "take care of" certain local authorities who issued a critical permit. What do you do? This session discusses the building blocks necessary for conducting a successful internal investigation, including strategies for identifying and preserving critical materials, interviewing key players, presenting the investigation's findings, maintaining the attorney/client privilege, and preserving whistleblower protections. Part of this session addresses the unique ethical, legal and practical challenges faced by an attorney engaged as an independent counsel or investigator.

SCHEDULE

3:00 – 3:15pm

3:15 – 4:15pm

1.0 ETHICS

FRIDAY JUNE 16, 2017

Afternoon Break

Put your networking skills to work! Chat with your colleagues as you enjoy a range of delicious refreshments.

FRIDAY PLENARY SESSION

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What Miles Davis Teaches About Attorney Ethics

Join The CLE Performer, Stuart Teicher, for this out-of-the-box look at the ethics rules. Learn how the music, attitude, and lifestyle of legendary trumpeter Miles Davis allow us to learn about certain fundamental concepts in ethics. Whether it's the importance of meaningful communication without clients (Rule 1.4), or how complying with the rules over the long term depends on developing a heightened state of awareness (1.0 Definitions, 1.1 Competence, 1.3 Diligence), this program will be valuable to all lawyers – you don't need to know a thing about jazz.



Stuart I. Teicher, Esq.

Stuart I. Teicher, Esq. is a professional legal educator who focuses on ethics law and writing instruction. A practicing attorney for over two decades, Stuart's career is now dedicated to helping fellow attorneys survive the practice of law and thrive in the profession. Mr. Teicher helps attorneys get better at what they do (and enjoy the process) through his entertaining and educational CLE Performances. His focus is on the ethical issues in social networking and other technology. Mr. Teicher is a Supreme Court appointee to the New Jersey District Ethics Committee where he investigates and prosecutes grievances filed against attorneys. Mr. Teicher is also an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law where he teaches Professional Responsibility, and an adjunct professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he teaches undergraduate writing courses.

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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.**

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Thursday, June 15, 2017

- 9:20 – 10:20 am**
- 1 Keynote Address 1.0 credit
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm** *Check one seminar only for this time slot*
- 2 Dealing with Pro Se Litigants* 1.5 ethics
 - or 3 Current Developments in Estates & Trusts* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 4 RI Family Court: Statutory and Case Law Update* 1.5 credits
 - or 5 A.I. and the Practice of Law .5 credit + 1.0 ethics
 - or 6 Regulation of Insurance & Enforcement Process 1.5 credits
 - or 7 Focus Groups* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 1:30 – 2:45 pm** *Check one seminar only for this time slot*
- 8 Criminal Matters Pending in District Court* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 9 The Wrongful Death Act* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 10 What's New in Child Support?* 1.5 credits
 - or 11 Practice Manage., Communications & Professionalism 1.5 ethics
 - or 12 Recent Developments In Environ. & Land Use Law 1.5 credits
 - or 13 1031 Exchanges 1.5 credits
- 3:15 – 4:30 pm** *Check one seminar only for this time slot*
- 14 Residential Landlord/Tenant Law* 1.5 credits
 - or 15 Guardianships & Less Restrictive Alternatives* 1.5 credits
 - or 16 FMLA & Temporary Caregiver Leave 1.5 credits
 - or 17 Suing the Government 1.5 credits
 - or 18 Business Divorce* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 19 E-Filing* 1.5 credits

Friday, June 16, 2017

- 9:00 – 10:15 am** *Check one seminar only for this time slot*
- 20 Civil Case Law Update* 1.5 credits
 - or 21 Cyber Attacks 1.5 ethics
 - or 22 Personal Exposure in Business Dealings* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 23 Judicial Foreclosures* 1.5 credits
 - or 24 The Resilient Law Firm 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 25 Employment Law 1.5 credits
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm** *Check one seminar only for this time slot*
- 26 Criminal Case Law Update* 1.5 credits
 - or 27 ESI for Plaintiffs, Solo Practitioners, & Small Firms* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 28 341 Creditors Meeting* 1.5 credits
 - or 29 Construction Project 1.5 credits
 - or 30 Jury Instruction* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 31 Incorporating Pro Bono into Your Practice 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** *Check one seminar only for this time slot*
- 32 Juvenile Criminal Law* .5 credit + .5 ethics
 - or 33 Social Media & Countdown to Ethical Demise 1.0 ethics
 - or 34 Golden Nuggets 1.0 ethics
 - or 35 Food Safety 1.0 credit
 - or 36 Arbitration* 1.0 credit
 - or 37 Internal Investigations 5 credit + .5 ethics
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm**
- 38 What Miles Davis Teaches About Attorney Ethics 1.0 ethics

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