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# Join Us for the 2023 Connecticut Legal Conference

## Make Connections and Gain the Knowledge to Keep Your Practice on the Cutting Edge

June 5, 2023 | 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford

Start the day with **breakfast and networking** with your colleagues in the exhibitor showcase. Alumni from Quinnipiac and UConn School of Law are invited to attend an **alumni breakfast**, where you can reconnect with friends and meet colleagues from your alma mater. Be sure to sign up for your university's alumni breakfast while registering for the conference.

Stroll through the **exhibitor showcase** after breakfast and between sessions, where you can interact with various companies offering legal research, technology solutions, law practice management services, and more. Don't miss Dan LeRoy Productions, who will provide **free professional headshots** throughout the day.

The conference's **education seminars**, held across four sessions throughout the day, include a selection of over 35 seminars focused on a diverse range of topics in state and federal law as well as annual reviews of case law and legislation in appellate advocacy, commercial law

and bankruptcy, ethics, family law, real property, and workers' compensation law.

Take a break from seminars to attend the **2023 CBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon**, where you will hear from prestigious Connecticut-based and national speakers. Join us in recognizing judges taking senior or referee status, and attend the installation of the 2023-2024 CBA officers, including the association's 100th president, Margaret I. Castinado.

Close out the day listening to music, socializing with colleagues, and discussing takeaways from conference seminars at the **President's Reception**, which will feature hors d'oeuvres, complimentary beer and wine, and a live performance by members of the Latin music ensemble Goza.

Learn more and register at [ctlegalconference.com](https://ctlegalconference.com)

## Schedule

2023 CLC Schedule	
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibitor Showcase
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	UConn and Quinnipiac School of Law Alumni Breakfasts
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.	CBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon
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

## Pricing

Conference registration includes a ticket to the Annual Meeting, Luncheon, and parking in the designated garage.

Registrants can earn 6.0 CLE credits at the conference and will receive access to audio on-demand versions of more than 35 conference seminars to earn additional CLE credits through December 31, 2023.

2023 CLC Pricing Full Day	Regular 4/19 - 5/21	Late 5/22 - 6/5
CBA Member	\$319	\$339
Non-Member (Includes One-Year CBA Membership)*	\$529	\$549
Student (Law /Paralegal)	\$109	\$129
Virtual Attendee CBA Member Only**	\$319	\$339

\*Non-member registration pricing includes a one-year membership (July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024) with the Connecticut Bar Association.

\*\*Seminars that will be streamed are President's Track seminars:

- A01 Handling Hate Crimes in Connecticut
- B01 Ethics and the Pro Bono Representation of Nonprofits
- C01 Baby Formula Mass Tort (NEC): The Race to Save Premies' Lives
- D01 Reinvigorating the Lawsuit

## Meet Our Featured National CLE Presenters



### Paulette Brown

American Bar Association Past President; National Bar Association Past President

Paulette Brown currently serves as principal of the consulting firm she founded, MindSetPower LLC, where she harnesses her entrepreneurial skills and groundbreaking experience in diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) to educate and assist other organizations with improving DEIB and understanding the impact of implicit bias. She is also the first woman of color to have led the American Bar Association (ABA) as its president (2015-2016) in the association's history.

Her presidential initiatives resulted in an unprecedented number of new ABA policies, which have had a long-lasting impact on diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and the justice system. Attorney Brown has practiced for more than 45 years; founded her own law firm; is a past president of the National Bar Association; and has served as partner and chief diversity & inclusion officer for an AmLaw 100 law firm, in-house counsel for Fortune 500 companies, and as a municipal court judge.

Paulette Brown will present **B07 Back in the Saddle: Networking and Business Development beyond the Pandemic**; learn more about this seminar on page 24.



### Michelle Behnke

Chair of the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession; State Bar of Wisconsin Past President

Michelle Behnke is principal of the firm Michelle Behnke & Associates. Her practice focuses on the areas of business advising, real estate, and estate planning. She has spent decades refining her practice and networking skills while simultaneously managing and growing the business of her firm, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary this year.

Attorney Behnke currently serves as the chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, is a past treasurer of the ABA, and has served on the ABA Board of Governors. She previously served as the president (2004-05) and treasurer (1997-98) of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

In addition to her professional roles, she is active in her community, serving on the board of Capitol Bank, the University of Wisconsin Law School Board of Visitors, and the board of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin Foundation & Alumni Association.

Michelle Behnke will present **C08 Roll Up Your Sleeves and Get to (net)Work**; learn more about this seminar on page 25.

# CLE Seminar Information | Visit [ctlegalconference.com](http://ctlegalconference.com) for the latest information and to register.

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**New York CLE Credit Categories:** Areas of Professional Practice (AOP); Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection-Ethics; Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection-General; Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias (D&I); Ethics and Professionalism (Ethics); Law Practice Management (LPM); Skills

## Session A 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The President's Track

### 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**, Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services, Hartford

**Amy Lin Meyerson**, Law Office of Amy Lin Meyerson, Weston

**Richard A. Wilson**, UConn School of Law, Hartford

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



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

DE&I Track

### 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 Robinson (Ret.)**, Robinson Diversity Consulting LLC, New Haven

#### Moderator

**Michelle Querijero**, Farmington

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



Ethics Track

### A04 Ethics: The Year in Review

*Presented by the CBA's Standing Committee on Professional Ethics*

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

#### Speakers

**Stephen J. Conover**, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Stamford

**Brendon P. Levesque**, Barry Barall Taylor & Levesque LLC, Manchester

**Kim E. Rinehart**, Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven

**CLE Credit:** CT: 1.0 CLE Credits (Ethics); NY: 1.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)



Family Law Track

### A05 Who Is a Parent? Navigating the Connecticut Parentage Act

*Presented by the Family Law Section*

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.

#### Speakers

**Ashley A. Cervin**, Loudon Katz & McGrath

LLC, Hartford

**Douglas NeJaime**, Yale Law School, New Haven

**Richard A. Rochlin**, Richard Rochlin Family Law and Mediation, West Hartford

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

Current Topics Track

### 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

**CLE Credit:** CT: 1.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)



Current Topics Track

### A07 Intersectional Allyship and Well-Being

*Presented by the LGBT Section*

How does intersectionality, allyship, and well-being all connect to one another? 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.

#### Speaker

**Heidi Alexander**, Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Lawyer Well-Being, Boston, MA

#### Moderators

**Jenna Cutler**, Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven

**Yamuna Menon**, State of Connecticut – Office of the State Comptroller, Hartford

**CLE Credit:** CT: 1.0 CLE Credits (Ethics)



Current Topics Track

### 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

Business/Legal Technology Track

### 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*

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, the presenters 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

#### Moderator

**Dena M. Castricone**, DMC Law LLC, North Haven



even be perpetrated by persons closest to the unsuspecting victim, including financial advisors, family members, or someone seeking romantic involvement.

#### Speaker

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

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

Antitrust/Regulation Track

#### 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. Attendees will learn how and why CUTPA has achieved such importance both within Connecticut and nationwide.

#### 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

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

Trial/Appellate Track

#### A10 Annual Review of Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Court Cases

Each year the Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Courts issue cases that dramatically change the law. This year is no different. 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

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

Workplace Track

#### 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*

In this program, 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 Dearington**, Jackson Lewis PC, Hartford

**Joshua Goodbaum**, Garrison Levin-Epstein FitzGerald & Pirrotti PC, New Haven

#### Moderator

**Zachary D. Schurin**, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford

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

### Session B

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The President's Track

#### 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.

#### Speaker

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

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



Business/Legal Technology Track

#### B02 Commercial Law and Bankruptcy: The Year in Review

*Presented by the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section*

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 & Monteith 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)

DE&I Track

#### 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 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

**Karen DeMeola**, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford

**Aigné S. Goldsby**, Letizia Ambrose & Falls PC, New Haven

**Uriel J. Lloyd**, Office of the Public Defender, New Britain

**David R. Williams**, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Inc., Rocky Hill

#### Moderator

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

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



Ethics Track

#### B04 How to Ethically Use Social Media Marketing and Best Practices to Optimize Growth While Also Safeguarding Your Practice

*Presented by the Insurance Programs for the Bar Committee*

As many lawyers continue to work remotely, law firms and courts alike are faced with additional ethical challenges related to technological competence, client confidentiality, digital marketing, and social media usage. Join this expert panel of lawyers for a discussion of how not to run afoul of the ethics rules while practicing law in a digital world.

#### Speakers

**Stephen Conover**, Carmody Torrance Sandak Hennessey LLP, Stamford

**Brendon P. Levesque**, Barry Barall Taylor & Levesque LLC, Manchester

**Erin McCarthy**, Attorney Protective, Flourtown, 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)



Family Law Track

#### B05 What to Do When DCF Knocks: How to Address DCF Involvement in Your Family Case

*Presented by the Family Law Section*

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

**Alexander J. Puzone**, The Children's Law Center, Hartford

**Eddie Salinas**, Department of Children and Families, Manchester

**Scott A. Sandler**, Scott Allan Sandler Attorney at Law LLC, Hartford

**Nieka Thompson**, Department of Children and Families, Hartford

## Moderator

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

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

## Current Topics Track

### **B06 Construction Law Year in Review**

*Presented by the Construction Law Section*

Significant new developments are occurring regularly in the dynamic area of construction law. It is essential for those involved in this field in Connecticut—whether as a veteran construction lawyer, an occasional practitioner, or an owner or contractor—to keep abreast of changing laws, legislative initiatives, and recent statutory enactments. This program will provide you with up-to-date information about the current state of construction law.

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

## National Presenters Track

### **B07 Back in the Saddle: Networking and Business Development beyond the Pandemic**

This interactive program will provide tools needed for lawyers to enhance their networking and business development skills, demonstrating that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to being successful. Paulette Brown will draw from 45+ years of experience, focusing on the networking and business lessons gained from the COVID-19 Pandemic and how to best leverage these lessons and reach beyond your comfort zone. She will also address the ways in which the best approaches to networking and business development can differ based upon demographics and area of practice.

## Speaker

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

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

## Trial/Appellate Track

### **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 Mulevaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford

**Danielle Edwards**, 1818 Law PLLC, Stamford

**Brandon B. Fontaine**, Kahan Kerensky

Capossela LLP, Vernon

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

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

## Real Property/Environmental Law Track

### **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 in 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 Ann Votto**, Valerie Ann Votto LLC, Old Lyme

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

## Workplace Track

### **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 the elements of jurisdiction, including who may bring a claim, whether a claim can be brought against the employer, and if a claim qualifies as an injury.

## Speakers

**Hon. William J. Watson III**, State of Connecticut 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)

## Session C

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## The President's Track

### **C01 Baby Formula Mass Tort (NEC): The Race to Save Preemies' Lives**

*Presented by the CBA Executive Committee*

North Stonington lawyer Stephen Reck's 2020 federal lawsuit against two baby formula producers has led to nationwide mass tort action related to cases of necrotizing enterocolitis in premature infants. The panel will present on how to identify and develop a class action lawsuit. They will also discuss how cow's milk-based formulas caused necrotizing enterocolitis and death in premature infants.

## Speakers

**Stephen M. Reck**, Levin Rojas Camassar & Reck LLC, North Stonington

**Jose Rojas**, Levin Rojas Camassar & Reck LLC, North Stonington

## Moderator

**Christopher P. Anderson**, Anderson Trial

Lawyers, Norwich

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

## Business/Legal Technology Track

### **C02 The Ethical Duty of Technology Competence: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know**

The Rules of Professional Conduct include specific obligations regarding technology.

What does this mean for lawyers and what obligations to clients does it create? In this session, the presenters will review the requirements of the Rules of Professional Conduct and the many reasons to be technologically competent.

## Speakers

**Brendon P. Levesque**, Barry Barall Taylor & Levesque LLC, Manchester

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

**CLE Credit:** CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics); NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection - Ethics)



## DE&I Track

### **C03 Using Remote or Hybrid Work Environments as an Instrument of Diversity and Employee Retention**

*Presented by the DE&I Committee*

This program will 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 and Opportunities, Hartford

**Robin Sharp**, Easter Seals Capital Region and Eastern Connecticut, Windsor

**Sarah R. Skubas**, Jackson Lewis PC, Hartford

## Moderator

**Michelle Querijero**, Farmington

**CLE Credit:** CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (Ethics); NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (D&I)



## Ethics Track

### **C04 How to Ethically Use Social Media Marketing and Best Practices to Optimize Growth While Also Safeguarding Your Practice**

*Presented by the Insurance Programs for the Bar Committee*

As many lawyers continue to work remotely, law firms and courts alike are faced with additional ethical challenges related to technological competence, client confidentiality, digital marketing, and social media usage. Join this expert panel of lawyers for a discussion of how not to run afoul of the ethics rules while practicing law in a digital world.

## Speakers

**James L. Brawley**, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Hartford

**Dana M. Hrelac**, Pullman & Comley LLC, Hartford

**Erin McCarthy**, Attorney Protective,

Flourtown, 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)



Family Law Track

#### C05 Family Law Year in Review

*Presented by the Family Law Section*

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**, Loudon Katz & McGrath LLC, Hartford

#### Moderator

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

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

Current Topics Track

#### 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**, UConn School of Law, Hartford  
**Paige S. Quilliam**, Gould Larson Bennet & McDonnell PC, Essex

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**Jessica Rubin**, UConn School of Law, Hartford

#### Moderator

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

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

Current Topics Track

#### C07 Ethics in the Public Health System

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, Bridgeport

**Audrey B. Blondin**, Blondin Law Offices,

Torrington

**Maritza Bond**, City of New Haven, New Haven

**Dr. Karl Minges**, University of New Haven, New Haven

**CLE Credit:** CT: 2.0 CLE Credits (1.0 General; 1.0 Ethics);  
NY: 2.0 CLE Credits (1.0 AOP; 1.0 Ethics)



National Presenters Track

#### C08 Roll Up Your Sleeves and Get to (net)Work

During this program, Michelle Behnke will utilize her years of experience to present strategies for networking and rainmaking, allowing participants to develop their own personal action plan for client development. Attendees will learn how to identify natural networking allies and referral sources. Attorney Behnke will teach how to develop authentic engagement in community organizations and bar associations to increase your connections, visibility, and expertise in your practice areas.

#### Speaker

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

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

Trial/Appellate Track

#### C09 Stare Decisis and the New Roberts Court

The US Supreme Court's decision to overrule *Roe v. Wade* has many questioning whether the new Roberts Court approaches *stare decisis* in a fundamentally different way than its predecessors. In the last five years alone, the Court has overruled major precedents and upended long-standing law, running the gamut from Second Amendment rights to religious exercise. At the same time, the Court has 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. Attendees will learn the role *stare decisis* plays in the Roberts Court, what recent major precedents have been upended or overturned, and what the larger significance of those decisions is.

#### Speaker

**Akhil R. Amar**, Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School, New Haven

#### Moderators

**Dana M. Hrelac**, Pullman & Comley LLC,

Hartford

**Scott T. Garosshen**, Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford

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

Real Property/Environmental Law Track

#### 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 Baroni**, Robinson+Cole LLP, Stamford  
**Richard Desrosiers**, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Glastonbury

**Julianne Lombardo Klaasen**, RisCassi & Davis PC, Hartford

#### Moderator

**Emilee Mooney Scott**, Robinson+Cole LLP, Hartford

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

Workplace Track

#### 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

**Hon. Stephen M. Morelli**, State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission, Hartford

**Jason M. Dodge**, Strunk Dodge Aiken Zovas LLC, Rocky Hill

**Christopher Buccini**, 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)

### Session D

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

The President's Track

#### D01 Reinvigorating the Lawsuit

*Presented by the CBA Executive Committee*

This program will take the form of an engaging discussion between two old friends who don't always agree on ways litigation might better serve lawyers, clients, and the country. They will discuss the benefits of shedding needless complexities and directly answering the questions raised by plaintiffs and defendants.

#### Speaker

**Hon. Thomas G. Moukawsher**, Connecticut Superior Court, Middletown

#### Moderator

**James T. Shearin**, Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport

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



Business/Legal Technology Track

### **D02 Exploring Legal Research with Fastcase**

Learn how to improve the speed and efficiency of your legal research in Fastcase—this presentation will cover how to search, browse, share, and save documents inside of Fastcase's vast legal library.

#### **Speaker**

**Alex Shaffer**, Fastcase, Washington, DC

**CLE Credit:** CT: 1.0 CLE Credit (General)

Current Topics Track

### **D03 Media and Lawyers: Working with the Press**

*Presented by the CBA Executive Committee*

Experienced media professionals and Attorney Sullivan will explore media relations, ethical practices, and crisis strategies for lawyers.

#### **Speakers**

**Jonathan Grella**, JAG Public Affairs, Washington, DC

**James F. Sullivan**, Logan Vance Sullivan & Kores LLP, Torrington

**Lt. J. Paul Vance (Ret.)**, Former Public Information Officer, Connecticut State Police, Middletown

**David Ward**, WFSB-TV, Rocky Hill

#### **Moderator**

**J. Paul Vance, Jr.**, Logan Vance Sullivan & Kores LLP, Torrington

**CLE Credit:** CT: 1.0 CLE Credits (0.5 General); 0.5 Ethics)



Family Law Track

### **D04 The Pathfinder: Navigating the Pathways Process**

*Presented by the Family Law Section*

This program will feature speakers from the judiciary, the court system, and practitioners providing updated information on the new Pathways Program. The presentation will cover how the program has changed since its implementation and what it means for practitioners and clients. The presentation will also cover the goals of the program, important considerations for motion practice, managing discovery issues, and other techniques for efficient case management.

#### **Speakers**

**Hon. Michael A. Albis**, Connecticut Superior Court, Middletown

**Joseph DiTunno**, Judicial Branch of Connecticut, Wethersfield

**Samuel V. Schoonmaker, IV**, Broder Orland Murray & DeMattie LLC, Westport

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

Current Topics Track

### **D05 Firearms, Probate, and Estate Planning**

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

#### **Speaker**

**Vincent A. Liberty, Jr.**, Halloran & Sage LLP, Hartford

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

Current Topics Track

### **D06 Social Media Influencers: Endorsements and Compliance**

*Presented by the Sports and Entertainment Law Section*

As more individuals are monetizing their online presence and recent regulatory crackdowns have made headline news, there is a need to address important legal considerations in representing or partnering with influencers. 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

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

Current Topics Track

### **D07 Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Legal Update and War Stories**

In this seminar, speakers from private practice as well as from government will discuss the state and federal False Claims Act, recent relevant 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 hear war stories from actual cases handled by the attorneys and gain tips for creating effective compliance programs and self-disclosing overpayments.

#### **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

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

Antitrust/Regulation Track

### **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, 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**, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, Bridgeport

**James W. Attridge**, Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider LLP, Washington, DC

**Eytayo St. Matthew-Daniel**, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, NY

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

Trial/Appellate Track

### **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.

#### **Speaker**

**Kenneth J. Bartschi**, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, Hartford

**Taylor Brown**, LGBTQ & HIV Project, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY

#### **Moderators**

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

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

Real Property/Environmental Law Track

### **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**, CATIC, Hartford

**David S. Veleber**, CATIC, Hartford

**Bruce A. Zawodniak**, CATIC, Hartford

**CLE Credit:** CT: 1.0 CLE Credits (.9 General; .1 Ethics); NY: 1.0 CLE Credits (AOP)



Workplace Track

### **D11 Evidence in the Workers' Compensation Forum**

*Presented by the Workers' Compensation Section*

The presenters of this program will discuss how the rules of evidence are applied in the Workers' Compensation System. The presenters will address how judges handle issues of evidence. The program will include 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

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



## 2023-2024 CBA Officers

The installation of the CBA's incoming officers will occur at the CBA Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Connecticut Legal Conference on June 5. These officers will lead the CBA for the next bar year, beginning on July 1, 2023.

### President



**Margaret I. Castinado** will serve as the CBA's 100th president and will be the first Hispanic leader of the association. Attorney Castinado is a senior assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender in New Haven. She has defended thousands of clients with criminal matters since 1999.

### President-Elect



**James T. Shearin** will serve as president-elect. Attorney Shearin is the immediate past chairman of Pullman & Comley LLC. He has wide-ranging experience in federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels, and before arbitration and mediation panels. He represents clients in a wide variety of litigation matters.

### Vice President



**Emily A. Gianquinto** will serve as vice president. Attorney Gianquinto is special counsel at McCarter & English LLP, where she counsels employers on day-to-day employment matters and represents them before federal and state courts, administrative agencies, and mediation and arbitration panels. Her experience includes litigating all manner of business disputes.

### Secretary



**Jeffrey A. Zyjeski** will serve as secretary. Attorney Zyjeski is a compliance and government relations attorney at the Law Offices of Jay F. Malcynsky PC in New Britain. He has over 20 years of experience advocating for clients before the state legislature and executive branch.

### Treasurer



**Sharad A. Samy** will serve as treasurer. Attorney Samy is general counsel of the Common Fund for Nonprofit Organizations and is a solo practitioner at The Law Offices of Sharad A. Samy LLC in Darien. He has over 25 years of transactional and litigation experience and has served as a partner of an international law firm and as a military attorney in the US Army Reserve and the Connecticut Army National Guard.

### Assistant Secretary-Treasurer



**Christopher A. Klepps** will serve as assistant secretary-treasurer. Attorney Klepps is senior counsel at The Hartford where he provides legal advice regarding coverage issues on a wide variety of claims, as well as manages litigation involving The Hartford throughout the country.

### Immediate Past President



**Daniel J. Horgan** will serve as immediate past president. Attorney Horgan is an experienced litigator with Horgan Law Offices in New London, representing clients in state and federal courts. He has been chosen by his peers to frequently act as an arbitrator and mediator in personal injury cases. He is on the board of governors of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association.