

# Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court # \_\_\_\_\_

Bench-Bar Conference ONLY	\$95.00
Conference & Spring Meeting	\$115.00
Endlich Members	\$95.00 (Conference & Spring Meeting)

**(To register for Spring Meeting ONLY please use registration form printed in the *Berks County Law Journal*)**

Dinner Choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Filet Mignon**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Parmesan**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ravioli** (Vegetarian Platter)  
(spinach, ricotta cheese and mushroom ravioli  
in a sage brown butter sauce)

Please make check payable to "Berks County Bar Association" in the proper amount and return registration portion to: Berks County Bar Association, P.O. Box 1058, Reading, PA 19603 by **April 12, 2010**.



NEW DECADE...  
NEW IDEAS....  
OLD TRADITIONS

**Please check your breakout session choices.**

**All breakouts provide one (1) hour substantive credit unless otherwise noted.**

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #1  
*Elder Law in the Trenches*

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #2  
*Trying the 'U' Case to a Jury*

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #3  
*Family Law in the New Decade*

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #4  
*Criminal Law Challenge in the New Decade*

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #5  
*How To Represent Sex Offenders and Still Get Invited to Cocktail Parties*

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #6  
*Civil Roundtable—New Ideas in the New Decade (No Credit)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Breakout #7  
*Land Preservation in Berks County*

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8:15 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Registration—Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.-----Plenary Session-----Ballroom-----

**“Avoiding Legal Malpractice”**

Josh J. T. Byrne, Esquire—Swartz Campbell, LLC  
(1 hour ethics credit) (5% USI Affinity Discount)

10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.-----Break-----

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Breakout #1

**“Elder Law in the Trenches: Three Planning Techniques Lawyers Should Know”**

William R. Blumer, Esquire—Leisawitz Heller Abramowitch Phillips, P.C.  
Robert R. Kreitz, Esquire—Roland & Schlegel, LLC  
Brian R. Ott, Esquire—Barley Snyder, LLC

This program will cover the use of DRA compliant annuities, irrevocable income only trusts and family caregiver agreements. Emphasis will be placed on explaining the Medicaid and tax implications of these strategies along with suggestions for drafting IOTs and caregiver agreements.

(1 hour substantive credit)

Breakout #2

**“Trying the ‘U’ Case to a Jury: Back to the Future”**

Jesse L. Pleet, Esquire—Law Offices of Jesse L. Pleet, P.C.  
John J. Speicher, Esquire—Leisawitz Heller Abramowitch Phillips, P.C.  
Daniel E. P. Bausher, Esquire—Stevens & Lee, P.C.

This presentation will explore recent developments since the Koken case in pursuing uninsured and underinsured motorist claims where the automobile endorsement provides for the option of trial instead of an arbitration mandate. Also, how are we dealing with Pusl?

(1 hour substantive credit)

Breakout #3

**“Family Law in the New Decade”**

Honorable Scott E. Lash, Administrative Head of the Family Court  
Honorable Scott D. Keller  
Honorable Mary Ann Campbell  
Honorable Timothy J. Rowley  
Mark E. Zimmer, Esquire—Mogel, Speidel, Bobb & Kershner

This seminar will address topics of concern to family law practitioners including equitable distribution proposal and the new initiative from Justice Max Baer involving dependency court.

(1 hour substantive credit)

Breakout #4

**“Criminal Law Challenge in the New Decade—*Crimmigration*: Immigration Consequences of Criminal Proceedings”**

George A. Gonzalez, Esquire  
Wayne Sachs, Esquire—Law Offices of Wayne Sachs

This program will detail the challenges involved in the prosecution and defense of criminally charged non-citizens. The intersection of criminal and immigration law will be fully explored.

(1 hour substantive credit)

11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.-----Break-----

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.-----Plenary Session-----Ballroom-----

**“Hot Tech Tips and Social Media Strategies”**

Ellen Freedman, PBA Law Practice Management Coordinator

This fast-paced session begins with an examination of the technologies which will provide the most bang for the buck for your firm in terms of productivity gains and return on investment. The second half focuses on creating an understanding of what constitutes social media, what its role is in client communication and development, and how to utilize it.

(1 hour substantive credit)

12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.-----Luncheon Buffet-----Ballroom-----

State of the Bench—President Judge Jeffrey L. Schmehl,  
Berks County Court of Common Pleas

Bar Retreat Preview & Foundation Update

1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.-----Plenary Session-----Ballroom-----

**“Lessons from My Cousin Vinny”**

William A. Korman, Esquire

This seminar uses the legal classic “My Cousin Vinny” to highlight the ethical traps and missteps that all practitioners must avoid. We will learn that at times, truth can be stranger than fiction!

(1.5 hours ethics credit)

3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.-----Break-----

3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Breakout #5

**“How to Represent Sex Offenders and Still Get Invited to Cocktail Parties”**

William A. Korman, Esquire

As the collateral consequences of sex offense convictions increase (registry, exclusion zones, civil commitments), more of these cases are proceeding to trial than ever before. This seminar shares several tools of the trade and helpful tips that can assist both the novice and skilled practitioner in handling these exceptionally challenging cases.

(1 hour substantive credit)

Breakout #6

**“Civil Roundtable—New Ideas in the New Decade”**

President Judge Jeffrey L. Schmehl

Honorable J. Brian Johnson, Administrative Head of the Civil Division,

Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas

John E. Muir, Esquire—Roland & Schlegel, LLC

This open forum will focus on whether the Civil Division of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas should adopt an active case management system and, if so, what form should it take.

(No credit)

Breakout #7

**“Land Preservation in Berks County”**

Joan E. London, Esquire—Kozloff Stoudt  
Heidi B. Masano, Esquire—Masano Bradley, LLP  
Susanne Sharadin, Assistant Director of the Berks County  
Agricultural Land Preservation Board

This session will include a discussion of the requirements for inclusion of properties in Agricultural Security Areas and the process for application to, and acceptance of, a property into the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

(1 hour substantive credit)

4:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m. -----Cocktails—Cash Bar-----Ballroom-----  
(Each Bench-Bar Registrant will receive one drink ticket)

5:15 p.m.-----Spring Meeting Dinner-----Ballroom-----

State of the Bar—Charles J. Phillips, Esquire, President—Berks County Bar Association

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