



West Virginia Association for Justice
2016 Mid-Winter
Convention & Seminar

February 4 - 5, 2016
Embassy Suites Hotel
Charleston, West Virginia

Paige Flanigan ♦ President

General Information

Continuing Legal Education Credits

The seminar program is worth 15.3 hours of CLE credit, including 4.8 in ethics and law office management for the West Virginia Bar. In states with 60-minute credit hours, it is worth 12.75 hours with 2 hours in ethics. (Pending)

Convention Materials

Seminar materials are provided to convention registrants electronically free of charge. Registrants may select either a flash drive or Internet download. If you want printed materials, you may purchase a convention notebook for an additional charge of \$25.00.

Paralegals Now Attend Attorney Seminar

The two-day WVAJ attorney seminar program is open to legal assistants who are employed by WVAJ member attorneys. In addition to the seminar program, two special paralegal breakout sessions are scheduled. The regular registration fee of just \$70 for both days is available to a legal assistant who registers in conjunction with an attorney; the late registration fee is \$90.

Accommodations

The Embassy Suites Hotel is located at 300 Court Street, Charleston. A convention rate of \$129 per night is available through January 3, 2016. Your convention rate includes the hotel's complimentary breakfast and manager's reception. To reserve your suite, phone (304)347-8700, ext. 5440 or go to www.wvaj.org/2016MidWinterConvention for your online reservation link. You must use the three-letter code AFJ when making your reservation to receive the convention rate; online you will enter "AFJ" in the group/convention code space. Regular rates will apply for reservations made after January 3, 2016.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be sent to the WVAJ office in writing. For a complete refund, less a \$25 processing fee, your cancellation must be received no later than January 24. For cancellations received January 25-28 you will be refunded 50 percent of your registration fee. There will be no refunds after January 28, but seminar materials will be sent to you.

Seminar Program

Thursday, February 4, 2016

8:50 – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Paige Flanigan, President

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Losing Our 7th Amendment Rights in the Fine Print: Mandatory, Binding Arbitration Clauses

Larry Tawwater, President – American Association for Justice, Tawwater Law Firm, Oklahoma City

**9:50 – 10:40 a.m.
(Choose One)**

Let the Sunshine In: Problems with Privacy in Family Law

Kendra Fershee – Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, West Virginia University College of Law

Venturing Into Employment Law? How to Avoid the Hidden Traps and Get Results for Your Clients

David M. Hammer – Hammer, Ferretti and Schiavoni, Martinsburg and Kristina Thomas Whiteaker – The Grubb Law Group, Charleston

NEW LAWYERS DIVISION *Learning from Legends: 150 Tips, Tricks and Anecdotes from 150 Years of Combined Legal Experience*

Rudy DiTrapano – DiTrapano, Barrett, DiPiero, McGinley and Simmons, Charleston; Wesley Metheney – Wilson, Frame and Metheney, Morgantown; William E. Watson – William E. Watson and Associates, Wellsburg

10:40 – 10:55 a.m.

Break

**10:55 – 11:55 a.m.
(Choose One)**

Financial Management for the Contingency Fee Lawyer: Strategies to Maximize Fees, Defer Income, Manage Expenses & Save for Retirement

Rebecca Metzger, JD LL.M. - Advocacy Wealth Management

WVAJ WOMEN'S CAUCUS *Women in the Law: Empowering, Leading and Succeeding*

Kathryn Reed Bayless – Bayless Law Firm, Princeton; Jane E. Peak – Allan N. Karlin and Associates, Morgantown; Susan E. Thompson – Susan Thompson Attorney at Law, Martinsburg; Moderator: Paige Flanigan – Flanigan Law Office, Princeton

Seminar Program

- 11:55 – 1:30 p.m.** **WVAJ Membership Meeting and Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.** ***Low-Impact Injuries Are Real: Overcoming the Insurance Company's "No Injury" Defense***
David J. Romano – Romano Law Offices, Clarksburg
- 2:20 – 3:10 p.m.** ***Persuading 21st Century Juries: How to Frame a Winning Case***
Jim Lees – Hunt and Lees, Charleston
- 3:10 – 3:25 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:25 – 4:15 p.m.** ***Persuading 21st Century Juries cont.***
- 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.** ***What's Going on Under the Capitol Dome: Pending Legislation That Could Affect Your Clients and Their Cases***
Invited Panelists: Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin; Senate President Bill Cole; Speaker of the House Tim Armstead; Sen. Charles Trump IV, Chair – Senate Judiciary; Del. John Shott, Chair – House Judiciary; Del. Timothy Manchin, Minority Chair – House Judiciary

Friday, February 5, 2016

- 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.** ***Law Office Technology That Works for You: High-Tech, Low-Tech and Cost-Effective Options for the Small Firm***
J. Burton Hunter, III – J. Burton Hunter III and Associates, Buckhannon
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.** ***The View from the Bench: Keys to Success and How to Avoid Pitfalls in the Courtroom***
The Honorable Omar J. Aboulhosn – Judge, 9th Circuit Court; the Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, Judge – 29th Circuit Court; the Honorable Joanna Tabit, Judge – 13th Circuit Court; and the Honorable Christopher Wilkes, Judge – 23rd Judicial Circuit
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** **Break**

Seminar Program

10:45 – 11:45

Mental Health Concerns and Substance Abuse in the Legal Community

James E. Leffler MS LPC, Clinical Director – Virginia Lawyers Helping Lawyers, Richmond, VA

PARALEGAL DIVISION ROUNDTABLE *Best Practices in Case Management: Staying Ahead of the Curve*

Paula Moore Compston – Powell and Majestro, Charleston; Kimberly Good – Mani, Ellis and Layne, Charleston; and Darcy Springer – Bordas and Bordas, Wheeling

11:45 – 1:15 p.m.

WVAJ Board Meeting and Lunch (board only)

1:15 – 2:05 p.m.

The View from the Top: West Virginia Supreme Court Update

The Honorable Brent D. Benjamin, Justice – West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

**2:05 – 3:20 p.m.
(Choose One)**

The Two-Sides of Social Media Discovery: Getting the Evidence You Need and Protecting Your Client

Chris Wallace – The Wallace Law Firm, Weirton

CONSUMER LAW DIVISION *Emerging Issues in Consumer Law: What You Need to Know*

Jason Causey – Bordas and Bordas, Wheeling; Jonathan Marshall – Bailey and Glasser, Charleston; and Benjamin Sheridan – Klein and Sheridan, Hurricane

Paralegal Division *Medical Records and the Audit Trail: How to Review, Understand and Use Medical Records to Get the Real Story*

Michele Gonsman RN – Gonsman Group Legal Nurse Consulting, Duncansville, PA

3:20 – 4:20 p.m.

The Top Five Legal Ethics Complaints and What You Need to Do to Avoid Them

Robby J. Aliff, Chair – West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board; John Cooper, Immediate Past Chair – West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board; Rachael Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel – West Virginia Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Meetings and Social Events

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

New Lawyers Party

Celsius - 212 Hale Street, Charleston

Open to all registrants, sponsors and exhibitors

Thursday, February 4, 2016

11:55 – 1:30 p.m.

WVAJ Membership Meeting & Luncheon

WVAJ members only

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Convention Party and Legislative Reception

Open to all registrants, sponsors, exhibitors and guests

Music sponsored by Structured Financial Associates

Friday, February 5, 2016

11:45 – 1:15 p.m.

WVAJ Board of Governors Meeting & Luncheon

WVAJ Board only

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(through December 3, 2015)

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Convention Registration Form

	Early Registration (Thru 1/24/2016)	Regular Registration
WVAJ Member Attorney (admitted 3+ years)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$395	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425
WVAJ Member Attorney (0 - 3 years)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$320	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Non-Member Attorney (admitted 3+ years)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$445	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475
Non-Member Attorney (0 - 3 years)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$360	<input type="checkbox"/> \$390
Full-Time Govt/Public Service Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> \$295	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325
Legal Asst. with WVAJ Attorney Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90
Legal Asst. without Attorney Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
WVAJ Member Law Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Non-Member Law Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
Judicial Law Clerks	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140
Full-Time Law Professors	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160
Judges and Justices	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Free

Firm Discounts - 5% for five or more attorneys; 10% for 10 or more

How would you like to receive your seminar materials? (Choose ONE)

Internet Download (Free) Flash Drive (Free) Notebook (\$25 due w registration)

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