

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Family Law Section Winter Meeting

January 17-19, 2020

The Hotel Hershey[®], Hershey



Focus on the past and the future

Commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Divorce Code,
review major milestones in family law since 1980,
and discuss contemporary and future issues.

Join Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices, Superior Court judges,
Common Pleas Court judges, legislators, practitioners and familiar faces.

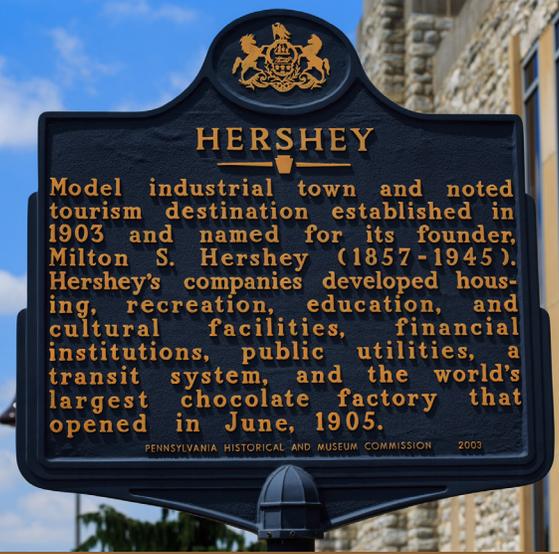


CLE sessions, networking,
recreation, food and music, all
in the sweetest place on earth



#PBAfamilylaw20

Join the PBA Family Law Section at the 2020 Winter Meeting



- History of Pennsylvania Divorce Code
- Current and anticipated issues in family law
- Justices, judges, legislators and colleagues
- Fun with family and friends in Hershey

Greetings from the Chair

The Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association is returning to where it all started for the upcoming Winter Meeting: The Hotel Hershey. Please join us for what will be a historic event for the Family Law Section beginning on January 17 and concluding on January 19, 2020.

This meeting will focus on the past and the future. We will be commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Divorce Code (with the help of founding members of the Section), the major milestones in family law since 1980 (including the landmark cases presented by the actual practitioners who argued them), and the modern issues that we face today and may face in the future.

We will be joined by Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices, Pennsylvania Superior Court judges, Common Pleas Court judges, legislators, practitioners and many familiar faces that you may not have seen for a while.

Debra Cantor, Jonathan Hoffman, the Program Committee, and I have worked very hard to bring this all together. Your jaw will drop when you turn the page of this brochure and see what

is slated for the programs during the meeting. Additionally, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers is starting off the weekend on Friday afternoon with the Albert Momjian Memorial Lecture featuring Justice David N. Wecht, which is a must-see.

We will be kicking off the social aspect of the meeting on Friday night with a fun reception and lots of food and music.

As is always the case with the Hotel Hershey, there will be plenty of sweets and one of the best spas around.

There already is a tremendous buzz across the state about this upcoming meeting — you definitely do not want to miss it. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Hershey in January.

Michael E. Bertin
PBA Family Law Section Chair

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The Hotel Hershey

The Hotel Hershey, which was built by Milton S. Hershey in the throes of the Great Depression, is adjacent to Hershey Gardens, a 23 acre botanical garden consisting of 11 distinct theme gardens, including the Historic Hershey Rose Garden. The hotel, which features a Spanish patio, tiled floors, a grand fountain and the circular dining room was the recipient of both the Forbes Four-Star Award and the AAA Four-Diamond Award. It is also home to the Spa at Hershey, a full service spa where attendees can indulge in popular spa treatments, including the trademark chocolate spa massage.

Hotel Reservations

The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at the Hotel Hershey over the conference dates.

Guest room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 855-729-3108 and asking for the room block for PA Bar Winter Law Conference or by using the online reservation: <https://book.passkey.com/go/PABarWinterLaw2019>.

Rates are \$172 per room per night for single or double occupancy accommodations. Rates are subject to state and local taxes, currently 11%. Please note that your first night's room and tax will be charged to your credit card when reservations are made. Guest room reservations deadline is Dec. 16, 2019. After this cut-off date, rooms and/or group rate may no longer be available. Check in time is after 4 p.m. and check out time is before 12 p.m.

Recreation and Activities

The Hotel Hershey offers options for indoor activities.

The indoor pool

<https://www.thehotelhershey.com/recreation/facilities.php>

Fitness center

<https://www.thehotelhershey.com/recreation/fitness.php>

Year around Butterfly Atrium

<https://www.hersheygardens.org/conservatory/butterfly-atrium>

The Spa

Rejuvenate and indulge in total luxury signature treatment. Reservations are strongly encouraged to ensure availability; call 717-520-5888, or view more information online at <http://www.thehotelhershey.com/spa/index.php>.

Travel

Hershey is conveniently located to major interstate highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike and is serviced by Harrisburg International Airport (MDT). The resort offers shuttle service from the airport for a nominal fee. To make advance arrangements for airport pick-up, contact the concierge at 717-533-2171.



Parking

Complimentary valet and self-parking are available.

What To Wear

Suggested attire for the meeting is business casual. Please wear your PBA name badge to all events and the appropriately colored wristband to the evening events for which you have registered.

Course Materials

Covered by your registration fee, a URL secure link will be emailed prior to the meeting for you to download, view and print those materials you wish to have.

Late Registrations

Registration deadline is close-of-business on Dec. 20, 2019. Registrations received after that date will be charged an additional \$50 late fee and will be accepted on a space-available basis only.

Cancellation Policy

Written cancellations must be received before close-of-business on Jan. 2, 2020. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a \$75 administrative fee. Any cancellations after 5 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2020, will not receive a refund.

Online Registration

Register for the PBA Family Section Winter Meeting online at <https://www.pabar.org/site/Events-and-Education/Event-Info/sessionaltcd/FAM120>.

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Assistance With Registration Fees

The Joanne Ross Wilder Memorial Family Law Section Scholarship is available through the Membership Incentive Program to cover registration fees for the Family Law

Section's 2020 Winter Meeting. Eligible recipients must be section members who are a) young/new to the practice; b) from a solo practice or a small firm; c) a public interest or governmental agency attorney; d) from counties that have been under-represented at section meetings; or e) have experienced financial hardship or other hardship. Interested applicants should complete and forward a scholarship application, available at <https://www.pabar.org/pdf/2019/JRW-Scholarship-Application.pdf>, to Pamela Kance at the Pennsylvania Bar Association, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108, or Pam.Kance@pabar.org. Application for this program must be made on or before Nov. 24, 2019.

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Schedule of Events

(Current as of time of printing but subject to change)

Friday, Jan. 17

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Registration/Exhibits**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **AAML-PA Momjian
Lecture Series**

Do Attorneys Have an Obligation to Address Social Injustice?

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers is aimed at improving family law, the law, and lawyering. With a prelude by Mark Momjian, Justice David N. Wecht will discuss the history of anti-Jewish hatred that led to genocide, and is now on the rise in this country. Do the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Civility show that as lawyers we should advocate against social injustice? Albert Momjian believed that we live in a time of amazing scientific and technological advances, yet at the same time we live in a world of repeated genocide and the hatred that generates it. Justice Wecht's discussion will raise many questions and insights that will make one see the rules do provide for us as lawyers to fight for social justice.

Speakers: Justice David N. Wecht, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Mark A. Momjian

1.5 ethics CLE credits

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Council Meeting**

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Welcome Party**

Saturday, Jan. 18

7:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration/Exhibits**

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

Please note that breakfast is open to meeting registrants only and is not intended for family members or guests.

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Welcome and
Introductions**

8:15 a.m.-8:30 a.m. **Supreme Court's
Perspective**

Justice Max Baer, Justice Kevin M. Dougherty and Justice David N. Wecht

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Plenary Session**

Part 1: The Evolution of Family Law in Pennsylvania

This program will explore divorce practice prior to the enactment of the Divorce Code (The Wild, Wild West), the development implementation and amendments to the

Divorce Code; the Child Custody Act and the legislation that followed. The program will provide a historical perspective of the development of the body of law from those who have been on the ground floor. The program will also include a few "war stories" and provide insight as to how far the divorce process has come.

Part 2: Major Milestones in Pennsylvania Family Law: The Landmark Cases

This portion of the program will cover the most significant cases that have impacted the practice of family law since the enactment of the Divorce Code. To the greatest extent possible, the actual attorneys who litigated or argued these landmark cases will discuss the background, holdings and effect of the cases on the practice of family law. The cases include, but are not limited to, *Simeone, Mascaro, Sutliff, Humphreys, Zummo, Colonna, Porreca* and *Hanrahan*.

Moderator and Presenter: Senior Judge Emanuel A. Bertin, Montgomery County

Presenters: Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, (Ret.), Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; President Judge Emeritus Susan Peikes Gantman, Superior Court of Pennsylvania; Senior Judge Eugene B. Strassburger III, Superior Court of Pennsylvania; Judge Daniel J. Clifford, Montgomery County; Rep. Tarah Toohil; Mark R. Ashton; Michael E. Bertin; Robert C. Capristo; Maria P. Cognetti; Mark B. Dischell; Mary Cushing Doherty; Leonard Dubin; Frederick N. Frank; Mark J. Goldberg; David N. Hofstein; John C. Howett Jr.; David L. Ladov; Saul D. Levit; James E. Mahood; Sophia P. Paul; Norman Perlberger; David S. Pollock; David S. Rasner; Jack A. Rounick; Charles C. Shainberg; Andrew D. Taylor; Robert I. Whitelaw; Jeffrey M. Williams; Cheryl L. Young
3 substantive CLE credits

11:45 a.m. **Award Presentation**

The Family Law Section will present the Eric Turner Memorial Award to Judge Susan Peikes Gantman, President Judge Emeritus, Superior Court of Pennsylvania.



Peikes Gantman

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Plenary Session

Order in the Court: Balancing Civility and Zealous Advocacy

This esteemed panel of judges will share various methods for maintaining high ethical standards, professional relationships, and civility in the courtroom while successfully advocating for our clients in emotionally charged family law actions.

Moderator: Judge Maria C. McLaughlin, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

Speakers: Judge Carolyn T. Carluccio, Montgomery County; Judge Kim D. Eaton, Allegheny County; Judge Edward M. Marsico Jr., Dauphin County; Judge Katherine B.L. Platt, Chester County

1.5 ethics CLE credits

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Workshops

A. The ART of Baby Making in the 21st Century

Assisted Reproductive Technologies (“ART”) have granted reproductive access to thousands who would otherwise be unable to have children. These ‘miraculous’ technologies and procedures, including in vitro fertilization, artificial insemination and surrogacy, face an ever evolving social, ethical and legal landscape, and the potential creation of new legal and familial relationships. Join us as we explore the science and state of assisted reproductive technologies, and the legal issues which arise in representing clients involved in all aspects of ART.

Moderator: Julie R. Colton

Speakers: Julie A. Auerbach; Jennifer A. Brandt; Jacqueline N. Gutmann, MD

1.5 substantive CLE credits

B. Pleadings Practice: Common Pitfalls and Effective Strategies to Solve Them

This course will review every day issues faced by family law practitioners and provide fresh and effective approaches to resolving those issues. This panel will include various perspectives from a judge, a master, and experienced attorneys who will discuss how to effectively prepare and present persuasive motions and petitions to strategically solve our most common problems.

Moderator: Christine Gale

Speakers: Judge Kelly C. Wall, Montgomery County; Master Cindy S. Conley; Inna G. Materese; Jessica A. Pritchard; Lauren L. Sorrentino.

1.5 substantive CLE credits

6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Dessert Hospitality

Sunday, Jan. 19

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration/Exhibits

7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Please note that breakfast is open to meeting registrants only and is not intended for family members or guests.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Section Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Not Your Average Case Law, Rules & Legislative Updates

You will not want to miss this update on the most recent appellate decisions and practice pointers on how these cases will impact family law issues in the future. This session will be a fun-filled, game-playing, prize winning hour and a half with the grand prize of a FREE Summer Meeting registration!

Moderator: Susan E. Good

Speakers: Megan A. DelVecchio; Melissa P. Greevy; Anthony M. Hoover; Karen Wetzler Miller; Lanique A. Roberts

1.5 substantive CLE credits



CLE CREDITS

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA Family Law Section Summer Meeting has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for up to 9 hours of CLE credit. To receive credits, you must complete and submit the indicated forms following the program.

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Registration Form

Name _____ Nickname or first name for badge _____

Address _____ Supreme Court ID # _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Name (and preferred nickname for badge) of Spouse/Guest(s) _____

Children's Name(s) and Age(s) if attending events _____

Please check here if you or any of your guests require special services, including any special dietary needs. Please attach a written description of needs that includes the name of the individual.

Please check here if you are a first-time attendee.

REGISTRATION FEE (Please check one):

Includes up to 9 hours of CLE credit; link to download course materials; Friday welcome party, Saturday breakfast, lunch, reception and dessert hospitality and Sunday breakfast.

PBA Section Member: \$495

PBA Member, Non-Section Member: \$615 (includes 2020 section membership)

PBA YLD Member First-time Attendee: \$320

Non-PBA Member: \$715

Judges & Judicial Law Clerks and those in practice 3 years or less: \$320

PBA FLS Joanne Ross Wilder Scholarship Recipient: \$0

Amount Due _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE:

For registrations placed after Dec. 20, 2019: \$50 **Amount Due** _____

CLE PROGRAMS: (Included in registration fee. Please check preference.

Choice is used for planning purposes and is non-binding.)

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AAML Program

Saturday: 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.

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B. Pleadings of Practice: Common Pitfalls and Effective Strategies to Solve Them

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Not Your Average Case Law, Rules and Legislative Updates

EVENING MEAL FUNCTIONS: (Included in registration fee but for planning purposes please indicate the events you will attend.)

Friday Welcome Party

Saturday Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday Hospitality

Friday and Saturday Events — Spouse/Guest/Children 12 and Over:

Friday # of tickets _____ x \$80 per person

Saturday # of tickets _____ x \$80 per person

Amount Due _____

Spouse/guests attending parties are welcome to attend the Saturday hospitality as guests of the section.

Saturday Lunch: (Registrant included in registration fee, but for planning purposes please indicate if you will attend the lunch.)

Saturday Lunch

Spouse/Guest:

Saturday lunch # of tickets _____ x \$40 per person

Amount Due _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

A check, payable to PBA, is enclosed.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration deadline for the meeting is Dec. 20, 2019. After that date, all registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis and will incur a late fee of \$50. Written cancellations must be received before the close of business on Jan. 2, 2020. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued, minus a \$75 administrative fee. After Jan. 2, 2020, no refunds will be issued.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY DEC. 20, 2019, TO:

PBA Meetings Department, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 7108-0186

Fax credit card registrations to 717-213-2507

Registrations will not be processed without payment.

For more information call the PBA Meetings Department at 800-932-0311, ext. 2231 or 2245



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