



District of Connecticut Bench-Bar Conference

Friday, October 26, 2018

8:00 a.m.

St. Clements Castle

1931 Portland-Cobalt Rd, Portland, CT
Portland, Connecticut

***CLE Credit**

CT: 4.75 CLE | 1.5 Ethics CLE

NY: 5.0 CLE | 1.5 Ethics CLE

On October 26, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Federal Practice Section will sponsor the tenth biennial Bench-Bar Conference at Saint Clements Castle. All members of the bar are invited. Chief Judge Stefan R. Underhill has encouraged the district's judges to forgo scheduling court proceedings so that we can assemble for a convivial and informative retreat.

The program will include panel discussions on (a) prominent cases in the upcoming Supreme Court term, (b) litigation funding, and (c) immigrant family separation litigation. Judges Underhill will give remarks on the state of the district, the section will honor Judge Janet C. Hall for her service as the chief judge of the district, and the court will present its awards for pro bono and other service at lunch. There will be a reception at the end of the day.

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*The Connecticut Bar Association/CT Bar Institute is an accredited provider of New York State CLE. This program qualifies for transitional and non-transitional credits. Financial hardship information available upon request.

*Electronic materials are included in the price of the seminar. Any materials for this seminar will be e-mailed to registrants prior to the seminar for download. No paper copies will be provided unless purchased separately. Please note that refunds will not be granted once course materials have been sent. Cancellations made less than 2 business days prior to event are non-refundable.



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AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:45 **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:45– 9:00 **Welcome and Introduction** – **Honorable Victor A. Bolden**, Chair of the Conference, and **Robert M. Frost and Kristen L. Zaehring**, Federal Practice Section Co-Chairs
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Honorable Stefan R. Underhill**, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, speaking on the state of the district
- 9:15 – 10:45 **Panel Discussion – The Supreme Court and Its Docket, Circa 2018-19**
A Survey of Cases Scheduled for the 2018-19 Term and Discussion of Recent Confirmations
Panelists:
Beth S. Brinkmann, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington
Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale Law School, New Haven
- 10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Panel Discussion – Financial and Ethical Aspects of Litigation Funding**
Moderator:
Adam S. Mocchiolo, Partner, Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport
Panelists:
Ken Epstein, Investment Manager & Legal Counsel, Bentham IMF, New York
Hon. Allan L. Gropper (Ret.), Adjunct Professor of Law, Fordham University, New York
Nicholas F. Kajon, Partner, Stevens & Lee, New York
Edward Reilly, Principal, Themis Legal Capital, New York
- 12:30 –2:00 **Lunch**
Presentation by the Judges of the District Court of awards for pro bono work and court service
Recognition of the Honorable Janet C. Hall for her dedication and service as Chief Judge for the District of Connecticut (2013-2018)
- 2:00-3:30 **Panel Discussion – Immigrant Family Separation Cases: What Were They About and What Is the Next Wave of Litigation?**
Moderator:
Erin O’Neil-Baker, Principal, Hartford Legal Group
Panelists:
Anand Balakrishnan, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union Immigrants’ Rights Project, New York
Anthony Enriquez, Director, Catholic Charities’ Unaccompanied Minors Program
Michael J. Wishnie, William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law, Yale Law School, New Haven
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Reception** (*appetizers and cash bar*)



Directions

St. Clements Castle

1931 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland, CT 06480 (860)342-0593

FROM NORTH: Take I-91 South to Exit 22S (Route 9 South). Follow Route 9 into Middletown. Take Exit 16 (Route 66 East) over the Arigoni Bridge into Portland. Continue to follow Route 66 East approximately 4.5 miles from the bridge. The entrance to St. Clements will be on the right side of Route 66.

FROM SOUTH: Take I-91 North to Exit 22S (Route 9 South). Follow Route 9 into Middletown. Take Exit 16 (Route 66 East) over the Arigoni Bridge into Portland. Continue to follow Route 66 East approximately 4.5 miles from the bridge. The entrance to St. Clements will be on the right side of Route 66.

Registration Form

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Friday, October 28, 2016

To Register: **Online:** www.ctbar.org

Phone: (844) 469-2221

Fax: (860)223-4488

Mail to: Connecticut Bar Association, 30 Bank Street, New Britain, CT 06051

No reservations will be made without payment. Please include the CBA member's full name on firm, corporate legal department, or government agency checks. Cancellations made less than 48 hours before the event are non-refundable. If you are registering within three days of the event a credit card payment is required. If you need assistance at the meeting please contact us at least one week prior to the event at (860)223-4400.

Please **PRINT** full name.

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Cost:

Private Sector \$155.00

Public Sector \$55.00

Judges and Panelists are Guests of the Section (please return reservation for count purposes)

Check (payable to Connecticut Bar Association) Visa MC Amex Amount: \$ _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____ CVV#: _____ Signature: _____

Meeting code: #SFP181026