



Raising the Bar: A Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism



Friday, November 15, 2024
Hartford Judicial District Superior Court
95 Washington Street, Hartford
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

8:30 a.m. - **Registration and Breakfast**
9:00 a.m. *3rd Floor Lobby - Courtroom 300*

9:00 a.m. - **Welcome Remarks**
9:30 a.m. *Courtroom 300*

Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto, Office of the Chief Court Administrator, Hartford
Hon. Nuala E. Droney, Connecticut Superior Court, Hartford
Michael T. McCormack, President, Hartford County Bar Association
James T. (Tim) Shearin, President, Connecticut Bar Association

9:30 a.m. - **Plenary Session | Implicit Bias**
10:15 a.m. *Courtroom 300*

Speaker: **Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson (Ret.)**, Day Pitney LLP, Hartford

10:15 a.m. - **Break**
10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - **Panel Discussions – Subject Matter**
11:30 a.m. *Courtroom 300* **Civil**

Panel: **John Laudati**, Murphy Laudati Kiel & Rattigan LLC, Granby
John Miller, Hassett & Donnelly PC, Worcester, MA
Patrick Tomasiewicz, Fazzano & Tomasiewicz LLC, Hartford

Moderator: **Hon. Lisa K. Morgan**, Connecticut Superior Court, Hartford

Courtroom 312 **Family**

Panel: **Hon. Barry F. Armata**, Connecticut Superior Court, New Britain
Hon. Constance L. Epstein, Connecticut Superior Court, Hartford
Christine M. Whitehead, Law Office of Christine M. Whitehead, Hartford

Moderator: **Hon. Leo V. Diana**, Connecticut Superior Court, Hartford

Courtroom 1 **Criminal**

Panel: **Teri E. Bayer**, Bayer Odum & Hyde, Hartford
Jesse Giddings, State of Connecticut, Division of Criminal Justice, Office
of the State's Attorney, Hartford
Trent A. LaLima, Brown Paindiris & Scott LLP, Hartford

Moderator: **Hon. Nuala E. Droney**, Connecticut Superior Court, Hartford

Courtroom 2 **Probate**

Panel: **Andrew Knott**, Knott & Knott LLC, Cheshire
Samuel R. Laurencelle, Disability Planning Partners Inc., Windsor
Kelley Gallica Peck, Cummings & Lockwood LLC, West Hartford

Moderator: **Hon. David Shepard**, Probate Court (PD-09), Simsbury

Courtroom 3 **ADR**

Panel: **Justice Joette Katz (Ret.)**, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Stamford
Hon. Terence A. Zemetis (Ret.), Terence A. Zemetis PC, Madison

11:30 a.m. - **Break**
11:45 p.m.

11:45 p.m. - **Closing Plenary | Changes in Professionalism Over the Years**
12:30 p.m. *Courtroom 300*

Speaker: **Chief Justice Raheem L. Mullins**

12:30 p.m. **Closing Comments and Adjourn**

Speaker: **Michael T. McCormack**, President, Hartford County Bar Association,
O'Sullivan McCormack Jensen & Bliss PC, Glastonbury

Program Co-chairs:

James W. Bergenn, Professionalism Committee Co-chair, Connecticut Bar Association; Shipman &
Goodwin LLP, Hartford

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