

Raising the Bar

A Bench-Bar Symposium
on Professionalism



Civility in an Increasingly Uncivil World – The Role of the Lawyer in Fostering Civility in the Practice and Beyond

Waterbury Superior Court, 300 Grand Street, Waterbury
November 4, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Presented by the Connecticut Bar Association in collaboration with the Litchfield County Bar Association, Waterbury Bar Association and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch

9:00 a.m. - **Registration and Breakfast**
9:30 a.m. *Courtroom 1 on the Second Floor*

9:30 a.m. - **Welcome Remarks**
10:00 a.m. *Courtroom 1 on the Second Floor*

Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto, Deputy Chief Court Administrator, Hartford
Hon. Anna M. Ficeto, Administrative Judge, Waterbury
Jason R. Gagnon., Past President, Waterbury Bar Association
Daniel J. Horgan, President, Connecticut Bar Association
Robert Salerno, President, Litchfield County Bar Association

10:00 a.m. - **Plenary Session | Keynote from the Bar**
10:30 a.m. *Courtroom 1 on the 2nd Floor*

Speaker **Attorney General William Tong**, Office of the Attorney General, Hartford

10:30 a.m. - **Break**
10:35 a.m.

10:35 a.m. - **Panel Discussion – Panel One: Young Lawyers – “Coming of Age in the Digital Age of the Practice of Law”**
11:35 a.m. *Jury Assembly Room on the 3rd Floor*

Join Rising Stars for their takes on the benefits and challenges of being a young lawyer, including an HR perspective on what the next generation of lawyers is looking for.

Speakers: **Christopher Klepps**, The Hartford – Legal and Coverage Unit, Hartford
Trent LaLima, Santos & LaLima PC, Hartford
Amanda Nugent, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, New Haven
Andraya Pulaski Brunau, Day Pitney LLP, Hartford

Moderator: **Hon. Anna M. Ficeto**, Administrative Judge - Superior Court of Connecticut, Waterbury

10:35 a.m. - **Panel Discussion – Panel Two: Experienced Lawyers – “The Role of the Lawyer in**
11:35 a.m. **Fostering Civility”**
Courtroom 1 on the 2nd Floor

Join a star-studded experienced group of lawyers discussing the role of civility in the practice and beyond and the role it plays in even the most contentious matters.

Speakers: **Joseph Foti, Jr.**, More O’Brien & Foti, Middlebury
Christopher M. Mattei, Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder PC, Bridgeport
Erica Pilicy-Ryan, The Flood Law Firm LLC, Middletown
James Robertson, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Waterbury
Rosemary E. Giuliano, Giuliano Richardson & Sfara LLC, Woodbury

Moderator: **Hon. W. Glen Pierson**, Superior Court of Connecticut, Waterbury

11:35 a.m. - **Break**
11:45 a.m.

11:45 p.m. - **Plenary Session 2 | Why Civility Matters Now More than Ever**
12:30 p.m. *Courtroom 1 on the 2nd Floor*

Speaker **Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson**, Connecticut Supreme Court, Hartford

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Program Co-chairs:

Hon. Omar Williams, Professionalism Committee Co-chair, Connecticut Bar Association; US District Court, District of Connecticut, Hartford
Jason R. Gagnon, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Waterbury
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