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**June 6 - 7, 2013
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Charleston, West Virginia**

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Convention and Seminar Schedule

Thursday, June 6, 2013

- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Special Remarks
Scott S. Blass, President
- 9:15 – 10:05 a.m. *Don't Let Your Case Crash and Burn: Successful Tips and Strategies to Prepare Your Clients for Deposition*
Kelly Elswick-Hall ♦ The Masters Law Firm, Charleston
Joanna I. Tabit ♦ Steptoe and Johnson, Charleston
- 10:05 – 10:55 a.m. *Staying Ahead of the Curve: Changes in Federal Law and Procedure You Need to Know*
Larry Tawwater ♦ The Tawwater Law Firm, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 10:55 – 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:10 – 12:25 p.m. *The Art and Practice of Judo Law: Advanced Strategies for Skewering the Defense on Its Own Tactics (Part I)*
Gary C. Johnson ♦ Gary C. Johnson P.S.C., Pikeville, Kentucky
- 12:25 – 1:45 p.m. WVAJ Membership Luncheon (WVAJ members only)
- 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. *The Art and Practice of Judo Law: Advanced Strategies for Skewering the Defense on Its Own Tactics (Part II)*
- 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. *The View from the Top: West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals Update*
Rory L. Perry II, Clerk of the Court ♦ West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
- 3:50 – 4:05 p.m. Break
- 4:05 – 4:55 p.m. *The Brief That Appeals to the Court: The Art and Science of Writing Effective Appellate Briefs*
Anthony J. Majestro ♦ Powell and Majestro, Charleston

CLE Credit

The program is worth 14.9 hours of CLE credit, including 3.9 in ethics and law office management for the West Virginia Bar. In states with 60-minute credit hours, it is worth 12.41, with 2.0 in ethics. (Pending)

Attorney Seminar Open to Legal Assistants

The WVAJ attorney seminar program is open to legal assistants who are employed by WVAJ member attorneys. In addition to the seminar program, two special breakout sessions have been planned for legal assistants. The regular registration fee of just \$60 for both days is available to a legal assistant who registers in conjunction with an attorney; the late registration fee is \$90. Paralegal registration for legal assistants who register without an attorney is \$90; the late registration fee is \$120.

Convention and Seminar Schedule

Friday, June 7, 2013

- 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.** ***Don't Exhaust Your Litigation Budget: Creating Quality Demonstrative Evidence with the Law Office Technology You Have***
Lawrence M. Simon ♦ Javerbaum, Wurgaft, Hicks, Kahn, Wikstrom and Sinins, New York, New York and Springfield, New Jersey
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.** ***Civility and the Civil Lawyer: Maintaining Your Cool When All About You Are Losing Theirs***
Donald C. Moore, Jr. ♦ The Moore Law Firm, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Paralegal Breakout Session**
Taking Charge of Difficult Situations and Impossible People
David A. Clayman, Ph.D. ♦ Clayman and Associates, Charleston
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.** ***Will Your Client's Settlement or Verdict Be Snatched Away by Health Care Subrogation Claims: ERISA and Medicaid Subrogation Update***
David H. Abney ♦ David Abney Law Offices, Frankfort, Kentucky
Scott S. Blass ♦ Bordas and Bordas, Wheeling
- 11:45 – 1:15 p.m.** **WVAJ Board Meeting and Luncheon (WVAJ board only)**
- 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.** ***The Do's and Don'ts of Effective Litigation: Tips from the Bench***
The Honorable Omar J. Aboulhosn, Judge ♦ Ninth Circuit Court
The Honorable J. D. Beane, Judge ♦ Fourth Circuit Court
The Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, Judge ♦ Twenty-Ninth Circuit Court
The Honorable William S. Thompson, Judge ♦ Twenty-Fifth Circuit Court
- Paralegal Breakout Session**
Techniques to Improve Your Productivity and Efficiency: A Facilitated Discussion with You and Your Paralegal Peers
Leslie S. Stone ♦ Stone Strategies, Charleston
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** ***Market Your Firm Effectively Without Losing Your Law License: Legal Ethics and Online and Social Media Marketing***
Jonathan Clark ♦ FindLaw, a Thomson Reuters Business
Christopher J. Regan ♦ Bordas and Bordas, Wheeling
Allan N. Karlin ♦ Allan N. Karlin and Associates, Morgantown
- 3:30 – 4:20 p.m.** ***The Affordable Care Act and Its Impact on Your Law Firm and Your Employees: Blessing or Curse?***
Perry Bryant, Director ♦ West Virginians for Affordable Health Care

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David H. Abney

David Abney's practice focuses on healthcare subrogation and personal injury litigation. He has presented at more than a dozen CLE programs and lectures on ERISA and other healthcare subrogation and reimbursement issues in multiple states and on the national level. Abney has extensive experience with ERISA, HIPAA, FEHBA, Medicare and Medicaid. He spent three years as Associate General Counsel for the largest post-payment health care recovery vendor in the United States. During that time, he resolved hundreds of subrogation and reimbursement claims, advised medical benefits plans on issues such as plan language and recovery tactics and managed litigation matters. He also contributed to the publication of the 2005, 2006 and 2007 versions of The National Subrogation Law Manual. Abney received his B.A., Cum Laude, from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia where he majored in History and Communication. He received his law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

The Honorable Omar J. Aboulhosn

Judge Omar Aboulhosn was appointed judge to West Virginia's Ninth Circuit Court in January 2009, and he was elected to the seat the following year. Judge Aboulhosn earned his undergraduate degree from Concord College and is a graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law. He began his legal practice at the Bluefield firm of Richardson and Davis before joining the firm of Sanders, Austin, Swope and Flanigan in 1994. He was named partner in 1999 and was with the firm of Sanders, Austin, Flanigan and Aboulhosn until his appointment to the circuit court. He was a magistrate court judge in 1996, and served as Princeton City Court Judge 1997 – 1999. He served as Mercer County's chief mental hygiene commission 2004 – 2007, and served one year on the Princeton City Council. Judge Aboulhosn developed and participates in a mentoring project with the Mercer County Board of Education, working with sixth graders at Montcalm's school. In 2007, he received the Governor's Service Award in recognition of his volunteer community service activities.

The Honorable J. D. Beane

Judge J. D. Beane was appointed judge to West Virginia's Fourth Circuit Court in December 2006, and he was elected to the seat in 2008. He has served as chief judge for the circuit since 2011. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Beane was elected and served in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1991 – 2006. He served on several committees as a member of the House, including serving as chairperson of the House Government Organization Committee. As a legislator, Judge Beane was also appointed to the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families and the Commission on Governing in the 21st Century. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Beane was in private practice in Parkersburg from 1990 – 2006. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and earned his J. D. from the Capital University Law School. He completed additional coursework in the summer law program at the Ohio State University College of Law and Oxford University.

Scott S. Blass

Scott Blass is a partner in the Wheeling firm of Bordas and Bordas. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of West Virginia University with a B. A. in political science, and he earned his J. D. from the WVU College of Law in 1987, and he received the Order of Barristers Award. After completing law school, he served first as an associate and then as a partner with the Wheeling law firm of Bachmann, Hess, Bachmann and Garden. He also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Ohio County. He joined Bordas and Bordas in 1992, and he is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in West Virginia and Ohio. He has represented clients in a variety of personal injury cases including medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, insurance disputes and bad faith, automobile collisions, tractor-trailer accidents and motorcycle accidents. He has served on the West Virginia Association for Justice Board of Governors for more than a decade. He was named to the association's executive committee in 2005 and is President of the association for its 2012 – 2013 management year.

Perry Bryant

Perry Bryant is the founder and executive director of West Virginians for Affordable Health Care. The organization was established in 2005 to address the rising costs of health care and health insurance coverage. The organization established the West Virginia Implementation Coalition to assist with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in West Virginia, including developing the Health Insurance Exchange and expanding Medicaid. He has authored several reports on the Affordable Care Act including The Affordable Care Act: Moving Forward in West Virginia and The Affordable Care Act: What National Health Care Reform Means for Women and Families. He founded the organization following his retirement from the West Virginia Education Association, where he worked for 20 years as the union's governmental affairs director. He is a past member of the

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Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) board finance committee and was chairperson of the Self Management Committee of the West Virginia Health Improvement Institute. He earned a degree in Sociology from Fairmont State University and did graduate work in Public Administration at West Virginia University.

Jonathan Clark

Jonathan Clark has nearly 20 years of experience in advertising and marketing, including Internet-based marketing strategies. As a senior client development consultant for FindLaw, he works with law firms and attorneys exclusively to assess current and necessary firm development efforts and their online and marketing. This work includes custom-designed websites, social media marketing, blog writing, web-chat lead generation, web marketing, search engine optimization and specialized mobile web design for smart phones and tablets. He assists both plaintiff and defense law firms in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. In 2012, he was recognized by FindLaw as its Eastern Division Rookie of the Year. Prior to joining FindLaw, he worked for nearly 15 years for Verizon's advertising and Internet marketing program, rising to the rank of division manager in the corporation's D. C. office. Clark earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a specialization in Marketing, from Roanoke College.

David Clayman, Ph.D.

For more than 30 years, Dr. David Clayman has provided forensic psychological services in more than 3,500 civil and criminal cases, and is an expert in both state and federal courts. He earned a B. A. in psychology from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut and earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Vermont with specialized training in medical psychology. In 1974, he became a faculty member in the Department of Behavior Medicine and Psychiatry at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Since 1981, Dr. Clayman has been in private practice which includes both forensic work and a clinical case load. He is the director of the Charleston firm of Clayman and Associates. Throughout his career, he has conducted workshops and training for lawyers, law enforcement, community organizations and businesses as well as other psychologists. He is a founding member of the Society of Behavioral Medicine and the American Psychological Association's Division of Health Psychology. In 2009, he was the recipient of the West Virginia Mental Health Association's Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Tribute Award in recognition of his life-time achievement and contributions. Dr. Clayman is chairman-elect of Leadership West Virginia.

Kelly Elswick-Hall

Kelly Elswick-Hall is an attorney with the Masters Law Firm in Charleston. She has represented injured workers and the disabled in personal injury cases, chemical and toxic exposure cases, head injury cases, deliberate intent cases, products liability litigation, automobile crash injury cases, medical negligence cases, and workers' compensation and Social Security disability claims. Her experience also includes complex family law litigation. She is a member of the West Virginia Association for Justice and its Board of Governors. She serves on the West Virginia State Bar committees on Workers' Compensation, Social Security, and Law and Medicine. She served as secretary of the West Virginia Workplace Injury Litigation Group and as a member of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives. In 2009, she received a President's Award from the West Virginia Association for Justice in recognition of her commitment to protecting the rights of West Virginia workers and their families. In 1997 and 1998, she received awards from the Legal Aid Society of Charleston, for providing free legal work to low income clients. She received her undergraduate degree from Marshall University, and earned her J. D. from the University of Dayton.

Gary C. Johnson

Gary C. Johnson has been representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases for more than 30 years. His is the founder of Gary C. Johnson, P. S.C., which has offices in Pikeville, Lexington and Hazard, Kentucky. The firm's practice focuses primarily in the fields of vehicular negligence, products liability and medical malpractice. He has worked with David Ball, Don Keenan and Jim Fitzgerald on national research on juror attitudes. This research led to the publication of the groundbreaking book on the modern approach to jury persuasion, *Reptile: The 2009 Manual of the Plaintiff's Revolution*, by Ball and Keenan. In 2009, Johnson joined Keenan, Fitzgerald, Rick Friedman and Artemis Malekpour to create Research Exchange Partners LLC to continue research on the reptile method and jury trends. He has lectured extensively on his research and civil trial advocacy throughout the United States. He received his B.A. from Berea College and earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He is a member of the West Virginia Association for Justice, the Kentucky Association for Justice and the

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American Association for Justice. In 2008 he was awarded the Peter Perlman Outstanding Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by the Kentucky Justice Association for his work as an advocate for the rights of the people and his service as a mentor to young lawyers in the state.

Allan N. Karlin

Allan N. Karlin received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his J. D. from Boalt Hall, University of California-Berkeley. After graduation in 1974, he moved to West Virginia in 1975 to work as an attorney with the North Central Legal Aid Society and served as its director from 1976 – 1981. Since 1981, he has worked in private practice in Morgantown. He represents clients in employment, civil rights and personal injury litigation. He was a member of the West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board for six years and served as its chairperson 2000 – 2003. In 2004 he was named a Fellow of the West Virginia State Bar Foundation. In 2005, he received the Sid Bell Memorial Awards from the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia, and in 2006, he was named Member of the Year by the West Virginia Association for Justice. He is a board member and past president of the West Virginia Association for Justice and a member of the National Employment Lawyers Association Ethics and Sanctions Committee. Karlin has been an adjunct lecturer at the West Virginia University College of Law, where he taught pre-trial litigation, and is a board member of the West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest.

Anthony J. Majestro

Anthony J. Majestro is the managing partner of the Charleston law firm of Powell and Majestro. He graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia University in 1986 with a B. S. in Economics. While at WVU, he was awarded the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. He earned his J. D. in 1989 from Georgetown University Law Center. At Georgetown, he served on the editorial board of the Georgetown Law Journal as senior notes and comments editor. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas A. Clark of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. At Powell & Majestro, he leads the firm's appellate practice section where he is regularly retained as appellate counsel. His recent appellate work includes several successful, high-profile cases in a number of appellate courts including the Supreme Court of the United States where he obtained a unanimous reversal of an adverse decision in a lower court. He was recently appointed co-chair of the American Bar Association's new State Attorneys' General and Department of Justice Issues Committee. He is an officer and board member of the West Virginia Association for Justice.

Donald C. Moore, Jr.

Donald C. Moore Jr. has devoted his career to representing plaintiffs in personal injury and tort litigation. For more than 30 years, he has represented clients in nearly every facet of personal injury litigation including medical malpractice; products liability, including medical device failures and drug liability; auto accidents; industrial and construction accidents; and intentional torts by employers, including assaults; and first and third party bad faith by insurance companies. While attending college and law school, Moore was an insurance claims representative for large insurance companies, corporations and hospitals. He is a frequent author of legal articles and a lecturer for national and local bar associations on topics related to his areas of practice. He has also lectured internationally in Romania to surgeons, physicians and nurses on the status of medical malpractice law in the United States. He received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati in 1976 and his J. D. from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1979. He is a past officer and board member of the Ohio Association for Justice.

Rory L. Perry II

Rory L. Perry was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in July 2000 after serving as Deputy Clerk. He is the thirteenth person to hold that office since the state was founded. During his tenure he has served with twelve Justices and observed thousands of oral arguments before the Court. He's a graduate of Marshall University and the West Virginia University College of Law. As Clerk, he has been responsible for organizing the webcast of court proceedings, improving court information on the Internet, and finding ways to educate the public and the bar about the history of the Court. Recently he successfully managed the transition from appeals by permission to appeals by right, which involved a major revision of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. He is a member of the West Virginia Civics Literacy Council and the Hi-Y Youth in Government Board. He is an active member of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, which is a national organization that includes the clerks of state and federal courts, and is currently serving as President of that group.

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Christopher J. Regan

Christopher J. Regan is a partner in the Wheeling firm of Bordas and Bordas. His practice areas include medical malpractice, wrongful death, professional negligence, nursing home abuse, workplace injury, insurance bad faith and trucking accidents, and he is also involved in the firm's toxic tort, class action and consumer fraud practice areas. His extensive appellate work has included cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Chris also manages the law firm's extensive online media, including its website, blog and social media. He received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and earned his J. D. from the University of Notre Dame School of Law. He is a member of the West Virginia Association for Justice board and executive committee and serves as co-chairman of the association's Amicus Curiae Committee.

Lawrence M. Simon

Lawrence M. Simon concentrates his practice in automobile, trucking, and bus negligence; products liability; and estate litigation. He is the author of New York Library of Plaintiff's Personal Injury Forms (New York Law Journal Books), is the co-editor of New Jersey Trials and Appeals (Lexis Nexis), and has written chapters on "Governmental Liability" and "Technology in the Courtroom" (Lexis Nexis). He is the current chair of the American Association for Justice's Motor Vehicle Section, secretary for the Trucking Litigation Group, co-chair of the Bus Litigation Group, and a past chair of AAJ's Small Firm and Solo Practitioner Section and its Section Leaders Council. He serves on AAJ's Board of Governors. He was named a New Jersey Super Lawyer for Plaintiff's Personal Injury from 2007 to the present, including a top 100 Super Lawyer in 2010, 2011, and 2012. He is an active member of the New Jersey Association for Justice and serves on its Board of Governors, and he is a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. He is of counsel to Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, and practices out of the firm's New York City and Springfield, New Jersey offices.

Leslie S. Stone

Leslie S. Stone is the founder of Stone Strategies, LLC which offers facilitation, planning, evaluation and training services for organizations working in a variety of areas including economic development, community development, early childhood, healthcare, faith-based efforts, family support, leadership development, child abuse and neglect prevention, and state and city government. For 12 years, she worked with West Virginia's Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families, partnering with local communities and state-level, interagency efforts, to provide meeting facilitation; assistance with problem-solving and planning; and community leadership development which involved parents, service providers and local community members in decision-making. Her other work has included teaching in the elementary school gifted program, teaching K-12 students with behavioral disorders, community development, program management and resource development. Her educational background is in elementary and special education. She has also received certification in basic and community mediation.

The Honorable Phillip M. Stowers

Judge Phillip M. Stowers was elected circuit judge for West Virginia's 29th Judicial Circuit Court in 2008, and he assumed office in January 2009. Since 2011, he has served as chief judge for the circuit. Judge Stowers attended Morehead State University on a four-year Presidential Debate Scholarship, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1982, receiving a B. A. with a dual major in speech and business administration and minor in economics. As a law student at the West Virginia University College of Law, he received an appointment as a graduate assistant and served as the university's assistant debate coach. He was the winner of the 1984 Baker Cup Award for appellant advocacy, was associate manuscript editor of West Virginia Law Review, and a member of the Moot Court Board, and the author of *Wainwright v. Witt*, a New Standard for Death—Qualifying a Capital Jury. He received his J. D. in 1986. Stowers joined the law firm of Huddleston Bolen in 1986, where he was primarily responsible for corporate and insurance defense litigation. In 1991 he formed Stowers & Associates with a plaintiffs' practice which focused on personal injury litigation, civil litigation, administrative law and government relations. Stowers has also served as counsel to the West Virginia State Senate and as a special assistant attorney general under Attorneys General Roger Tompkins and Mario Palumbo.

Joanna I. Tabit

Joanna Tabit has been an attorney in the Charleston office of Steptoe and Johnson since 1992. Her defense practice is focused on trial and appellate advocacy, and she has argued 60 appeals in state and federal appellate courts. Her practice includes

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representing defendants in product liability, employment law, deliberate intent and other personal injury cases. She is a former deputy attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of West Virginia, and she worked as the personal law clerk for former West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Thomas McHugh from 1986 – 1988. She earned her B.B.A. from Marshall University, and she is a graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law. She is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia and the Southern District of West Virginia Criminal Justice Act Panel. She has served as the membership chair for the United States Supreme Court Historical Society.

Larry A. Tawwater

Larry Tawwater is the national secretary of the American Association for Justice and is the founding partner of the Tawwater Law Firm in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. For more than 40 years, Larry Tawwater has represented consumers in many types of litigation including defective products, nursing home liability, medical negligence, automobile and truck accidents, insurance bad faith, explosions, class actions and mass torts cases. He has been admitted into the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He served on the committee which rewrote the Oklahoma Pleading Code, the set of statutes that prescribe the rules for bringing litigation there. He also helped draft the Oklahoma Judgment and Appeals Act and helped draft revisions to the state's pleading code, discovery code and evidence code. He was also appointed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court to serve on the Oklahoma Jury Instruction Committee, which is responsible for drafting jury instructions for use in civil trials. He is a past president of the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association. He earned his B. A. in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

The Honorable William S. Thompson

Judge William S. Thompson was appointed judge to West Virginia's 27th Judicial Circuit Court, which serves Boone and Lincoln counties, in 2007. He was elected to the seat the following year. A lifelong resident of Boone County, Judge Thompson earned a B. S. in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University and is a graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law. While still a law student, Judge Thompson completed an internship at the Madison firm of Cook and Cook and joined the firm after graduating from law school. His practice there included both criminal and personal injury law. Judge Thompson served as a Boone County mental hygiene commission from 2002 until his appointment to the bench. At the time of his appointment, Judge Thompson was the youngest circuit court judge in Boone County history.

Save the Date: Upcoming Events

July 20 - 24, 2013

**American Association for Justice Annual Convention
San Francisco, California**

September 27, 2013

**WVAJ Board of Governors Meeting & Law School Reception
Waterfront Place Hotel - Morgantown**

December 9, 2013

**WVAJ Holiday Party
WVAJ Offices ♦ 1614 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston**

January 16 - 17, 2014

**2014 WVAJ Mid-Winter Convention and Seminar
Embassy Suites Hotel - Charleston**

February 8 - 12, 2014

**AAJ Winter Convention
New Orleans, Louisiana**

June 5 - 6, 2014

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Meetings and Social Events

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. New Lawyers Party (Open to all registrants)
Vandalia Lounge - 212 Hale Street, Charleston
Event partially sponsored by the American Association for Justice

Thursday, June 6, 2013

12:25 – 1:45 p.m. WVAJ Membership Luncheon & Annual Meeting

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Annual Convention Party (Open to all registrants)
Event partially sponsored by Robson Forensic; music sponsored by Structured Financial Associates

Friday, June 7, 2013

11:45 – 1:15 p.m. WVAJ Board of Governors Luncheon & Meeting

The convention hospitality suite is sponsored by FORGE Consulting

General Convention Information

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Embassy Suites Hotel is located at 300 Court Street, Charleston. Special rates of \$124 for a single and \$134 for a double are available through May 15, 2013. The complimentary breakfast and manager's reception are included with your suite.

To reserve your suite, phone (304)347-8700 or register online to www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com. You must use the three-letter code "AJU" when making your reservation to receive the special rate; online you will enter "AJU" in the group/convention code space. Regular rates will apply for reservations made after May 15, 2013.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be sent to the WVAJ office in writing. For a complete refund, your cancellation must be received no later than May 27. For cancellations received May 28-31 you will be refunded 50 percent of your registration fee. There will be no refunds after May 31, but seminar materials will be sent to you.

THREE WAYS TO RECEIVE YOUR MATERIALS

WVAJ now provides seminar materials to registrants through a bound notebook, flash drive or online download through Dropbox. Please check one option on your registration form.

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EARLY REGISTRATION (Thru 5/27)

<input type="checkbox"/> WVAJ Member Attorney (admitted 3+ years)	\$375
<input type="checkbox"/> WVAJ Member Attorney (0 - 3 years)	\$300
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Attorney (0 - 3 years)	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Government Attorney	\$275
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Asst. with WVAJ Attorney Registration	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Asst. without Attorney Registration	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> WVAJ Member Law Student	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> WVAJ Non-Member Law Student	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Law Clerks	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Law Professors	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Judges, Family Court Judges and Justices	FREE

REGULAR REGISTRATION

<input type="checkbox"/> WVAJ Member Attorney (admitted 3+ years)	\$405
<input type="checkbox"/> WVAJ Member Attorney (0 - 3 years)	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Attorney (admitted 3+ years)	\$455
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Attorney (0 - 3 years)	\$360
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Government Attorney	\$305
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Asst. with WVAJ Attorney Registration	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Asst. without Attorney Registration	\$120
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