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## WBASNY CONVENTION 2016

Loews Don CeSar Hotel, St. Pete Beach, FL

JUNE 2 – 4, 2016

# WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 2

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Check-In and Registration  
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Downtown St. Petersburg Excursion

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Check-In and Registration  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Continuing Legal Education Seminars

- ◆ Arbitrating Fee Disputes in New York: Good for Clients and Lawyers
- ◆ The Modern American Workplace

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dolphin Watch Excursion  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Don CeSar Historic Tour  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Awards Dinner  
10:00 p.m. Outgoing President's Reception

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Check-In and Registration  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Officers Meeting  
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Continuing Legal Education Seminars

- ◆ The ABC's of Ethics: Advertising, Billing and Conflicts
- ◆ From Displacement to Resettlement: An Overview of Refugee Law

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Continuing Legal Education Seminars

- ◆ Changes to the Attorney Disciplinary Rules in New York
- ◆ Courtroom Confidence When an Expert is on Your Turf

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Women Judges' Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. A Day at the Beach  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Don CeSar Historic Tour  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Installation Dinner  
10:00 p.m. Incoming President's Reception

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting (Plenary Session)  
11:00 a.m. Check-Out

# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016

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9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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## **ARBITRATING FEE DISPUTES IN NEW YORK: GOOD FOR CLIENTS AND LAWYERS (1.5 HOURS)**

Part 137 of the Administrative Rules of the New York Unified Court System provides a program for "informal and expeditious resolution of fee disputes between attorneys and clients" through arbitration and in some cases mediation. Lawyers practicing in New York State have a legal obligation to offer the Part 137 process to their clients and to participate in the event of a fee dispute. This program will present the policy and basic rules of Part 137, provide practical tips for retainer agreements, and discuss how to make your best case in a Part 137 fee arbitration.

*Speakers: James E. Daniels, Esq., Martha E. Gifford, Esq., Deborah G. Rosenthal, Esq.*

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## **THE MODERN AMERICAN WORKPLACE: AN UPDATE ON EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION IN NEW YORK STATE (1.5 HOURS)**

This presentation will cover timely topics affecting today's employment practices and include a review of recent legislation and cases. Issues covered will include recent legislation protecting victims of domestic violence, transgender employees, pregnancy discrimination, and the impact that medical marijuana use will have on employers.

*Speakers: Noreen DeWire Grimmick, Esq., Elizabeth D. McPhail, Esq.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

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8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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## **THE ABC'S OF ETHICS: ADVERTISING, BILLING AND CONFLICTS (2.0 HOURS)**

Lawyers face certain challenges on a daily basis. Included among them are how to obtain business, how to get paid once you have the business, and how to discern whether to take or stay in a case when a conflict arises. Applying the New York Rules of Professional Conduct, precedent, and bar association opinions, the presenters will discuss the applicable practical and ethical concerns that come into play when these issues arise.

*Speakers: Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, Stephen D. Hoffman, Esq., Lenore Kramer, Esq., Edwina Frances Martin, Esq.*

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# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

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**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

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**FROM DISPLACEMENT TO RESETTLEMENT: AN OVERVIEW OF REFUGEE LAW**  
(2.0 HOURS)

This program will provide an overview of the international and domestic legal framework governing refugee law. Some of the topics that will be covered include: Who is a refugee? Why are there so many refugees in the world today? What is the role of the United Nations and other organizations? How do the United States and other countries deal with refugees? How are refugees resettled in the United States?

*Speakers: Dree K. Collopy, Esq., Beth A. T. Krause, Esq.*

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**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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**CHANGES TO THE ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY RULES IN NEW YORK (1.5 HOURS)**

This program will examine the 2015 changes to the attorney disciplinary process in New York. Beginning with former Chief Judge Lippman's creation of the Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline in the Spring of 2015, and culminating in the promulgation of the new part 1240 of the Uniform Rules of the Appellate Divisions, the program will examine the current attorney disciplinary system in New York, the problems inherent in that system and the ongoing efforts to eliminate regional disparities and establish a uniform statewide process for the adjudication of attorney disciplinary matters. Part I of the session will provide a nutshell explanation of the existing disciplinary system, Part II will discuss the formation, deliberation and conclusions of the Commission, and Part III will comprehensively address the new Uniform Rules scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2016.

*Speaker: Sean M. Morton, Esq.*

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**COURTROOM CONFIDENCE WHEN AN EXPERT IS ON YOUR TURF (1.5 HOURS)**

This presentation will focus on the use of skills and strategies to not only prepare for the examination of experts in the courtroom, but maintain control over the witness and avoid the pitfalls of entering the arena of information that is unknown. Despite years of litigation experience, the most seasoned attorney may have internal doubts, fears or concerns about his or her ability to handle the examination of an expert. This fear or lack of self-confidence is very common and can be overwhelming if not paralyzing. Through the use of certain techniques for preparation, presentation and examination, you can learn to work with your fears and maintain confidence in the courtroom.

*Speaker: Maria Schwartz, Esq.*

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# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## Hotel Accommodations

Loews Don CeSar Hotel, 3400 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706, Tel: (800) 282-1116. Website: [www.loewshotels.com/don-cesar](http://www.loewshotels.com/don-cesar). The Loews Don CeSar Hotel, recently named "Best Historic Hotel" in the country, has been welcoming guests for nearly a century. Nicknamed the Pink Palace, the resort was designed by Henry H. Dupont and built by Thomas Rowe. The 10-story resort has played host to famous authors, journalists, musicians and a Nobel Peace Prize winner and gained renown as the Gulf playground for America's pampered rich at the height of the Jazz Age.



Located on the sugar-sand beaches of Florida's Gulf coast, the Don CeSar has 277 luxurious rooms including 36 suites. Each renovated guest room is decorated in soothing tones of soft blue and sand, chosen, not surprisingly, to invoke the calm of the seaside right outside the hotel doors. All accommodations include Premium Wi-Fi and flat screen TVs. Amenities such as 100% cotton sheets, embroidered robes and ComfortZone skin, body and hair-care products ensure you will feel utterly pampered throughout your stay.

Onsite restaurants include the Maritana Grille, Sea Porch Restaurant, Beachcomber Bar and Grill and Uncle Andy's Ice Cream Parlor along with two lounges. The Pink Palace offers two heated pools with Poolside Concierge service, Water Sport rentals, Spa Oceana, Fitness & Wellness Center and Loews Loves Kids.

## Local Area



The City of St. Pete Beach is a barrier island community located just off the Pinellas County mainland of Saint Petersburg, just south of Treasure Island, and 20 miles from Clearwater Beach. With miles of pristine, white sandy beaches, year-round sunshine, an abundance of recreational opportunities, restaurants and shopping, St. Pete Beach is one of the most enjoyable places to vacation in the world. Local area activities include dolphin and whale watching, golfing, fishing charters, nature and wildlife tours, shelling, water

sporting, sunset sails, fine arts museums, zoos and aquariums.

## Travel Arrangements

The Loews Don CeSar is located 30 minutes from Tampa International Airport (TPA) and 25 minutes from St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport (PIE).

Delta Air Lines is pleased to partner with WBASNY and offer special negotiated discounts for registrants for Convention 2016. To take advantage of these discounts, visit [www.delta.com/booking](http://www.delta.com/booking) and enter the meeting code NMMNE. Then, continue the online booking process. You may also call Delta Meeting Network at 800-328-1111, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 7:30 pm (CT) and refer to meeting event code NMMNE. Please note that there is a direct ticketing fee for booking through the telephone reservation number above.

Ground transportation service options from the airport include SuperShuttle (800-282-6817), rental car companies and taxi companies (Yellow Cab - 813-253-0121 / United Cab - 813-777-7777).

SuperShuttle has partnered with WBASNY for a discount for registrants for Convention 2016. To use the WBASNY group SuperShuttle discount code, visit [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com). Simply enter the code 7ERED in the Group/Discount Code box on the first page of the website.

Overnight valet parking at the Loews Don CeSar Hotel is available, as well as self parking (fees apply).

**REGISTER ON-LINE AT [WWW.WBASNY.ORG](http://WWW.WBASNY.ORG)**

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## **Downtown St. Petersburg Excursion**

Join WBASNY on an excursion to the Chihuly Collection in downtown St. Petersburg. The Chihuly Collection is a stunning, permanent collection of world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly's unique artwork in a magnificent 10,000 square foot setting designed by award-winning architect Albert Alfonso. Dale Chihuly is an American glass sculptor and his works are considered unique to the field of blown glass. His work is included in more than 200 museum collections worldwide.

The Collection is located on the city's waterfront in downtown St. Petersburg on Beach Drive in the heart of the most vibrant tourist area in St. Petersburg, within walking distance of a multitude of galleries, restaurants and shops.



This excursion includes roundtrip transportation from the Loews Don CeSar Hotel, entrance to the Chihuly Collection, docent tours, reception with light hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer for an hour and a half and free time to shop and dine in downtown St. Petersburg. Duration - 5 hours.

## **Dolphin Watch Excursion**

Dolphin watch trips are by far the most unique experience offered in the Tampa Bay area. The veteran captains confidently tell guests they have a 99% chance of spotting bottlenose dolphins during this excursion in Boca Ciega Bay. That's because the bay is home to more than 700 resident Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, along with manatees, and tropical sea birds. During voyages, guests cruise in comfort on a US Coast Guard-inspected vessel. The boat serves complimentary soft drinks and water, and BYOB is welcome.

This excursion includes round trip transportation from the Loews Don CeSar Hotel and dolphin watch trip. Duration - 3.5 hours.

## **Don CeSar Historic Tour**

Experience the history of the Don CeSar Hotel on a docent-guided tour of the historic building and gardens. You will hear tales of yesterday, learn about the rich and famous guests and visit the history gallery. Your tour will end at Uncle Andy's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor where you will enjoy homemade ice cream. Duration: 1 hour.

## **A Day at the Beach**

If you are up for a little friendly competition, join us for A Day at the Beach. Engage in a fun filled activity with your colleagues, friends and family while competing to build the most creative and fantastic Sandcastle. You will be provided with the tools and you bring your best sandcastle building skills! Participants will also enjoy a beach-side barbeque. Duration - 3.0 hours.





## **2016 Award Recipients**

### **Doris S. Hoffman Medal**

Sandra C. Katz, Esq. (*Queens*)

### **Joan L. Ellenbogen Founders Award**

Martha E. Gifford, Esq. (*New York*)

### **Marilyn R. Menge Award**

Robin S. Abramowitz, Esq. (*Suffolk*)

### **Hanna S. Cohn Pro Bono Award**

Barbara J. Orenstein, Esq. (*Rochester*)

### **Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award**

Stefanie A. Schera-Kocovic, Esq. (*Rockland*)

### **Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award**

Cheryl Meyers Buth, Esq. (*Western New York*)

## **2016 - 2017 Incoming Officers**

Jacqueline P. Flug, Esq. – President

Amy Baldwin Littman, Esq. – President-Elect

Deirdre Hay, Esq. – Vice President

Leyla Kiosse, Esq. – Vice President

Greta K. Kolcon, Esq. - Vice-President

Amy Saltzman, Esq. – Corresponding Secretary

Kelly A. Pressler, Esq. – Recording Secretary

Lourdes M. Ventura, Esq. – Treasurer

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Loews Don CeSar Hotel, St. Pete Beach, Florida  
June 2 - 5, 2016

## REGISTRATION FORM

(FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 2, 2016)

WBASNY Members registering by April 29th will receive a \$50.00 discount on the full convention package or the weekend convention package

WBASNY Member

Name (please print)

First time attendee

Firm / Organization Name

WBASNY Chapter

Address

City / State / Zip

Phone

E-mail

### REGISTRATION FEES

**Full Convention Package:** (Thursday, June 2 - Sunday, June 5) \$ 675 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Thursday Downtown St. Petersburg Excursion, Friday and Saturday Continuing Legal Education Programs, Friday and Saturday Continental Breakfast, Friday Reception and Awards Dinner, Saturday Reception and Installation Dinner and Sunday Plenary Breakfast Meeting

**Weekend Convention Package:** (Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5) \$ 580 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Friday and Saturday Continuing Legal Education Programs, Saturday Continental Breakfast, Friday Reception and Awards Dinner, Saturday Reception and Installation Dinner and Sunday Plenary Breakfast Meeting

**1 Day / 1 Night Convention Package:** (Friday, June 3 - Saturday, June 4 ) \$ 350 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Friday Continuing Legal Education Programs, Friday Reception and Awards Dinner and Saturday Continental Breakfast

**1 Day / 1 Night Convention Package:** (Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5) \$ 350 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Saturday Continuing Legal Education Programs, Saturday Reception and Installation Dinner and Sunday Plenary Breakfast Meeting

### CLE PROGRAMS AND SEMINARS — I plan to attend the following CLE programs:

#### Friday, June 3

- Arbitrating Fee Disputes in New York
- The Modern American Workplace

#### Saturday, June 4

- The ABC's of Ethics
- From Displacement to Resettlement
- Attorney Disciplinary Rules
- Courtroom Confidence

**Early Registration Discount — April 29 deadline, deduct \$50.00** - \$ 50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Valid only for members registering for the full convention or weekend package)

Please note that registration fees do not include hotel accommodations. All room reservations must be made individually through the hotel's reservation link on the WBASNY website at [www.wbasny.org](http://www.wbasny.org).

SUBTOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**GUEST REGISTRATION**

**Full Convention Guest Package:** (Thursday, June 2 - Sunday, June 5) \$ 595 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Includes Thursday Downtown St. Petersburg Excursion, Friday and Saturday Continental Breakfast, Friday Reception and Awards Dinner, Saturday Reception and Installation Dinner, Sunday Plenary Breakfast Meeting, Convention Commemorative Tote Bag and Gift Items and Recognition of Your Association and Commitment to WBASNY  
 Name of Adult Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekend Convention Guest Package:** (Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5) \$ 540 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Includes Saturday Continental Breakfast, Friday Reception and Awards Dinner, Saturday Reception and Installation Dinner, Sunday Plenary Breakfast Meeting, Convention Commemorative Tote Bag and Gift Items and Recognition of Your Association and Commitment to WBASNY  
 Name of Adult Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Meal Package (4-12 years old):** (Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5) \$ 190 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday and Saturday Continental Breakfast, Friday Reception and Awards Dinner, A Day at the Beach, Saturday Reception and Installation Dinner and Sunday Plenary Breakfast Meeting  
 Name(s) of Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL FUNCTIONS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Dolphin Watch Excursion	# ____ X \$ 35	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Don CeSar Historic Tour	# ____ X \$ 25	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> A Day at the Beach	# ____ X \$ 25	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Don CeSar Historic Tour	# ____ X \$ 25	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Legal Education (per program) (Please indicate which CLE you plan to attend on reverse side of this form)	# ____ X \$ 75	= \$ _____

Please indicate any special needs:  vegetarian meals **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:**

Enclosed is my check, made payable to "**WBASNY**", together with my registration form.  
 Mail to: WBASNY Convention 2016, Post Office Box 936, Planetarium Station, New York, NY 10024-0546.

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- ◆ If paying by credit card, you may fax your registration to: (212) 721-1620 or register on-line at: [www.wbasny.org](http://www.wbasny.org).
- ◆ Inquiries should be directed to: Linda Chiaverini at (212) 362-4445 or [events@wbasny.org](mailto:events@wbasny.org).

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