JOIN US SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2021, FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL BENCH/BAR CONFERENCE AT SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT.

Spouses/significant others are welcome to join in all events. Overnight lodging costs are $149/night+tax, single or double occupancy.

This year’s registration fee is $120 for WBA members ($100 for Young Lawyers) and includes 5 hours of CLE, axe throwing, four meals, a networking reception, and entry to the hospitality suite. Make room reservations on your own by calling 1-800-452-2223 or 814-352-7777 x7009. All room reservations must be made by August 16, 2021, to be guaranteed a room and the group discount.

Don’t need overnight lodging? Sign up for a day package. Don’t need overnight lodging? Sign up for a day package.

The Bench/Bar Conference remains the premier event to network and socialize with colleagues and members of the judiciary. Don’t miss this extraordinary opportunity. Register today!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:30 AM GOLF SCRAMBLE @ HIDDEN VALLEY
Stop at Hidden Valley on the way to Bench/Bar for a round of golf. Breathtaking vistas and challenging terrain make for an exceptional day on the links. Scan the QR code for pro tips!
Cost: $50 at Pro Shop.
8 PM DINNER BUFFET @ THE MATTERHORN LOUNGE
Join the group at Seven Springs for an Italian buffet and cash bar.

8-9 PM AXE THROWING @ THE FOGGY GOGGLE AXE HOUSE
Test your lumberjack prowess on the mountain at the brand new Foggy Goggle Axe House. Launch your axes at an exciting variety of projected targets and see who emerges victorious.

8 PM HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN
Stop in after axe throwing, or anytime, to kick back, grab a drink, and relax with other bar members. Stocked bar, but feel free to bring your own favorite cocktail.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM GOLF SCRAMBLE @ SEVEN SPRINGS GOLF COURSE
Catch the shuttle at 8 am to experience the challenging terrain and magnificent views at Seven Springs’ par 71 mountaintop golf course. The dynamic layout makes this a course that’s beginner-friendly, yet presents a challenging round for advanced players.
Cost $50 at Pro Shop.
10 AM HIKE THE LAUREL HIGHLAND TRAIL WITH JIM ANTONIONO
Hit the trail with the only WBA member to complete both the entirety of the Appalachian Trail and the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge. This walk won’t be quite as grueling or as long, right? Jim?
10 AM YOGA
FREE with your registration, this hour-long session includes 1 ethics CLE credit as a bonus! BYOM (Bring Your Own Mat).
11:30 AM – 1 PM LUNCH BUFFET
Recharge your batteries after your morning adventures and enjoy a New York Deli lunch buffet at your leisure in the Alpine Room & Deck.

1 - 2 PM CLE SEMINAR: CAN YOU HANDLE THE TRUTH? EXPLORING IMPACTFUL MOMENTS IN LEGAL CINEMA (1 substantive credit)
Join Alex Brown and George Miller as they explore some of their favorite moments in legal cinematography and the evidentiary lessons learned along the way.

2:15 – 3:15 PM CLE SEMINAR: SOVEREIGN CITIZENS—WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY BELIEVE, AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM (1 substantive credit)
Presented by Joseph D. Pomietto, Esq., this seminar is sure to answer your questions about these members of a political movement of people who oppose taxation, question the legitimacy of government, and believe that they are not subject to the law.

3:30 – 5 PM FAN FAVORITE! VENDOR HOURS
Stop in for complimentary drinks and snacks and stay to chat with our law-related sponsors.

6 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION
Join us for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in the Winterberry Room.

7 PM DINNER BUFFET & LIVE MUSIC
The menu includes grilled T-bone steaks, chicken, and ribs with the chef’s bourbon barbecue glaze, plus corn on the cob, baked beans, and dessert. After dinner, request your favorites and dance the night away, or head outside and enjoy the fall weather around cozy firepits set up on the deck outside the Winterberry Room.

10 PM – MIDNIGHT HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN
Stop in for a late-night drink (or BYOB) and snacks.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 – 9 AM BREAKFAST
Stop into the Winterberry Room for complimentary breakfast.

8:30 – 9:30 AM CLE SEMINAR: MALPRACTICE AVOIDANCE (1 ethics credit)
Presented by Amy J. Coco, Esq., of Weinheimer, Haber & Coco, P.C. Qualifies for a 7.5% malpractice insurance discount.

9:30 – 10:30 AM CLE SEMINAR: JUDGES’ ROUNDTABLE—HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS Affected THE COURTS (1 ethics credit)
Members of our Court of Common Pleas will discuss what we learned from the way things had to change during the pandemic, and how we might use those things to change the way we operate going forward.

10:30 AM GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!

10:45 AM CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

NEED MORE THINGS TO DO?
Seven Springs offers golf, hiking, sporting clays, bowling, mini golf, swimming pools, hot tubs, an arcade, the Trillium Spa, axe throwing, and more. Visit 7springs.com for details. If you are a Frank Lloyd Wright fan, Fallingwater (fallingwater.org), Kentuck Knob (kentuckknob.com), and Polymath Park (franklloydwrightovernight.net) are nearby, and tours can be booked online.