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**2016 ANNUAL
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2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to seeing you at the Bar Association's 2016 Annual Meeting on Thursday and Friday, June 16th and 17th, at the Rhode Island Convention Center. This year's hard-working Annual Meeting Committee, ably chaired by J. Richard Ratcliffe, 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 an outstanding opportunity to learn, improve your practice, socialize with colleagues and fulfill your annual CLE requirements.

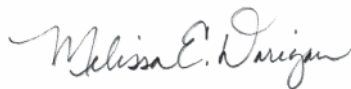
We have a wide range of seminars scheduled over the two days of the Annual Meeting, providing guidance in family, probate, criminal, trial and commercial law, a variety of ethics-related topics, the always popular State and Federal Court updates and more. These seminars are enhanced by the participation 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, and take advantage of the free wellness screenings in the exhibit area.

This year, our Thursday Morning Plenary speaker is Joshua M. Greene, author, historian, documentary filmmaker and Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies (ret.) at Hofstra University. Mr. Greene will discuss the largest, yet least known, series of Nazi trials in history, which brought more than 2,000 Nazi guards and other administrators of Hitler's camps to justice: the trials at Dachau. Our Friday Afternoon Plenary speaker, Larry J. Cohen, Esq., a certified specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation, promises to entertain by incorporating media clips in his discussion about legal ethics, professionalism and how the image of lawyers in popular media affects legal practice today.

On Thursday night, in the midst of a lively reception, we will honor our Annual Bar Award winners (please see page 15 for a complete listing and description of this year's awards) for outstanding achievements. During our Annual Meeting Luncheon on Friday, we are honoring our colleagues for their 50 years of service in the profession and will have the pleasure of traditional remarks by Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell on the State of the Rhode Island Judiciary. We will cap off the Luncheon with an address by our incoming Bar Association President, Armando E. Batastini.

The 2016 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 10th.

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 16th and 17th.



Melissa E. Darigan, Esq.
President, Rhode Island Bar Association

8:00am	EXHIBITS OPEN	Registration Begins and Exhibits Open – Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor						
8:45 – 9:20am		Welcome by Melissa E. Darigan, Esq., Bar President Convention Center, Ballroom A, 5th Floor						
9:20 – 10:20am		1 Keynote Address – Joshua M. Greene, Esq. 1.0 CREDIT						
10:20 – 10:45am		Morning Break						
10:45am – 12:00pm		2 Hitler’s Court: Betrayal of the Rule of Law 1.5 CREDITS	3 Evolving Use of Social Media 1.5 ETHICS	4 Nuts and Bolts of Juvenile Law & Practice* 1.5 CREDITS	5 Estate, Guardianship & Trust Developments* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	6 Unleashing the Power of Casemaker 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	7 Corporate Privilege & Right to Defend* 1.5 ETHICS	8 Complex Family Law Issues* 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		9 Pre-Suit Motor Vehicle Accident Arbitration* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	10 Identity Theft Issues for Taxpayers & Consumers 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	11 Ethical Issues in Litigation* 1.5 ETHICS	12 Marital Deductions & Credit Shelter Planning 1.5 CREDITS	13 The LLC: Protecting Member Interest, or Trapped in a Creditor Siege? 1.5 CREDITS	14 Real Estate Practitioner’s Guide to Rhode Island Foreclosures* 1.5 CREDITS	
2:45 – 3:15pm		Afternoon Break						
3:15 – 4:30pm	15 Civil Legal Issues Affecting Refugees* 1.5 CREDITS	16 TDI/TCI: The Basics* 1.5 CREDITS	17 When Courts of Law and Public Opinion Collide 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	18 Protecting the Attorney-Client Relationship in Trust 1.5 ETHICS	19 Trial Preparation Using a Computer* 1.5 CREDITS	20 Choice of Entity 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	21 Enforcing Intellectual Property 1.5 CREDITS	
4:30pm	Annual Awards Reception – Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor							

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8:45 – 9:00am		President’s Welcome by Melissa E. Darigan, Esq. Convention Center, Ballroom A, 5th Floor						
9:00 – 10:15am		22 Civil Case Law Update 1.5 CREDITS	23 Refusal Cases: Beyond the Basics* 1.5 CREDITS	24 Medical Marijuana 101* 1.5 CREDITS	25 Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Boot Camp* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	26 How to Make & Handle Deposition Objectives* 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	27 Avoiding Title Claims 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	28 LGBT Elders and the Law* 1.5 CREDITS
10:15 – 10:45am		Morning Break						
10:45am – 12:00pm	EXHIBITS OPEN	29 Criminal Case Law Update* 1.5 CREDITS	30 Parallel Proceedings 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	31 Preparing to Depose an Opposing Party or Witness* 1.5 CREDITS	32 What Does a Post-TRID World Look Like? 1.5 CREDITS	33 Federalism and the Federal Power Act 1.5 CREDITS	34 Effective and Ethical Internet Marketing 1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	35 Challenges of Electronic Filing in Family Court* 1.5 CREDITS
12:00 – 2:00pm		Annual Meeting Luncheon – Convention Center, 1st floor						
2:00 – 3:00pm	EXHIBITS OPEN	36 Representing Challenged Clients .5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	37 Mediation, Binding Arbitration & Litigation* .5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	38 Food Allergy Guidelines in Schools 1.0 CREDIT	39 Drafting Effective Documents .5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS	40 Environmental & Land Use Law 1.0 CREDIT	41 Changing Practice of Law 1.0 ETHICS	42 Dissolution of Marriage of Same-Sex Couples* 1.0 CREDIT
3:00 – 3:15pm		Afternoon Break						
3:15 – 4:15pm	EXHIBITS OPEN	43 Ethical Day at the Movies – Larry J. Cohen, 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 should be relevant to panels.

COURSEBOOK HARD COPY \$30. Go Green. Your registration includes a complimentary copy of the course materials in pdf format. Registrants receive a link to the course materials by email prior to the program and a flashdrive at registration. Registrants may also purchase a hard copy for a fee of \$30. Registrants who select the hard copy receive their course book upon arrival at the event. No hard copies are available for walk-in registration.

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8:00am

Registration Begins and Exhibits Open

Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

8:45 – 9:20am

Welcome Melissa E. Darigan, Esq., *President*, Ballroom A, 5th Floor

In Memoriam: Carolyn R. Barone, Esq., *Secretary*

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

Treasurer's Report: Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq., *Treasurer*

9:20 – 10:20am

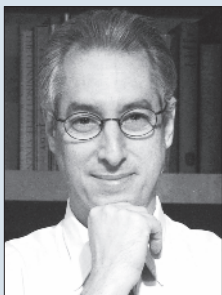
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1.0 CREDIT

Justice at Dachau: The Trials of an American Prosecutor

Lawmakers, religionists, and historians continue to struggle with the legal, moral, and behavioral issues raised at Dachau. The late chief prosecutor, Colonel William Denson, is viewed by some as a hero of universal human rights who established critical precedents for today's international war trials. Joshua M. Greene speaks about the Dachau war crimes trials conducted by the U.S. Third Army from November 1945 to August 1948. The proceedings, overshadowed by Nuremberg, involved some of Hitler's most notorious henchmen: nearly 1,600 men and women responsible for atrocities inside the concentration camps. Mr. Greene's presentation includes PowerPoint visuals and a narrative of the legal challenges that confronted the chief prosecutor.



Joshua M. Greene, Esq.

Our speaker, Joshua M. Greene, has an unusual history. In 1982, he returned to the United States after living for 13 years in Hindu monasteries in India and Europe. He completed his graduate degrees at Hofstra University in New York where he was appointed Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, and went on to author numerous books on the Holocaust period. His many documentary films on war crimes trials and eyewitness testimony are seen on PBS, and he has been a featured speaker at the Pentagon, the New York Public Library's Distinguished Authors series, and at universities and law schools nationwide. His most recent film, *Memory After Belsen*, explores tensions surrounding Holocaust education and is distributed by Discovery Education. It is his acclaimed biography, *Justice at Dachau*, which brings him to speak at our 2016 Annual Meeting.

MEETING EXHIBITORS offer a wide range of helpful, practice-related products and services including professional liability insurance, website development, retirement plans, record management, law practice software, computer support, court reporting, and more. Learn about the latest products and services, investigate resources, build relationships and learn about developments in the profession. And be sure to drop by for a free health care check and wellness screenings in the exhibit area.

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 #2-8)

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10:45am – 12:00pm

2

Hitler's Court: Betrayal of the Rule of Law in Nazi Germany

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Presenter: Joshua M. Greene, author, *Justice at Dachau*

When lawyers and judges charged with defending the rule of law betray that trust, the victory of tyrants is assured. This session examines the perversion of law under Nazi rule and discusses how distinguished lawmakers were capable of complicity in the largest mass murder of men, women and children in history.

10:45am – 12:00pm

3

The Evolving Use of Social Media in the Practice of Law and the Need for an Ethical Mandate for Competence

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE,
ADVANCED

Moderator: Victoria M. Almeida, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*

Speakers: Hon. John J. McConnell, *US District Court*

John A. Tarantino, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*

Professor Niki Kuckes, *Roger Williams University School of Law*

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

This workshop explores the need for developing a core professional competence in the area of social media, which is rapidly becoming the new normal in the general practice of law and in trial practice.

10:45am – 12:00pm

4

The "Nuts and Bolts" of Juvenile Law and Practice*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Moderator: Hon. Angela M. Paulhus, *RI Family Court*

Speakers: Anne M.C. Travers, Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*

John M. Moreira, Esq., *Department of the Attorney General*

With a nuts and bolts overview of juvenile law and practice in Rhode Island, the panelists explain how juvenile civil proceedings differ from adult criminal proceedings. Attorneys hear how juvenile cases are prosecuted and defended. Audience members also learn about the juvenile specialty court calendars and how they operate.

10:45am – 12:00pm

5

Estate, Guardianship & Trust Current Developments*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Mark A. Sjoberg, Esq., *Sjoberg & Votta Law Offices***Speaker:** Hon. Cristine L. McBurney, *Probate Judge of Pawtucket*

Recent cases and pending legislation are presented in the areas of decedents' estates, guardianships and protective proceedings, and trusts.

10:45am – 12:00pm

6

Unleashing the Power of Casemaker

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – BEGINNER
INTERMEDIATE**Speaker:** James Corbett, *Casemaker*

This informative program provides an overview on how to use the Rhode Island Bar's free-to-members, comprehensive, online, legal research tool, Casemaker, to your best advantage. Topics covered include research techniques, resources, saving research results and annotating and organizing research results for incorporation into memoranda or briefs. This online demonstration of Casemaker's latest features assists lawyers in using the library most effectively, whether they are new to Casemaker or have used it in the past.

10:45am – 12:00pm

7

Corporate Privilege and Individual's Right to Defend*

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Speaker: Susan B. Heyman, *Roger Williams University School of Law*

The issue of whether an individual criminal or defendant may use information that his or her employer claims is protected by the attorney client privilege to assist an advice of counsel defense, considered by some courts, is becoming increasingly more prevalent in light of the recent Department of Justice memorandum on individual accountability for corporate wrongdoing. The problem surfaces in situations where an individual follows a company lawyer's advice, later alleged to be unlawful. This session reviews corporations' reasons to assert the attorney-client privilege against individuals' desires to disclose the advice to defend against a criminal or civil action.

10:45am – 12:00pm

8

Creative Solutions to Complex Family Law Issues and Case Law Update*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Attorney at Law***Speakers:** Jane F. Howlett, Esq., *Attorney at Law*Stephen M. Prignano, Esq., *McIntyre Tate LLP*

Complex family law issues, such as whether or not you can attach or garnish social security income, how you can get cooperation from social security with the legal process, and other creative solutions to family law issues are addressed in this workshop, including an update on recent family law cases.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2016

12:00 – 1:30pm

Rhode Island Bar Association Members' Luncheon

Convention 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.



Michael A. St. Pierre, Esq.
President

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. \$398,000 was granted this calendar year for the provision of legal services, the administration of justice, and law related education programs 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 56 scholarships, totaling many thousands of dollars to promising law students from Rhode Island.

1:30 – 2:45pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #9-14)

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1:30 – 2:45pm

9

Nuts and Bolts of Pre-Suit Motor Vehicle Accident Arbitration*

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Ryan C. Hurley, Esq., *Kiernan, Plunkett & Redihan*

Speakers: Eric B. DiMario, Esq., *Kiernan, Plunkett & Redihan*

William A. Poore, Esq., *Poore & Rosenbaum, LLP*

Kathleen Wylie, Esq., *Law Offices of Amy Beretta*

All aspects of arbitrations conducted pursuant to Chapter 27-10.3, including eligibility, selection of arbitrator, hearings, and post-hearing remedies are covered in this workshop. Attendees hear the perspectives of an experienced pre-suit arbitrator, as well as attorneys who pursue and defend the matters. Attendees learn strategies for presenting cases effectively, avoiding ethical difficulties, and preserving clients' rights in these adjudications which resolve numerous injury claims in advance of suit.

1:30 – 2:45pm

10

Identity Theft & Issues for Taxpayers and Consumers

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Christine J. Engustian, Esq., *Law Offices of Christine J. Engustian, Esq.*

Speakers: Christopher M. Lefebvre, Esq., *Pawtucket Legal Clinic*

Barbara L. Margolis, Esq., *RI Disciplinary Counsel*

Timothy J. McLaughlin, *Internal Revenue Service*

The presenters analyze how identity theft impacts taxpayers and consumers and how the practitioner can best assist clients who are victims.

1:30 – 2:45pm

11

Select Ethical Issues in Litigation*

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: J. Richard Ratcliffe, Esq., *Ratcliffe Harten Burke & Galamaga, LLP*

Speaker: Hon. John J. McConnell, Jr., *US District Court*

This presentation discusses the difficult ethical problems that arise from a conflict between a lawyer's responsibility to clients, the legal system, and the lawyer's own interests.

1:30 – 2:45pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

12 Creative Uses for Marital Deductions and Credit Shelter Planning**Moderator:** Eric D. Correira, Esq., *Correira & Correira LLP***Speaker:** David J. Correira, Esq., *Correira & Correira LLP*

This workshop provides an overview of the new estate planning paradigm for the use of marital deduction and credit shelter trusts in light of the increased federal and Rhode Island lifetime estate tax exemption. The topics include: 1) the History of the Credit Shelter Trust; 2) Leaving Assets to the Surviving Spouse; 3) State Estate Tax Issues; 4) Hybrid Trusts; 5) Defective Irrevocable Trusts; and 6) Multi-jurisdictional Clients. The program is designed for trusts and estate attorneys, elder law attorneys, real estate attorneys, and general practitioners.

1:30 – 2:45pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

13 The LLC: Protecting Member Interest, or Trapped in a Creditor Siege?**Moderator:** Miriam A. Ross, Esq., *Law Offices of Miriam A. Ross, Esq.***Speakers:** Russell D. Raskin, Esq., *Raskin & Berman*Vincent A. Indeglia, Esq., *Indeglia & Associates*

When a member of a multi-member LLC has financial difficulties or files for bankruptcy, the interest of the member may become subject to a charging order or the bankruptcy trustee (or debtor in possession) may seek to assume, liquidate or transfer the debtor's LLC interest for the benefit of the debtor's estate and creditors. This program addresses the problems experienced by multi-member LLCs when a member falls into financial trouble, charging orders, bankruptcy implications and consequences of the LLC.

1:30 – 2:45pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

14 The Real Estate Practitioner's Guide to Rhode Island Foreclosures***Moderator:** Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq., *Linda Rekas Sloan, LLC***Speakers:** Michael B. Mellion, Esq., *Fidelity National Title Insurance Company*Susan W. Cody, Esq., *Korde & Associates, P.C.*

Do you know how to review a Rhode Island foreclosure to determine whether it was properly conducted according to relevant statutes and case law, and whether the title derived from the foreclosure will be insurable by a title insurance company? This workshop reviews the steps necessary to conduct a property power-of-sale foreclosure, and provide guidance on how to review a foreclosure to make sure that a buyer will obtain marketable title from the foreclosing entity or REO seller.

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 #15-21)

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3:15 – 4:30pm

15 Civil Legal Issues Affecting Refugees*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER
INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Sheila M. Cooley, Esq., *Law Office of Sheila M. Cooley*

Speakers: Deborah S. Gonzalez, Esq., *Roger Williams University School of Law*
John W. Dineen, Esq., *Attorney at Law*

Sarah Antaya, *Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island*

We start with the question of “What is a refugee?” and then proceed into a discussion of different challenges facing the attorney and the client in representing refugees in guardianship cases, family law matters and landlord/tenant matters.

3:15 – 4:30pm

16 TDI/TCI: The Basics*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Kenneth P. Procaccini, Esq., *RI Department of Labor & Training*

Speakers: Jessica Schachter Jewell, Esq., *Nixon Peabody, LLP*
Richard A. Sinapi, Esq., *Sinapi Law Associates, Ltd.*

Valentino D. Lombardi, Esq., *RI Department of Labor and Training*

This workshop reviews Rhode Island law on temporary disability insurance (TDI) and the new temporary caregiver insurance (TCI) program, including eligibility, mechanics of applying, and process of appeal. The panelists provide perspectives on these topics from both the employer side and the employee side, as well as that of the state agency charged with implementing these programs.

3:15 – 4:30pm

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

17 When Courts of Law and Public Opinion Collide

Speakers: Nicole J. Benjamin, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*
Gregg Perry, *The Perry Group Reputation Management & Strategic Communications*

Imagine you are trying a case, you have strong facts, good witnesses and legal arguments in your favor, but the other side is trying its case in the media. What do you do? Ignore the court of public opinion and hope for a good outcome in court? Or try to level the playing field by incorporating a litigation communications specialist, not just for spin control, but as an integral part of the legal team that helps simplify complicated stories in the court of public opinion? This session discusses the importance of adding communications specialists in such situations while also examining ethical and discovery considerations.

3:15 – 4:30pm

1.5 ETHICS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

18 Establishing and Protecting the Attorney-Client Relationship in Trust Matters

Moderator: Eric D. Correia, Esq., *Correia & Correia LLP*

Speaker: Jeffrey S. McAllister, Esq., *Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP*

Ethical rules and laws related to client representation in trust matters is a particularly timely topic, as the Rhode Island Supreme Court has recently issued a decision redefining state law in this area (*Audette v. Pulin*, SU-15-0053). The scope of the presentation includes: 1) an attorney retained by the grantor when the grantor is living; 2) an attorney retained by a trustee; 3) an attorney hired by a trustee in a dispute with a beneficiary; and 4) an attorney hired by a trustee prior to a dispute with a beneficiary.

3:15 – 4:30pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

19 Complete Trial Preparation Using a Computer*

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

Over 15 years ago, a successful system was developed to electronically store and utilize all documents and information necessary for settlement or trial. There is no use of a commercial legal software program. Everything is Windows based, and can be easily re-created with adjustments and to your own style and preferences. The workshop includes an interactive presentation demonstrating the mechanics and implementation of this system, along with an explanation of the logic and reasoning behind its various components.

3:15 – 4:30pm

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

20

Choice of Entity

Speakers: Jean A. Harrington, Esq., *Duffy & Sweeney, LTD*
John E. Scholhamer, Esq., *Duffy & Sweeney, LTD*

This session provides attendees with guidelines on how best to advise your client about which type of business organization best fits their situation and purposes (i.e. S corporation, LLC, LLP). The session also includes a discussion on client intake and ethical considerations on who you represent – the owner or the company.

3:15 – 4:30pm

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

21

Enforcing Intellectual Property: How to Address Infringers, Unauthorized Distributors and Counterfeiters in the Online Marketplace

Speaker: Daniel J. Holmander, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*

For years, brand owners have asked online retailers to help them find and punish unauthorized resellers for their violations. Unfortunately for brand owners, some retailers take a percentage of third party sales and are hesitant to enforce seller pricing agreements and risk losing revenue. This seminar reviews the effects of leaks in the supply chain when resellers obtain authentic products and sell them online below their minimum advertised price or attempt to violate trademarks/copyrights, making it difficult for brands to protect themselves.

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.

2016 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.

CONTINUING SERVICE AWARD**William J. Balkun, Esq.***Volunteer Lawyer Program***Jack D. Pitts, Esq.***Volunteer Lawyer Program***Elizabeth P. Santilli, Esq.***Elderly Pro Bono Program***PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARD****Karen L. Davidson, Esq.***Elderly Pro Bono Program***Richard Howell James, Esq.***Volunteer Lawyer Program*

Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award Presented to an individual who demonstrates the principles and values of Servant Leadership and who inspires justice. Servant leadership is the ability of a leader to humbly regard others as more important, to care for each other; to not just be civil to each other, but to aspire to the greater virtue of being good to each other.

Hon. George E. Healy, Jr., *Chief Judge, RI Workers' Compensation Court, Ret.*

Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism Presented to an attorney who has, by his or her ethical and personal conduct, commitment and activities exemplified, for fellow Rhode Island attorneys, the epitome of professionalism in the law, advancing the calling of professional practice through leadership, high standards of integrity, commitment and dedication.

Peter A. DiBiase, Esq.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2016

8:00am

Registration Begins and Exhibits Open

Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

8:45 – 9:00am

President's Welcome – Melissa E. Darigan, Esq. – Ballroom A, 5th Floor

9:00 – 10:15am

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #22-28)

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9:00 – 10:15am

22

Civil Case Law Update

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 Dickinson*

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

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

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.

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

9:00 – 10:15am

23

Refusal Cases: Beyond the Basics*

Speakers: Robert H. Humphrey, Esq., *Law Offices of Robert H. Humphrey*

Lauren V. Iannelli, Esq., *RI Department of the Attorney General*

Recent cases have significantly impacted the prosecution and defense of refusal to submit to a chemical test cases before the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. This CLE is a continuation of the “Beyond the Basics” series of CLE programs regarding the successful prosecution and defense of drunk driving and refusal cases. The workshop addresses the procedures to obtain a hardship license and ignition interlock device.

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

9:00 – 10:15am

24

Medical Marijuana 101*

Moderator: Amy H. Goins, Esq., *Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd.*

Speakers: Joe M. Lindbeck, Esq., *RI Department of Attorney General*

Andrew M. Teitz, Esq., *Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd.*

An overview of the law and regulations regarding medical marijuana in Rhode Island, as well as recent amendments to the Medical Marijuana Act are reviewed. The panelists discuss how some municipalities in Rhode Island have responded to the legalization of medical marijuana through zoning ordinance amendments.

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE

9:00 – 10:15am

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

25

Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Boot Camp***Moderator:** Richard L. Gemma, Esq., *Wieck DeLuca & Gemma Inc.***Speakers:** Hon. Diane Finkle, *United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Rhode Island*Gary Donahue, *Assistant US Trustee*Peter J. Furness, Esq., *Richardson, Harrington & Furness*Richard J. Land, Esq., *Chace Ruttenberg & Freedman LLP*

The presenters discuss the procedures and strategy of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding with particular emphasis on: 1) initial intake process, red flags and strategies; 2) comparison between federal court Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding and state court receivership proceedings; 3) retainer fee and payment of professionals; 4) opening day cash collateral issues; and 5) Chapter 11 sale issues.

9:00 – 10:15am

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

INTERMEDIATE

26

Answer the Question, Claire! How to Make and Handle Deposition Objections***Moderator:** Kelly A. Kincaid, Esq., *Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP***Speakers:** Mark B. Morse, Esq., *Law Office of Mark B. Morse*Melody A. Alger, Esq., *Alger Law LLC*Hon. Daniel A. Procaccini, *RI Superior Court*

Attendees are introduced to the forms of objections which are commonly interposed at depositions in civil cases. Attendees hear the perspectives of those taking and defending depositions as to proper and improper objections, methods of resolving objections without court intervention, ethical obligations, and possible outcomes when courts are relied upon for resolution of deposition disputes.

9:00 – 10:15am

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

27

The Real Estate Practitioner's Guide to Avoiding Title Claims**Moderator:** Linda M. Tessman, Esq., *Fidelity National Title Group***Speakers:** John A. Comery, Esq., *Fidelity National Title Group*Rebecca C. Cox, Esq., *CATIC*

The worst thing for a real estate practitioner to hear is that they missed something or made a mistake resulting in a title insurance claim. This workshop reviews the most common title insurance claims and discusses the best practices on how to avoid them.

9:00 – 10:15am

28

LGBT Elders and the Law*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Moderator: Patrick J. Smock II, Esq., *Attorney at Law***Speakers:** Joan Kwiatkowski, *Carelink and PACE of Rhode Island*
Bridget L. Mullaney, Esq., *Cameron & Mittleman LLP*
Laura G. Handwerger, Esq., *Scott & Handwerger LLP*

LGBT elders in Rhode Island face many legal and social issues. The workshop first identifies some of the issues facing LGBT elders in Rhode Island including long term care, Medicaid and Social Security. As the discussion progresses, the panelists focus on wills, trusts, powers of attorney, funeral planning agents, and other documents required to ensure the estate planning wishes of LGBT elders.

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! Don't forget to stop by Blue Cross/Blue Shield's exhibit area for a complimentary massage and wellness screening.

10:45am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #29-35)

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10:45am – 12:00pm

29

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*
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10:45am – 12:00pm

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Parallel Proceedings: Pitfalls, Strategies, and Rocks and Hard Places

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

Moderator: Paul M. Kessimian, Esq., *Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP***Speakers:** Scott T. Lashway, Esq., *Holland & Knight*Christopher A. Lisy, Esq., *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*

We live and practice in a complex business environment. Increasingly, clients are exposed to both civil and regulatory proceedings at the same time - so called parallel proceedings. There was a time when most lawyers had no idea what parallel proceedings were, but they are increasingly common, and any attorney for a client in a regulated industry will benefit from greater familiarity with this area of law. Even with outside parallel proceedings, attorneys need to consider their potential when advising clients.

10:45am – 12:00pm

31

Preparing to Depose an Opposing Party or Key Witness*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Brooks R. Magratten, Esq., *Pierce Atwood LLP***Speakers:** J. Richard Ratcliffe, Esq., *Ratcliffe Harten Burke & Galamaga, LLP*Hon. Patricia A. Sullivan, *US District Court*Matthew H. Parker, Esq., *Whelan, Corrente, Kinder & Siket LLP*

This workshop provides an overview of the “funnel method” of planning and conducting an interrogation, as referenced in the Mauet text. Panelists present from the perspective of the federal court, the FBA, a student participant, and program co-director.

10:45am – 12:00pm

32

What Does a Post-TRID World Look Like?

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ADVANCED

Moderator: Peter L. Lewiss, Esq., *Lewis Law Associates LLP***Speakers:** Linda Rekas Sloan, Esq., *Linda Rekas Sloan, LLC*Christopher Montalbano, Esq., *Pilgrim Title Insurance Company*Lisa Lugauskas, Esq., *Chicago Title Insurance Company and Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company*

Since the implementation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure (TRID) regulations, real estate conveyancing practice has changed substantially. This workshop reviews what we have learned since the TRID regulations went into effect on October 3, 2015 and discusses the most frequently asked questions.

10:45am – 12:00pm

33

Federalism and the Federal Power Act: Recent Developments

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ADVANCED

Moderator: Max Greene, Esq., *Conservation Law Foundation***Speakers:** Paul J. Roberti, Esq., *RI Public Utilities Commission*
Jerry Elmer, Esq., *Conservation Law Foundation*

The Federal Power Act (FPA) of 1935 is the foundational statute governing federal-state relations in wholesale and retail electricity markets. But much has changed since 1935. In Rhode Island, (and the rest of New England), one of the largest changes was the deregulation of wholesale electricity markets in the 1990's. Several U.S. Supreme Court cases this term are addressing controversies that arise at the intersection of federal and state regulatory policy. This CLE examines the legal framework in which these cases arise and considers the implications for the future of wholesale electricity markets generally and, more specifically, for renewable energy programs.

10:45am – 12:00pm

34

Don't Weave a Tangled Web: Using Internet Marketing Effectively and Ethically

1.0 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Holly R. Rao, Esq., *Olenn & Penza, LLP***Speakers:** David A. Grossbaum, Esq., *Hinshaw Culbertson LLP*
Thomas W. Lyons, III, Esq., *Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons*

The presenters highlight available internet marketing tools and your law firm's e-presence counterbalanced by a discussion of ethical considerations and best risk management practices. This workshop is designed to appeal to all attorneys.

10:45am – 12:00pm

35

Challenges of Electronic Filing in Family Court*

1.5 CREDITS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Attorney at Law***Speakers:** Neville J. Bedford, Esq., *Attorney at Law*
Cheryl Witt, *RI Family Court*
John Marouchoc, *RI Family Court*

This workshop provides valuable insights to challenges with electronic filings in Rhode Island Family Court.

12:00 – 2:00pm

Annual Meeting Luncheon – Convention Center, 1st floor **THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT**

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Supreme Court of Rhode Island

Armando E. Batastini, Esq. Accepts the President’s Gavel

Join us as we highlight some the year’s accomplishments of outgoing President Melissa E. Darigan, followed by the passing of the President’s Gavel to Armando E. Batastini, Esq. Sworn in by Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell, Mr. Batastini’s one-year term officially begins on July 1, 2016.

2:00 – 3:00pm

Concurrent Workshops (choose one from #36-42)

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2:00 – 3:00pm

36 Representing Challenged Clients

.5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

Moderator: Jennifer A. Griffith, Esq., *Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.*

Speakers: Clare T. Jabour, Esq., *Law Office of Clare Jabour*
Barbara L. Margolis, Esq., *RI Disciplinary Counsel*
H. Reed Cosper, Esq., *RI Mental Health Advocate (ret.)*

This workshop discusses considerations for representing clients with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

2:00 – 3:00pm

37 Case Resolution Through Mediation, Binding Arbitration and Litigation*

.5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ADVANCED

Moderator: Bruce I. Kogan, Esq., *Roger Williams University School of Law*

Speakers: Girard R. Visconti, Esq., *Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP*
Hon. Frank J. Williams (ret.), *Supreme Court of RI*

There are pros and cons of three common approaches to the resolution of monetary claims, including construction claims and other claims beyond the mandatory arbitration provision of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-10.3-1.1 and outside the court-annexed arbitration guidelines. Attendees hear from a noted construction law attorney and a retired Chief Justice who implemented the mediation system in our Supreme Court. In the construction industry, arbitration and mediation clauses are routinely inserted into contracts with certain contracting parties having a degree of discretion over the arbitration process. The presenters, with experience as arbitrators and mediators, discuss the different standards applicable when submitting matters to mediation, arbitration and litigation, and the consequences of those choices.

2:00 – 3:00pm

38 Digesting the Laws Relating to Food Allergy Guidelines in Schools

1.0 CREDIT

LEVEL – BEGINNER

Moderator: Dana M. Horton, Esq., *Robinson & Cole, LLP*

Speakers: Vicki J. Bejma, Esq., *Robinson & Clapham*
Laurel Francoeur, Esq., *Francoeur Law Office*

This seminar provides a basic overview of the federal, state and local rules and guidelines pertaining to food allergies and schools.

2:00 – 3:00pm

.5 CREDIT + .5 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

39

The Art of Contract: Drafting Effective Documents for Clients and Fun**Speaker:** Susan Leach DeBlasio, Esq., *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*

Techniques to help the business lawyer or general practitioner draft clear, concise, comprehensible, and legally enforceable and defensible contracts and other legal documents are provided by the presenter. The workshop focuses on the art of drafting to ensure accuracy, consistency, clarity, and brevity, as well as to anticipate and avoid litigation and, most importantly, to achieve the client's goals and objectives.

2:00 – 3:00pm

1.0 CREDIT

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

40

Recent Developments in Environmental & Land Use Law**Speakers:** Jennifer R. Cervenka, Esq., *Partridge Snow & Hahn, LLP*Christopher A. D'Ovidio, Esq.,
*Merolla, Accetturo, D'Ovidio & Lough*Marisa A. Desautel, Esq., *Law Office of Marisa Desautel, LLC*Brian A. Goldman, Esq., *Goldman Law Offices*

Environmental, land use and real estate practitioners receive an update on federal and Rhode Island case law developments, regulatory changes and Rhode Island legislative changes.

2:00 – 3:00pm

1.0 ETHICS

LEVEL – ALL

41

The Changing Practice of Law “Zooming” into the Future**Moderator:** Wayne M. Kezirian, Esq., *Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP***Speakers:** Kathryn T. Rogers O'Brien, Esq., *Melick & Porter LLP*Misty G. Delgado, Esq., *Attorney at Law*Christy B. Durant, Esq., *Quinlan & Durant, Inc.*

Presented by members of the Bar's Ethics and Professionalism Committee, this workshop generates awareness of emerging trends impacting the practice of law and identifies and discusses related ethical considerations. Topics include limited scope representation, alternative legal service providers, online legal resources, and the growing number of self-represented litigants.

2:00 – 3:00pm

1.0 CREDIT

LEVEL – BEGINNER

42

Dissolution of the Marriage of Same-Sex Couples***Moderator:** Patrick J. Smock II, Esq., *Attorney at Law***Speaker:** Lise M. Iwon, Esq., *Laurence & Iwon*

Marriage equality for same-sex couples became law in RI in August 2013. The passage of the law allowed access to the RI Family Court to legally married same-sex couples for the purpose of divorce, overturning the 2004 Rhode Island Supreme Court decision in *Chambers v. Ormiston*. But access to the dissolution of their relationship presents questions about equitable distribution of the marital assets for the client, the attorney and the judge. This workshop provides an answer to equitable distribution and more for attorneys representing same-sex couples in Family Court.

SCHEDULE

3:00 – 3:15pm

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2016

Afternoon Break

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

3:15 – 4:15pm

1.0 ETHICS

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Ethical Day at the Movies

An ethical hour at the movies is a unique and entertaining presentation, encouraging you to think and talk about your dealings with clients, judges, third parties and other lawyers. Using film clips, news footage, and excerpts from television and the media, our nationally acclaimed speaker, Larry Cohen, demonstrates lawyers at their ethical best and, at their worst, and considers what we can learn from them.



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Larry J. Cohen, Esq. is a certified specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation who has focused in his more than thirty years of law practice on serious medical injury and emotional damages cases, including especially brain injury claims. Mr. Cohen speaks nationally to groups of lawyers, other professionals, insurance companies, governmental entities, risk managers and other interest groups about litigation and trial practice matters, legal ethics, alternative dispute resolution, and issues in brain damage, law and medicine and law and psychology. For many years he has been listed by Southwest Super Lawyers and Arizona's Finest Lawyers as among the best lawyers in Arizona and recently was recognized by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel as among the top one percent of lawyers in the United States.

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General Information

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CANCELLATION POLICY 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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Lunch				
Join us for Thursday Lunch, Friday Annual Meeting Lunch, or Both (for all registrants)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	\$ _____

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Thursday, June 16, 2016

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 Hitler's Court: Betrayal of the Rule of Law 1.5 credits
- 3 Evolving Use of Social Media 1.5 ethics
- 4 Nuts and Bolts of Juvenile Law & Practice* 1.5 credits
- 5 Estate, Guardianship & Trust Developments* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 6 Casemaker Advanced 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 7 Corporate Privilege & Right to Defend* 1.5 ethics
- 8 Complex Family Law Issues* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics

1:30 – 2:45 pm *Check one seminar only for this time slot*

- 9 Pre-Suit Motor Vehicle Accident Arbitration* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 10 Identity Theft Issues for Taxpayers & Consumers 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 11 Ethical Issues in Litigation* 1.5 ethics
- 12 Marital Deductions & Credit Shelter Planning 1.5 credits
- 13 The LLC: Member Interest or Creditor Siege? 1.5 credits
- 14 Real Estate Practitioner's Guide to RI Foreclosures* 1.5 credits

3:15 – 4:30 pm *Check one seminar only for this time slot*

- 15 Civil Legal Issues Affecting Refugees* 1.5 credits
- 16 TDI/TCI: The Basics* 1.5 credits
- 17 When Courts of Law and Public Opinion Collide 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 18 Protecting the Attorney-Client Relationship in Trust 1.5 ethics
- 19 Trial Preparation Using a Computer* 1.5 credits
- 20 Choice of Entity 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 21 Enforcing Intellectual Property 1.5 credits

Friday, June 17, 2016

9:00 – 10:15 am *Check one seminar only for this time slot*

- 22 Civil Case Law Update 1.5 credits
- 23 Refusal Cases: Beyond the Basics* 1.5 credits
- 24 Medical Marijuana 101* 1.5 credits
- 25 Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Boot Camp* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 26 How to Make & Handle Deposition Objectives* 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 27 Avoiding Title Claims 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 28 LGBT Elders and the Law* 1.5 credits

10:45 am – 12:00 pm *Check one seminar only for this time slot*

- 29 Criminal Case Law Update* 1.5 credits
- 30 Parallel Proceedings 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 31 Preparing to Depose an Opposing Party or Witness* 1.5 credits
- 32 What does a Post-TRID World Look Like? 1.5 credits
- 33 Federalism and the Federal Power Act 1.5 credits
- 34 Effective and Ethical Internet Marketing 1.0 credit + .5 ethics
- 35 Challenges of Electronic Filing in Family Court* 1.5 credits

2:00 – 3:00 pm *Check one seminar only for this time slot*

- 36 Representing Challenged Clients .5 credit + .5 ethics
- 37 Mediation, Binding Arbitration & Litigation* .5 credit + .5 ethics
- 38 Food Allergy Guidelines in Schools 1.0 credit
- 39 Drafting Effective Documents .5 credit + .5 ethics
- 40 Environmental & Land Use Law 1.0 credit
- 41 Changing Practice of Law 1.0 ethics
- 42 Dissolution of Marriage of Same-Sex Couples* 1.0 credit

3:15 – 4:15 pm

43 An Ethical Day at the Movies – Larry J. Cohen, Esq. 1.0 ethics

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