

**MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE**

**October 2, 2024 to October 4, 2024
Skytop Lodge, Skytop, Pennsylvania**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

- 3:00 PM Registration
- 4:00 PM Welcoming Remarks by Chief Judge Matthew W. Brann
- CLE: Artificial Intelligence (1.5 CLE credits)
Evergreen Ballroom
- Panelists: Chief Judge Chagares
 James J. Ward, Ward PLLC
 Devin Chwastyk, McNees Wallace & Nurick
- Moderator: Jon Koltash, Deputy General Counsel, Governor's Office of
 General Counsel
- 5:30 PM Welcome Reception & Happy Hour
 South Porch and down on to South Lawn
- 6:30 PM Dinner / State of the District Address by Chief Judge Brann
 Evergreen Ballroom
- Duet Plated: Herb Roasted Chicken with Citrus Shrimp
 Grilled Halibut w Crab Cake
 Seared Beef Filet w Herb Crusted Salmon
 Vegan/Vegetarian Option – Chef's Choice
- 8:00 PM Bonfire and Optional Evening Activities
 Bonfire South Lawn outside Evergreen Ballroom
 Paint & Sip - \$60 each (10 ppl min) – inside lodge

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

- 7:30 AM Breakfast – Windsor Buffet
- 9:00 AM CLE: How to Win Friends and Influence Juries (1.5 CLE credits)
Evergreen Ballroom
- Panelists: Chief Judge Brann
Judge Wilson
Mike Consiglio, U.S. Attorney’s Office, MDPA
Melinda Ghilardi, Munley Law
Tom Archer, Mette Evans & Woodside
- Moderator: Sara Myirski
- 10:45 AM Breakout CLE Programs
- CLE 1: DEI Program (1.0 CLE credits)
Laurel Ballroom
- Panelists: Judge Kane
Judge Mehalchick
Danielle Conway, Dean, Dickinson Law
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- Moderator: Keli Neary, Executive Deputy Attorney General, Civil Law
Division, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
- OR
- CLE 2: Complex Litigation Program (1.0 CLE credits)
Hemlock Ballroom
- Panelists: Judge Conner
Judge Mariani
Pete Winebrake, Winebrake & Santillo
Sol Weiss, Anapol Weiss
Tal Lifshitz, Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton
- Moderator: Rich Armezzani, Myers, Brier & Kelly LLP
- 12:00 PM FBA Annual Meeting – Hemlock Ballroom
- 12:15 PM Lunch / Keynote Address by Judge Chagares
Evergreen Ballroom –
Chef’s Choice Cold & Hot Sandwich Buffet
- 2:00 PM Optional Afternoon Activities
Guided Nature Hike \$15 (min 15 ppl)
Cocktail Challenge \$45 (max 20 ppl)

Archery \$40 (max 15 ppl)
Paint & Sip \$60 (min 10 ppl)
Intro to Clay Shooting (skeet shooting) \$60 (min 7 ppl; max 12 ppl)
Lawn Bowling \$15 (min 15 ppl)
Ziplining \$40 (min 16 ppl; max 40 ppl)
Golf \$50 – 9 holes -drive to Buck Hill Falls Golf Course – 10 mins away

5:30 PM	Reception & Happy Hour South Porch and down on to South Lawn
7:00 PM	Dinner & Live Music – Buffet Dinner in Evergreen Ballroom
8:00 PM	Band outside on South Lawn directly outside Evergreen Ballroom. Bonfire, S'mores & Complimentary Lawn Games - South Lawn outside Evergreen Ballroom

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

7:30 AM CLE: Breakfast with the Bench (1.0 CLE credits)
Rise & Shine Breakfast Buffet in Evergreen Ballroom

Q&A session with new Article III and Magistrate Judges

Panelists: Judge Mehalchick
Judge Munley
Judge Saporito
Chief Judge Van Eck
Judge Conway

Moderator: Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell Law Offices

8:45 AM CLE: Third Circuit Roundup – Criminal Cases (1.0 CLE credits)
Evergreen Ballroom

Panelists: Judge Mannion
Judge Arbuckle
Carl Marchioli, U.S. Attorney's Office, MDPA
E.J. Rymza, Miele & Rymza
Lori Ulrich, Trial Chief, Federal Public Defender, MDPA

Moderator: Sarah Hyser-Staub, McNees Wallace & Nurick

10:00 am Break – Hotel Check-Out

10:15 AM CLE: Third Circuit Roundup – Civil Cases (1.0 CLE credits)
Evergreen Ballroom

Panelists: Judge Munley
Judge Saporito
David Fine, K&L Gates
Sean Kirkpatrick, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Pennsylvania
Office of Attorney General
Nilam Sanghvi, Pennsylvania Innocence Project

Moderator: Stefanie Pitcavage Mekilo, Babst Calland

11:30 AM Conference Concludes