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# Raising the Bar: A Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism

Friday, November 2, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Middlesex Superior Court  
1 Court St, Middletown CT

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## Keynote Speaker

**Hon. Richard A. Robinson**, Chief Justice,  
Connecticut Supreme Court

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# Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism Schedule

## 8:30 a.m. – Registration/Continental Breakfast

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### 9:00 a.m. – Welcome Remarks

**Hon. Jose A. Suarez**, Connecticut Superior Court  
**Kristi A. Hanney**, President, New London County Bar Association, Law Office of Kristi A. Hanney LLC, East Lyme  
**Jonathan M. Shapiro**, President, Connecticut Bar Association Shapiro Law Offices LLC, Middletown  
**David J. Tycz**, President, Middlesex County Bar Howard McMillan & Tycz LLC, Middletown

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### 9:30 a.m. – Plenary Session

*Elevating the Profession and Supporting the Judiciary*

*Moderator*

**Hon. Robert L. Holzberg** (Ret.), Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford

*Panelists*

**George Jepsen**, Connecticut Attorney General, Hartford  
**Karen DeMeola**, Immediate Past President, Connecticut Bar Association, Assistant Dean for Finance, Administration, and Enrollment, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford  
**Ralph J. Monaco**, Conway Londregan Sheehan & Monaco PC, New London

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### 10:30 a.m. – Break

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### 10:45 a.m. – Plenary Session

*Avoiding Grievances: Top Ten Pitfalls and Common Issues in the Grievance Process*

*Speakers*

**Michael P. Bowler**, Statewide Bar Counsel, East Hartford  
**Mark A. Dubois**, Geraghty & Bonnano LLC, New London

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### 11:45 a.m. – Breakout Sessions

#### A1. Alternative Dispute Resolution

*Moderator*

**Hon. Antonio C. Robaina** (Ret.), McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford

*Panelists*

**Hon. Elaine Gordon** (Ret.), Gordon ADR, Westbrook  
**Hon. Robert L. Holzberg** (Ret.), Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford  
**Louis R. Pepe**, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford

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#### A2. Criminal Practice

*Moderator*

**Hon. Susan B. Handy**, Superior Court, New London

*Panelists*

**Christa L. Baker**, Asst. State's Attorney, GA 21  
**Michael A. Blanchard**, Suisman Shapiro, New London  
**Jeremiah F. Donovan**, Law Offices of Terry and Jeremiah Donovan, Old Saybrook  
**Michael A. Gailor**, State's Attorney, Middlesex JD

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#### A3. Family Practice

*Moderator*

**Kristi A. Hanney**, Law Office of Kristi A. Hanney LLC, East Lyme

*Panelists*

**Hon. Lynda Munro** (Ret.), Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport  
**Hon. Jose A. Suarez**, Connecticut Superior Court, Hartford  
**Paige S. Quilliam**, Gould Larson Bennet McDonnell Quilliam & McGlinchey PC, Essex  
**Robert G. Tukey**, Suisman Shapiro, New London

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#### A4. Probate, Trusts, and Estates Practice

*Moderator*

**Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock**, Reg. 14 Probate Court, Marlborough

*Panelists*

**Hon. Jeffrey McNamara**, Reg. 32 Probate Court, New London Regional Children's Court, Niantic  
**Kirk W. Lowry**, Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Middletown  
**Susan B. Pochal**, Pochal & Pochal LLC, Mystic

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#### A5. Civil Practice

*Moderator*

**David J. Tycz**, Howard McMillan & Tycz LLC, Middletown

*Panelists*

**Hon. Matthew E. Frechette**, Connecticut Superior Court Middletown  
**Hon. Kimberly A. Knox**, Connecticut Superior Court Hartford  
**Shelley L. Graves**, Faulkner & Graves PC, New London

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#### 12:45 p.m. Lunch

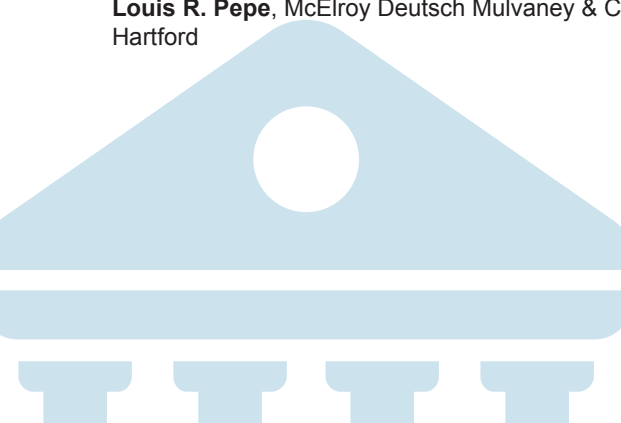
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#### 1:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker

**Hon. Richard A. Robinson**, Chief Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court

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#### 2:00 p.m. Adjourn



## Keynote Speaker

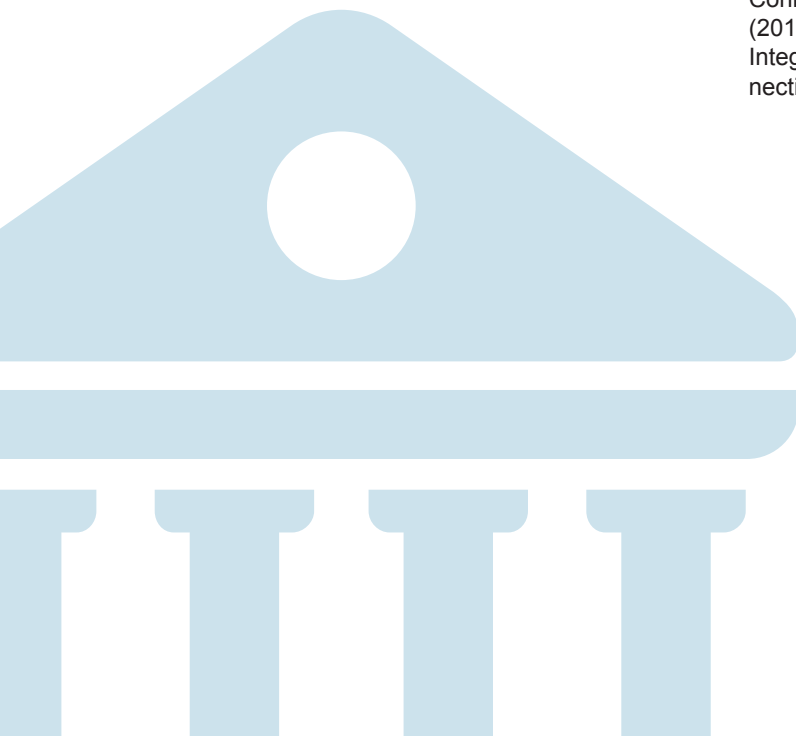


**Hon. Richard A. Robinson,**  
Chief Justice, Connecticut  
Supreme Court

The Honorable Richard A. Robinson was born December 10, 1957 in Stamford. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Connecticut in 1979 and a Juris Doctor degree from West Virginia University School of Law in 1984. He was admitted to the West Virginia Bar and the Connecticut Bar, and is a member of the US District Court, Northern District of West Virginia, and the US District Court, Connecticut.

From 1985 - 1988, Chief Justice Robinson was Staff Counsel for the City of Stamford Law Department. In 1988, he became Assistant Corporation Counsel in Stamford where he remained until his appointment as a Judge of the Superior Court in 2000. He remained a Superior Court Judge for the next seven years during which time he served as Presiding Judge (Civil) for the New Britain Judicial District (May 2003 - September 2006); Presiding Judge (Civil) and Assistant Administrative Judge for the Ansonia/Milford Judicial District (September 2006 - September 2007); and Presiding Judge (Civil) for the Stamford Judicial District (September 2007 - December 2007). He was appointed as a judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court on December 10, 2007, a Justice of the Supreme Court on December 19, 2013, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on May 3, 2018.

Chief Justice Robinson's career is complimented by an array of public and judicial service. He served as President of the Stamford Branch of the NAACP (1988-1990); General Counsel for the Connecticut Conference of the NAACP (1988 - 2000); President of the Assistant Corporation Counsel's Union (AFSCME) (1989 - 2000); Commissioner of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (1997 - 2000); Chair of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (1999 - 2000); New Haven Inn of Court member (2002 - present); Judicial Education Curriculum Committee member (2002 - 2014); Judicial Education Committee member (2003 - 2014); faculty at several Judicial Institutes as well as spring and fall lectures (2003 - present); Civil Commission member (2005 - 2014); Court Annexed Mediator (2005 - 2014); Lawyers Assistance Advisory Board member (2007 - present); Bench-Bar Foreclosure Committee (2007 - 2014); Legal Internship Committee (2013 - 2017); Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency (2009-present); Chairperson of the Rules Committee (2017- present); Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Diversity Award (2010); Connecticut Bar Association's Henry J. Naruk Judiciary Award for Integrity (2017); NAACP 100 Most Influential Blacks in Connecticut; Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows, Life Fellow.



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**Fee: (includes continental breakfast and lunch)**

- \$15 Law Students
- \$30 Young Lawyers  
(Attorneys licensed to practice 1 – 5 years)
- \$45 Attorneys licensed to practice  
6 or more years

**Please Choose Your  
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- A1. ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution)
- A2. Criminal Practice
- A3. Family Practice
- A4. Probate, Trusts, and Estates Practice
- A5. Civil Practice

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**Space is limited; early registration is encouraged.**