



February 18, 2015

Re: 2015 PBA 27th Annual Minority Attorney Conference

Dear Colleague:

The Pennsylvania Bar Association and its Minority Bar Committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the 27th Annual Minority Attorney Conference on April 9 -10, 2015 at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The theme of our conference is "*Criminalization of Justice: The New Civil Rights Frontier.*"

This year's conference includes continuing legal education programs offering up to 9 ½ CLE credits. On Thursday, April 9, our program will include interactive panel discussions of *Grand Juries: How the Reasonableness Standard Protects Police and Preys on Racial Tensions*; *The Ethical Guide for Attorneys Using Social Media*; *Injustice in the Workplace: The Unwarranted Stigmatization of Employees*; and, *Navigating the Intersection of Criminal and Immigration Law Post Padilla v. Kentucky*. On Friday, April 10, our CLE programs will begin with a discussion of the *Militarization of Law Enforcement* and conclude with *Call It a Come Back? The Return of Debtor's Prison*.

Immediately after the April 9 CLE programs, there will be a Networking Reception Event for all attendees. The luncheon on Friday April 10 will consist of the Committee's annual A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award presentation to Carl G. Cooper, Esquire, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service to the legal profession, the minority community and the citizens of Pennsylvania. After presentation of the award, Reginald T. Shuford, Esquire, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Pennsylvania will give the keynote address. We are truly honored and proud to have Attorney Reginald T. Shuford as our keynote speaker.

Registration materials and an agenda are enclosed for your benefit. Please register today and earn valuable credits toward your mandatory CLE requirements. The Minority Bar Committee prides itself on providing educational programming for members of the Bar, and our faculty is composed of distinguished academics, practitioners and jurists, and the subject matter of the courses we present focuses on issues of paramount importance to the minority bar.

We hope that you will join us this year, and look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh!

Teresa Rodriguez, Esquire
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Conference Planning Subcommittee

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**Twenty-Seventh Annual
PBA Minority Attorney Conference**

Criminalization of Justice: The New Civil Rights Frontier

**Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh PA
April 9-10, 2015**

AGENDA

Thursday, April 9

8:00 – 9:15 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:15 – 9:30 Welcoming Remarks

Jocelyn A. Banks, Esq., Co-Chair, Conference Planning Subcommittee
Marsha Grayson, Esq., Chair, PBA Minority Bar Committee
Frank O'Connor, Esq., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

9:30 – 11:00 (1.5 substantive CLE credits)

**Grand Juries: How the Reasonableness Standard Protects
Police & Preys on Racial Tensions**

Moderator: Beverly H. Rampaul, Esq., Lancaster County Public
Defender's Office, Lancaster

Panelists:

Thomas J. Farrell, Esq., Farrell & Reisinger LLC, Pittsburgh
Lisa Freeland, Esq., Federal Public Defender, Western District, Pittsburgh
Prof. Wesley Oliver, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:45 (1.5 ethics CLE credit)

The Ethical Guide for Attorneys Using Social Media

Moderator: Stephanie F. Latimore, Esq., Legislative Reference Bureau,
Harrisburg

Panelists:

Kevin V. Mincey, Esq., Mincey & Fitzpatrick LLC, Philadelphia
Riley H. Ross III, Esq., Ross Legal Practice LLC, Philadelphia

12:45 – 1:45 Luncheon / PBA Leadership Program

1:45 – 3:15 (1.5 substantive CLE credits)

**Injustice in the Workplace: The Unwarranted Stigmatization
of Employees**

Moderator: Teresa Rodriguez, Esq.,

Panelists:

Ruthellen Landau, Esq., Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations,
Philadelphia
Michael Hollander, Esq., Community Legal Services of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00 (1.5 substantive CLE credits)

**Navigating the Intersection of Criminal & Immigration Law –
Post Padilla v. Kentucky**

Moderator: Jacqueline B. Martinez, Esq., JBM Legal, LLC, Pittsburgh

Panelists:

Samuel G. Encarnacion, Esq., Haggerty & Silverman PC, Lancaster
Ashley E. Lively, Esq., JBM Legal, LLC, Pittsburgh
Ubong E. Akpan, Esq., Office of the Federal Public Defender, Pittsburgh

5:00 – 7:00

Reception

Friday, April 10

8:00 – 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Opening Remarks

Teresa M. Rodriguez, Esq., Co-Chair, Conference Planning Subcommittee
David M. Blaner, Exec. Dir., Allegheny County Bar Association
Alysia M. Keating, Esq., Director of Diversity & Gender Equality, ACBA

8:45 – 10:45 a.m. (2 substantive CLE credits)

Militarization of Law Enforcement

Moderator: Tsiwen M. Law, Esq., Law & Associates, LLC, Pittsburgh
Panelists:

David A. Harris, Esq., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh
Sara J. Rose, Esq., American Civil Liberties Union of PA, Pittsburgh

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 (1.5 substantive CLE credits)

Call it a Comeback? The Return of Debtors' Prison

Moderator: Lance Malcolm, Esq., Solo Practitioner, Philadelphia

Panelists:

Wesley R. Payne, IV, Esq., White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia
Hon. Bruce A. Roth, Magisterial District Judge, Lancaster
Ryan Very, Esq., American Civil Liberties Union of PA, Pittsburgh

12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Luncheon

Award Presentation

A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Award

Recipient: Carl G. Cooper, Esq., Law Firm Diversity Consultant,
Pittsburgh

Keynote Address

Reginald T. Shuford, Esq., Executive Director, ACLU of PA,
Philadelphia

***SPECIAL THANKS TO USI AFFINITY FOR
SPONSORING THE 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ALONG WITH ALL OUR SUPPORTING FIRMS
& FRIENDS***

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA Minority Attorney Conference has been approved by the Pennsylvania CLE Board for up to 9.5 CLE Credits (8 hours of substantive and 1.5 hour of ethics). Questions concerning the CLE credits can be directed to the PBI Customer Service Department at 1-800-247-4724.

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2015 MINORITY ATTORNEY CONFERENCE
Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh
April 9-10, 2015
Registration Form**

NAME		NICKNAME (BADGE PURPOSE)	
ADDRESS			
SUPREME COURT ID NUMBER	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	EMAIL

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REGISTRATION FEES:

Two-day Registration (Thurs. **and** Fri.) - *includes 9.5 CLE Credits & all meal functions*

PBA members: \$340.00 ☐ Non-PBA members: \$405.00 ☐ Non-Attorneys: \$225.00 ☐

Thursday-only Registration - *includes 6 CLE credits, continental breakfast, luncheon & reception*

PBA members: \$215.00 ☐ Non-PBA members: \$255.00 ☐ Non-Attorneys: \$140.00 ☐

Friday-only Registration - *includes 3.5 CLE credits, continental breakfast & keynote luncheon*

PBA members: \$140.00 ☐ Non-PBA members: \$175.00 ☐ Non-Attorneys: \$ 90.00 ☐

☐ Two-day Law Student Registration (Thurs. **and** Fri.) - \$30.00 - *includes educational sessions & all meal functions*

☐ One-day Law Student Registration (Thurs. **or** Fri. - circle one) - \$20.00 - *includes educ'l sessions & meal functions for that day*

☐ Reception-only, Thursday - PBA members: \$65.00 ☐ Non-PBA members: \$75.00 ☐ Non-Attorneys: \$65.00

☐ Luncheon-only, Friday - PBA members: \$55.00 ☐ Non-PBA members: \$65.00 ☐ Non-Attorneys: \$55.00

Meal Functions

I will be attending: *(for planning purposes please indicate the meal functions you will attend)*

APRIL 9

☐ Continental Breakfast

☐ Luncheon

☐ Reception

APRIL 10

☐ Continental Breakfast

☐ Keynote Luncheon

Check here for Vegetarian Lunch ☐

PAYMENT METHOD

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NEED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS? Overnight lodging arrangements can be made directly with the hotel by calling Omni reservations at 800-843-6664 and identify yourself as a participant with the Pennsylvania Bar Association 2015 Minority Attorney Conference before March 16, 2015, to obtain the special group rate of \$165.00 (Single/Double) per night, plus taxes.

Registration Deadline and Cancellation Policy: Registration deadline for the conference is March 27, 2015. Written cancellations must be received before the close of business on March 27, 2015. Upon receipt, a refund will be issued minus a \$75 administrative fee. After March 27, no refunds will be issued.

Return to: Meetings Department, PBA, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-01 or email to: audrey.perez@pabar.org
or fax credit card registration to 717-213-2507.

For more information, call PBA Membership Services Center at 1-800-932-0311.