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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

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
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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 Jepson, 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

10:30 a.m. – Break

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

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

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

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

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

A5. Civil Practice

Moderator

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

Panelists

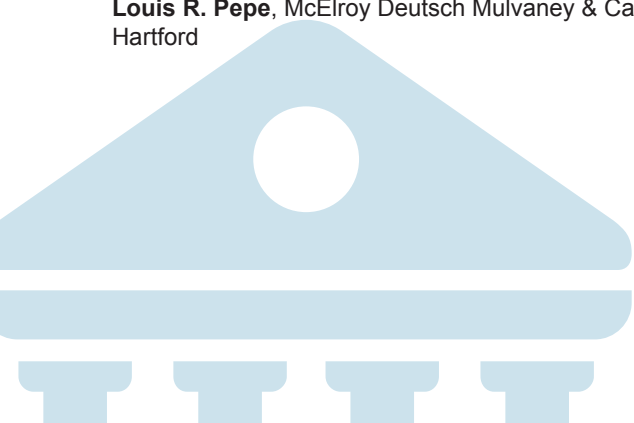
Hon. Matthew E. Frechette, Connecticut Superior Court Middletown
Hon. Kimberly A. Knox, Connecticut Superior Court Hartford
Shelley L. Graves, Faulkner & Graves PC, New London

12:45 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker

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

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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