2023
Connecticut Legal Conference Schedule

7:30 a.m - 9:00 a.m.  Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibitor Showcase

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  Quinnipiac University School of Law Alumni Breakfast
University of Connecticut School of Law Alumni Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Session A Seminars

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  Break—Exhibitor Showcase

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Session B Seminars

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Remarks from:
   Attorney General William M. Tong
   Probate Court Administrator, Judge Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas
   Appellate Court Chief Judge William H. Bright, Jr.
   Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson
   U.S. District of Connecticut Chief Judge Michael P. Shea
   Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz

   Recognition of Judges Taking Senior or Referee Status
   Installation of the 2023-2024 CBA Officers

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Break—Exhibitor Showcase

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Session C Seminars

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  Break

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  Session D Seminars

5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  President’s Reception

Session A — 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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A01 Handling Hate Crimes in Connecticut
Room 27

Business/Legal Technology Track
A02 The New CT Consumer Data Privacy Law: Important Considerations for Business Lawyers
Room 26

DE&I Track
A03 Equality v. Equity: How Reframing Your Diversity Focus May Help You Achieve Your Diversity Goals
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A04 Ethics: The Year in Review
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A07 Intersectional Allyship and Well-Being
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Room 21

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Seminars At-A-Glance
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Current Topics Track
C06 Speaking Up for the Voiceless: Advocacy and Guardians Ad Litem

Room Assignments:
- Room 26
- Room 12/13
- Room 14/15
- Room 11
- Room 22/23
- Room 24/25
- Ballroom A

Session D — 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

The President’s Track
D01 Reinvigorating the Lawsuit

Business/Legal Technology Track
D02 Exploring Legal Research with Fastcase

Current Topics Track
D03 Media and Lawyers: Working with the Press

Family Law Track
D04 The Pathfinder: Navigating the Pathways Process

Current Topics Track
D05 Firearms, Probate, and Estate Planning

Current Topics Track
D06 Social Media Influencers: Endorsements and Compliance

Current Topics Track
D07 Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Legal Update and War Stories

Antitrust/Regulation Track
D08 Antitrust Violations and the DOJ Antitrust Leniency Program

Trial/Appellate Track
D09 SCOTUS and the New Queer Legal Frontier

Real Property/Environmental Law Track
D10 Common Title Claims and How to Avoid Them

Workplace Track
D11 Evidence in the Workers’ Compensation Forum

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Seminar Descriptions

The President’s Track | Room 27
A01 Handling Hate Crimes in Connecticut
Presented by the CBA Executive Committee

Presenters will define hate crimes and how they are handled in Connecticut. They will briefly summarize the Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council’s (HCAC) recommendations to prevent and combat hate crimes and how these recommendations are being implemented, including the Council’s community awareness efforts, legislative priorities, and restorative justice.

Speakers
Hon. Douglas S. Lavine (Ret.), Connecticut Appellate Court, Hartford
TaShun Bowden-Lewis, CT Division of Public Defender Services, Hartford
Harold Chen, Office of the US Attorney for the District of Connecticut, Bridgeport
Amy Lin Meyerson, Law Office of Amy Lin Meyerson, Weston
Richard A. Wilson, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford

CLE Credit:
CT: 1.0 CLE Credit (Ethics)
NY: 1.0 CLE Credit (D&I)**

Ethics Track | Ballroom A
A04 Ethics: The Year in Review
Presented by CBA’s Standing Committee on Professional Ethics | Sponsored by Gaylord Specialty Healthcare

Presenters will discuss recent ethics-related rule changes, opinions, and cases.

Speakers
Stephen J. Conover, Camody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Stamford
Brendon P. Levesque, Barry Barall Taylor & Levesque LLC, Manchester
Kim E. Rinehart, Wiggin and Dana LLP, New Haven

Family Law Track | Room 14/15
A05 Who Is a Parent? Navigating the Connecticut Parentage Act
Presented by the Family Law Section | Sponsored by CosmoLex

This program will cover the Connecticut Parentage Act and the impact it has had over the last year. The Act was enacted on January 1, 2022 and is intended to create clear and accessible pathways to legal parentage and ensure gender equality and all-gender access to legal parentage. Parentage means that you are a legal parent of a child.

Speaker
Ashley A. Cervin, Loudon, Katz & McGrath
Douglas NeJaime, Yale Law School, New Haven
Richard A. Rochlin, Richard Rochlin Family Law and Mediation, West Hartford

Current Topics Track | Room 17
A06 The Symbiotic Relationship of Self-Care and Productivity
Presented by the Lawyer Well-Being Committee

This program will examine the relationship between self-care and productivity, provide tools to help attorneys be more productive and facilitate self-care, and share ways to educate clients on the benefits of reasonable deadlines, focused work, (i.e. not responding to emails in a nano second) and lawyers who exercise self-care.

Speaker
Tanyee Cheung, Finn Dixon & Herling LLP, Stamford

Current Topics Track | Room 11
A07 Intersectional Allyship and Well-Being
Presented by the Lawyer Well-Being Committee

Intersectional allyship is important, but often allyship does not reach where it should or could be, leading to serious mental health and well-being issues for those in the legal profession. This seminar will explore these ideas, pose open questions about what we can collectively do as a movement and community, and consider next steps.

Speakers
Heidi Alexander, Director, MA Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Lawyer Well-Being, Boston, MA
Jermaine A. Brookshire, Jr., Wiggin and Dana LLP, New Haven

Moderator
Jenna Cutler, Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven
Yamuna Menon, State of Connecticut, Office of the State Comptroller, Hartford

Business/Legal Technology Track | Room 26
A02 The New CT Consumer Data Privacy Law: Important Considerations for Business Lawyers
Presented by the Business Law Section and the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee | Sponsored by BoostDraft.com

This program will provide an overview of the CT Data Privacy Act, set to take effect on July 1, 2023, with an emphasis on business obligations under the Act and how they interact with other duties and obligations. Further, we will consider strategies for compliance and address coordinating compliance efforts with laws in other jurisdictions.

Speakers
Russell F. Anderson, Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport
Kenneth B. Lerman, Kenneth B. Lerman PC, Hartford
Michele Lucan, Office of the Attorney General, Hartford
Tara L. Trifon, Locke Lord LLP, Hartford

CLE Credit:
CT: 1.0 CLE Credit (General)
NY: 1.0 CLE Credit (Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection - General)**

A03 Equality v. Equity: How Reframing Your Diversity Focus May Help You Achieve Your Diversity Goals
Presented by the DE&I Committee

This seminar examines the role of equality versus equity in our efforts toward a more inclusive and just society for all. Participants will learn about reframing their focus on equity, rather than numbers, as a means to achieve meaningful participation for all legal professionals.

Speakers
Hon. Cecil J. Thomas, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Norwich
Hon. Angela C. Robinson (Ret.), Robinson Diversity Consulting LLC, New Haven

CLE Credit:
CT: 1.0 CLE Credit (Ethics)
NY: 1.0 CLE Credit (D&I)**

Moderator
Michelle Querijero, Farmington

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Current Topics Track | Room 22/23
**A08 Abuse of Older Adults: Fraud, Scams, and Financial Exploitation**
*Presented by the Elder Law Section*

This is a timely presentation regarding the fraud, scams, and exploitation that frequently target our clients, especially the older adult population. These schemes are sometimes seemingly innocuous and may even be perpetrated by persons closest to the unsuspecting victim, including financial advisors, family members, or someone seeking romantic involvement.

**Speakers**
Heather Cherry, United States Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut, New Haven

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Antitrust/Regulation Track | Room 16
**A09 CUTPA 50 Years!**
*Presented by the Antitrust and Trade Regulations Section*

The year 2023 is the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA). This seminar will discuss CUTPA’s remarkable development over the past half-century, including its profound importance in reshaping the fundamental nature of the relationship between businesses and consumers.

**Speakers**
Robert M. Langer, Wiggin and Dana LLP, Hartford
David A. Slossberg, Hurwitz Sagarin Slossberg & Knuff LLC, Milford
Michael C. Wertheimer, Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, Hartford

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Trial/Appellate Track | Room 24/25
**A10 Annual Review of Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Court Cases**
*Presented by the Connecticut Bar Institute*

This seminar will provide an analytical and thought-provoking review of Connecticut Supreme Court cases from the past year, presented by Kenneth J. Bartschi, followed by an insightful and practical review of Connecticut Appellate Court cases from the past year, presented by Karen L. Dowd.

**Speakers**
Kenneth J. Bartschi, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford
Karen L. Dowd, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford

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A11 Pay Transparency, Non-Competes, Arbitration Clauses, and Non-Disclosure Agreements: The Next Frontiers in Labor and Employment Law
*Presented by the Labor and Employment Law Section*

Our experienced speakers will provide a guided tour through a series of rapidly developing topics in the labor and employment arena. Pay transparency and non-compete legislation as well as new developments and case law with respect to arbitration clauses and non-disclosure agreements are posing new challenges for employment lawyers.

**Speakers**
Allison P. Dearington, Jackson Lewis PC, Hartford
Joshua R. Goodbaum, Garrison Levin-Epstein Fitzgerald & Pirratti, New Haven
Zachary D. Schurin, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford

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The President’s Track | Room 27
**B01 Ethics and the Pro Bono Representation of Nonprofits**
*Presented by the CBA Executive Committee*

This program will address ethical issues attorneys may face when representing a nonprofit organization on a pro bono basis.

**Speakers**
Maurice K. Segall, Pro Bono Partnership Inc., White Plains, NY

**CLE Credit:**
CT: 1.0 CLE Credit (General)
NY: 1.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*

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Business/Legal Technology Track | Room 21
**B02 Commercial Law and Bankruptcy: The Year in Review**
*Presented by the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section | Sponsored by BoostDraft.com*

The presenters of the program will discuss recent cases in each of three categories: commercial litigation, consumer bankruptcy, and business bankruptcy.

**Speakers**
Julie A. Lavoie, Murtha Cullina LLP, Hartford
Patrick R. Linsey, Neubert Pepe & Monteleth PC, New Haven
Christopher H. Thogmartin, Law Office of Christopher H. Thogmartin, Plantsville

**Moderator**
Kristin B. Mayhew, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford

**CLE Credit:**
CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (General)
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*

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DE&I Track | Room 26
**B03 Mental Health and the Practicing Lawyer**
*Presented by the DE&I Committee*

A diverse group of panelists will present and have a conversation on mental health and the practicing attorney. The program will include insights into mental health challenges faced by practicing attorneys, associated stigmas, and how to overcome them. The panel will discuss the challenges faced by lawyers who wish to seek or are in treatment, the risk of self-medication through alcohol and narcotics, and mental health resources available to lawyers.

**Speakers**
Alyssa Cretella, BHcare, Ansonia
Aigné S. Goldsby, Letizia Ambrose & Falls PC, New Haven
Uriel J. Lloyd, Division of Public Defender Services, New Britain
David R. Williams, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Inc., Rocky Hill

**Moderator**
John M. Letizia, Letizia Ambrose & Falls, New Haven

**CLE Credit:**
CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)*

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Ethics Track | Room 12/13
**B04 How to Ethically Use Social Media Marketing and Best Practices to Optimize Growth While Also Safeguarding Your Practice**
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**Seminar Descriptions**

**Session B — 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Speakers**
- Paulette Brown, MindSetPower LLC, Charleston, SC

**CLE Credit:**
- CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (General)
- NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*

**Trial/Appellate Track | Room 22/23**

**B08 Appellate Law Considerations in Family Law Cases**
*Presented by the Appellate Advocacy Section*

This program will feature family law practitioners with appellate experience and an appellate jurist discussing key considerations for (a) family law practitioners to keep in mind during trial for purposes of appeal and (b) those practitioners or appellate counsel retained after trial to keep in mind in pursuing an appeal in a family law case, from filing to disposition.

**Speakers**
- Hon. Bethany J. Alvord, Connecticut Appellate Court, Hartford
- Kenneth J. Bartschi, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford
- Danielle Edwards, 1818 Law PLLC, Stamford
- Brandon B. Fontaine, Kahan Kerensky Capossela LLP, Vernon
- Scott T. Garosschen, Robinson + Cole LLP, Hartford
- Dyan M. Kozaczka, Siegel Colin & Kaufman, Stamford
- Kelly A. Scott, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford

**Real Property/Environmental Law Track | Room 24/25**

**B09 Real Property Case Law Year in Review**
*Presented by the Real Property Section*

This perennial program will provide an overview of important case law developments and new or revised statutes concerning real property and will update attendees on trends and decisions.

**Speakers**
- Matthew J. Cholewa, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Hartford
- Gillian Ingraham, Baillie & Hershman PC, Greenwich
- Lisa J. Lugauskas, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Hartford
- Valerie A. Votto, Valerie Ann Votto LLC, Old Lyme

**Workplace Track | Ballroom A**

**B10 Workers’ Compensation Series: Let Me In—The Primrose Path of Jurisdiction**
*Presented by the Workers’ Compensation Section*

This seminar will be the first in a series of overviews of the seminal cases under the Connecticut Workers’ Compensation Act. The discussion will feature family law practitioners with appellate experience and an appellate jurist discussing key considerations for (a) family law practitioners to keep in mind during trial for purposes of appeal and (b) those practitioners or appellate counsel retained after trial to keep in mind in pursuing an appeal in a family law case, from filing to disposition.

**Speakers**
- Hon. William J. Watson III, Workers’ Compensation Commission, Hartford
- Lucas D. Strunk, Strunk Dodge Aiken Zovas LLC, Rocky Hill

**CLE Credit:**
- CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (General)
- NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*

**Family Law Track | Room 14/15**

**B05 What to Do When DCF Knocks: How to Address DCF Involvement in Your Family Case**
*Presented by the Family Law Section | Sponsored by CosmoLex*

This program will address how DCF (Connecticut Department of Children and Families) involvement can impact custody and access aspects of a family case. The presentation will cover how to advise clients when a DCF investigation has commenced; obtaining, using, and admitting DCF records into evidence; the effect a safety plan has; and the authority of DCF to remove children from a home.

**Speakers**
- Eddie Salinas, Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Manchester
- Scott A. Sandler, Scott Allan Sandler Attorney at Law LLC, Hartford
- Nieka Thompson, Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Hartford

**Moderator**
- Natassia M. Fodor, Schoonmaker George Blomberg Bryniczka & Welsh PC, Old Greenwich

**Current Topics Track | Room 11**

**B06 Construction Law Year in Review**
*Presented by the Construction Law Section*

This program will provide you with up-to-date information about the current state of construction law.

**Speakers**
- Rory M. Farrell, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford
- Chelsea C. McCallum, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Hartford
- Carolyn A. Young, Michelson Kane Royster & Barger PC, Hartford

**National Presenters’ Track | Room 17**

**B07 Back in the Saddle: Networking and Business Development Beyond the Pandemic**
*Presented by the CT Bar Institute | Sponsored by Kronholm Insurance Services Part of the Brown & Brown Team*

This interactive program will provide tools to assist lawyers in enhancing their networking and business development skills, demonstrating that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to being successful.

**Speakers**
- Stephen J. Conover, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Stamford
- Brendon P. Levesque, Barry Barall Taylor & Levesque LLC, Manchester
- Erin McCartney, Attorney Protective, Flouterton, PA

**Moderator**
- John Kronholm, Kronholm Insurance Services, Part of the Brown & Brown Team, Rocky Hill

**CLE Credit:**
- CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)
- NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)*

**REAL PROPERTY/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW TRACK | ROOM 24/25**

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**WOrkPLACE TRACK | BALLROOM A**

**B10 WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SERIES: LET ME IN—THE PRIMROSE PATH OF JURISDICTION**
*Presented by the Workers’ Compensation Section*

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Speakers
Stephen M. Beck, Levin Rojas Camassar & Beck LLC, North Stonington
Jose Rojas, Levin Rojas Camassar & Beck LLC, North Stonington

Moderator
Christopher P. Anderson, Anderson Trial Lawyers, Norwich

Business/Legal Technology Track | Room 24/25
C02 The Ethical Duty of Technology Competence: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know
Presented by the CT Bar Institute | Sponsored by BoostDraft.com

In this session, we will review the requirements of the Rules of Professional Conduct and the many reasons to be technologically competent.

Speakers
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Michael S. Taylor, Barry Barall Taylor & Levesque LLC, Manchester

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Moderator
Christopher P. Anderson, Anderson Trial Lawyers, Norwich

DE&I Track | Room 11
C03 Using Remote or Hybrid Work Environments as an Instrument of Diversity and Employee Retention
Presented by the DE&I Committee

Join us as we discuss remote and hybrid work scenarios and the benefits of not limiting our job search pool solely to those who can physically come to work during specific hours.

Speakers
Kimberly Jacobsen, Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities, Hartford
Robin Sharp, Easter Seals Capital Region and Eastern Connecticut, Windsor
Sarah R. Skubas, Jackson Lewis PC, Hartford

Ethics Track | Room 26
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James L. Brawley, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Hartford
Dana M. Herlich, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford
Erin McCartney, Attorney Protective, Flourtown, PA

Moderator
John Kronholm, Kronholm Insurance Services, Part of the Brown & Brown Team, Rocky Hill

Family Law Track | Room 14/15
C05 Family Law Year in Review
Presented by the Family Law Section | Sponsored by CosmoLex

Join us for the annual review of cases pertaining to the field of family law. Participants will be provided with richly detailed materials summarizing all relevant and current family law cases.

Speakers
Campbell D. Barrett, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford
Steven R. Dembo, Berman Mickelson Dembo & Jacobs LLC, Hartford
Amy Calvo MacNamara, The Law Offices of Amy Calvo MacNamara, Greenwich
David A. McGrath, Louden Katz & McGrath LLC, Hartford

Moderator
Leslie I. Jennings-Lax, Reich & Truax PLLC, Fairfield

Current Topics Track | Room 22/23
C06 Speaking Up for the Voiceless: Advocacy and Guardians Ad Litem
Presented by the Animal Law and Family Law Sections

Advocates speak up for the voiceless. Advocates can be appointed by courts to represent the interests of animals, infants, minors, mentally incompetent persons, and more for the duration of a legal proceeding. Guardians ad litem are an invaluable and crucial part of our justice system affecting several areas of law.

Speakers
Tara Cooley, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford
Ruth Fortune, Wiggin and Dana LLP, Stamford
Paige S. Quilliam, Gould Larson Bennet & McDonnell PC, Essex
Justine Rakich-Kelly, The Children’s Law Center of Connecticut, Hartford
Jessica Rubin, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford

Moderator
Cassandra L. Dulepski, Polinsky Law Group LLC, Hartford

Current Topics Track | Room 21
C07 Ethics in the Public Health System
Presented by the CT Bar Institute

A diverse panel will present an overview of the public health system in America, focusing on the four principles of public health ethics, key ethical issues in public health, health care disparities, case law relevant to public health ethics, municipal public health challenges, and ethics and the law in public health.

Speakers
Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport
Audrey B. Blondin, Blondin Law Offices, Torrington
Karl E. Minges, University of New Haven, New Haven

Moderator
Karl E. Minges, University of New Haven, New Haven

CLE Credit:
CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)*
National Presenters’ Track | Room 17
C08 Roll Up Your Sleeves and Get to (net)Work
Presented by the CT Bar Institute | Sponsored by Kronholm Insurance Services Part of the Brown & Brown Team
This program will present strategies for networking and rainmaking and allow participants to develop their own personal action plan for client development.

Speakers
Michelle A. Behnke, Michelle Behnke & Associates, Madison, WI

CLE Credit: CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (2.0 General)

Trial/Appellate Track | Room 12/13
C09 Stare Decisis and the New Roberts Court
Presented by the CT Bar Institute
In the last five years alone, the US Supreme Court has overruled major precedents and upended long-standing law (including Roe v. Wade) and has also declined opportunities to overrule other influential but deeply criticized (and polarizing) precedent. Join us for a panel discussion where leading scholars will explore this tension, discuss where they see the Court heading, and offer their perspectives on what role precedent plays in that journey.

Speakers
Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School, New Haven

CLE Credit: CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (General)
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*

Moderator
Scott T. Garosshen, Robinson+Cole LLP, Hartford

Real Property/Environmental Law Track | Room 16
C10 PFAS Litigation and Regulation Update
Presented by the Environmental Law Section
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of chemicals that have been the subject of increasing regulation, litigation, and public attention. This program will provide an update on PFAS litigation and regulation.

Speakers
Megan E. Baroni, Robinson + Cole LLP, Stamford
Richard Desrosiers, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Glastonbury
Julianne Lombardo Klaassen, RisCassi & Davis PC, Hartford

CLE Credit: CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (General)
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*

Moderator
Emilie Mooney Scott, Robinson + Cole LLP, Hartford

Workplace Track | Ballroom A
C11 Recent Developments in CT Workers’ Compensation
Presented by the Workers’ Compensation Section
Learn about the latest in workers’ compensation, including legislative updates, case law updates, and updates from Chief Administrative Law Judge Stephen M. Morelli and an appellate clerk.

Speakers
Christopher Buccini, Strunk Dodge Aiken Zovas LLC, Rocky Hill
Carl Cicchetti, Judicial Branch of Connecticut, Hartford
Donna J. Civitello, Carter & Civitello, Woodbridge
Jason M. Dodge, Strunk Dodge Aiken Zovas LLC, Rocky Hill
Melanie I. Kolek, Connecticut Education Association, Hartford

CLE Credit: CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (General)
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (AOP)*
Seminar Descriptions

Current Topics Track | Room 24/25
D05 Firearms, Probate, and Estate Planning
Presented by the CT Bar Institute | Sponsored by CosmoLex

This program will assist estate planning and probate attorneys on Connecticut’s classifications of firearms, how to transfer them, and risks/liabilities of fiduciaries.

**Speakers**
Vincent A. Liberti, Jr., Halloran & Sage LLP, Hartford

**CLE Credit:**
CT: 1.0 CLE Credit (General)
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Current Topics Track | Room 26
D06 Social Media Influencers: Endorsements and Compliance
Presented by the Sports and Entertainment Law Section

This program will discuss what attorneys need to know regarding influencer transactions, endorsement deals, online reviews/sponsored content, and required disclosures.

**Speakers**
Michael Atleson, FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection, Washington, DC
David G. Mallen, Loeb & Loeb LLP, New York, NY

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Current Topics Track | Room 11
D07 Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Legal Update and War Stories
Presented by the CT Bar Institute

In this seminar, speakers from private practice as well as from government will discuss the state and federal False Claims Act, as well as recent case law and pending Supreme Court decisions. The speakers will describe the lifespan of a health care fraud case and provide tips for how to avoid becoming a target. Participants will also hear war stories from actual cases handled by the attorneys.

**Speakers**
Jolie Apicella, Wiggin and Dana LLP, New York, NY
Jody Erdfarb, Wiggin and Dana LLP, Stamford
Joshua Jackson, Office of the Attorney General, Hartford

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Antitrust/Regulation Track | Room 21
D08 Antitrust Violations and the DOJ Antitrust Leniency Program
Presented by the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section

In this hour-long discussion, our panel will examine the DOJ’s corporate leniency program. We will discuss why the program was created, how it works, what changes have been made, the impact of those changes, and what to expect moving forward. Our seasoned practitioners and recent DOJ alums will also evaluate the risks and benefits of a leniency application from both a criminal and civil perspective.

**Speakers**
Hon. Kari A. Dooley, United States District Court, District of Connecticut, Bridgeport
James W. Attridge, Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider LLP, Washington, DC
Eyitayo St. Matthew-Daniel, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, NY

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Trial/Appellate Track | Room 16
D09 SCOTUS and the New Queer Legal Frontier
Presented by the LGBT Section

This seminar will review recent cases from the US Supreme Court, explore these cases’ future implications for the LGBTQIA+ community, and examine their potential impact in Connecticut and, more broadly, nationally. Reflecting on cases like Dobbs, this seminar will include discussion on related congressional action (such as the current Respect for Marriage Act being proposed in Congress) and SCOTUS cases to date in the 2023 term.

**Speakers**
Kenneth J. Bartschi, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford
Taylor Brown, LGBTQ & HIV Project, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY

**Moderator**
Jenna Cutter, Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven
Yamuna Menon, State of Connecticut, Office of the State Comptroller, Hartford

Real Property/Environmental Law Track | Room 12/13
D10 Common Title Claims and How to Avoid Them
Presented by the Real Property Section

This program will teach you about some of the more common types of claims title insurance companies encounter and how you can help avoid them.

**Speakers**
Joseph J. Taborsak, Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company, Hartford
David S. Veleber, Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company, Hartford
Bruce A. Zawodniak, Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company, Hartford

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Workplace Track | Ballroom A
D11 Evidence in the Workers’ Compensation Forum
Presented by the Workers’ Compensation Section

The presenters will discuss how the rules of evidence are applied in the Workers’ Compensation System. The presenters will address how judges handle issues of evidence. There will be a focus on the use of surveillance.

**Speakers**
Jonathan H. Dodd, The Dodd Law Firm LLC, Cheshire
Heather K. Porto, Strunk Dodge Aiken Zovas LLC, Rocky Hill

**Moderator**
Katherine M. DuBaldo, Morrison Mahone LLP, Hartford

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