

November 6 and 7, 2014

Pre-Admission Conference

Supreme Court of Delaware

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Agenda At-A-Glance

Day 1 • November 6, 2014

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Registration
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Introduction
9:15 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	Welcome to the AOC (plenary)
9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Workshop 1
10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	Workshop 2
11:45 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.	Pre-Admission Conference Inns of Court I Luncheon (Ethics I)
1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	Workshop 3
2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Workshop 4
3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.	Workshop 5
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Ethics II (plenary)

Day 2 • November 7, 2014

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Registration
8:45 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	Ethics III (plenary)
9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Workshop 6
10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	Workshop 7
11:45 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.	Pre-Admission Conference Inns of Court II Luncheon
1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	Workshop 8
2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Workshop 9
3:30 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.	Giving Back (plenary)
4:40 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closing

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Conference Materials will be available electronically on October 30, 2014 at <http://media.dsba.org/preadmissionmedia.html>

No laptops will be allowed at the conference!
Cell phones and tablets will be permitted.

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**The Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely
Justice, Supreme Court of Delaware**

Erin Daly, Interim Dean, Widener University School of Law

Yvonne Takvorian Saville, Esquire, Weiss & Saville, P.A.

President, Delaware State Bar Association

9:15 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. • (plenary)

Welcome to the Administrative Office of the Courts

What We Can Do for You

Patricia Walther Griffin, Esquire

State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts

9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

“Meeting the Expectations of the Court” Workshop 1

Supreme Court of Delaware

**The Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely
Justice, Supreme Court of Delaware**

Richard A. Forsten, Esquire, Saul Ewing LLP

William E. Manning, Esquire, Saul Ewing LLP

Court of Chancery

The Honorable John W. Noble, Vice Chancellor, Court of Chancery

Elizabeth M. McGeever, Esquire, Prickett Jones & Elliott, P.A.

Peter J. Walsh, Jr., Esquire, Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP

U.S. District Court

The Honorable Leonard P. Stark, Judge, U.S. District Court

Anne Shea Gaza, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Shannon T. Hanson, Esquire, U.S. Attorney's Office

Superior Court

Joseph R. Slights III, Esquire, Morris James LLP

Josette D. Manning, Esquire, Department of Justice

10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

“Meeting the Expectations of the Court” Workshop 2

Supreme Court of Delaware (repeated)

**The Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely
Justice, Supreme Court of Delaware**

Richard A. Forsten, Esquire, Saul Ewing LLP

William E. Manning, Esquire, Saul Ewing LLP

Court of Chancery (repeated)

The Honorable John W. Noble, Vice Chancellor, Court of Chancery

Elizabeth M. McGeever, Esquire, Prickett Jones & Elliott, P.A.

Peter J. Walsh, Jr., Esquire, Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP

U.S. District Court (repeated)

The Honorable Leonard P. Stark, Judge, U.S. District Court

Anne Shea Gaza, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Shannon T. Hanson, Esquire, U.S. Attorney's Office

Superior Court (repeated)

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11:45 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Pre-Admission Conference Inns of Court I Luncheon (Ethics I)

Efforts to Increase Diversity to Membership of the Delaware Bar

Joshua W. Martin III, Esquire, Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP

1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

“Meeting the Expectations of the Court” Workshop 3

U.S. Bankruptcy Court

The Honorable Brendan Linehan Shannon, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Robert S. Brady, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP

John Henry Knight, Esquire, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Alex J. Smalls, Chief Judge, Court of Common Pleas

Thomas A. Foley, Esquire, Thomas A. Foley, Attorney at Law

Douglas A. Shachtman, Esquire, The Shachtman Law Firm

Family Court

The Honorable Mardi F. Pyott

Judge, Family Court of the State of Delaware

Glynis Gibson, Esquire, Glynis Gibson, P.A.

Sean M. Lynn, Esquire, Baird Mandalas Brockstedt, LLC

Justice of the Peace Court

The Honorable Kathleen C. Lucas

Magistrate Judge, Justice of the Peace Court, New Castle County

Donald L. Gouge, Jr., Esquire, Donald L. Gouge, Jr. LLC

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

“Meeting the Expectations of the Court” Workshop 4

U.S. Bankruptcy Court (repeated)

The Honorable Brendan Linehan Shannon, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Robert S. Brady, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP

John Henry Knight, Esquire, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

Court of Common Pleas (repeated)

The Honorable Alex J. Smalls, Chief Judge, Court of Common Pleas

Thomas A. Foley, Esquire, Thomas A. Foley, Attorney at Law

Douglas A. Shachtman, Esquire, The Shachtman Law Firm

Family Court (repeated)

The Honorable Mardi F. Pyott

Judge, Family Court of the State of Delaware

Glynis Gibson, Esquire, Glynis Gibson, P.A.

Sean M. Lynn, Esquire, Baird Mandalas Brockstedt, LLC

Justice of the Peace Court (repeated)

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Donald L. Gouge, Jr., Esquire, Donald L. Gouge, Jr. LLC

3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

“Meeting the Expectations of the Client” Workshop 5

Corporate Client

Don C. Brown, Esquire, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company

P. Clarkson Collins, Jr., Esquire, Morris James LLP

Personal Injury Client

Joseph J. Rhoades, Esquire, Law Office of Joseph J. Rhoades

Danielle K. Yearick, Esquire, Tybout, Redfearn & Pell

Family Law Client

Clay T. Jester, Esquire, Parkowski Guerke & Swayze, P.A.

Gretchen S. Knight, Esquire, Morris James LLP

Real Estate Client

Barbara A. Brodoway, Esquire, Ward & Taylor LLC

Crystal L. Carey, Esquire, Schmittinger & Rodriguez, P.A.

Wills and Estate Client

P. Kristen Bennett, Esquire, Gawthrop Greenwood PC

Daniel F. Hayward, Esquire, Gordon Fournaris & Mammarella, P.A.

Transactional Law Mid-sized Client

Nicholas J. Caggiano Jr., Esquire, Morris James LLP

John H. Newcomer, Jr., Esquire, Morris James LLP

4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. • Ethics II (plenary)

“Ethics Law and Technology”

Richard K. Herrmann, Esquire, Morris James LLP

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“Effective Client Relationships”

Charles Slanina, Esquire, Finger & Slanina, LLC
Carol P. Waldhauser, Executive Director
Delaware Lawyers Assistance Program

9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

“Substantive Best Practices” Workshop 6

Best Practices in Bankruptcy Law

The Honorable Kevin Gross, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Laura Davis Jones, Esquire, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP
Michael B. Joseph, Esquire, Ferry Joseph & Pearce, P.A.

Best Practices in Family Law

The Honorable Michael K. Newell

Judge, Family Court of the State of Delaware
Jill Spevack Di Sciullo, Esquire, Morris James LLP

Best Practices in Personal Injury Law

The Honorable James T. Vaughn, Jr.

President Judge, Superior Court of Delaware

Beth H. Christman, Esquire,
Casarino Christman Shalk Ransom & Doss, P.A.
Francis J. Jones, Jr., Esquire, Morris James LLP
Jeffrey Alexander Young, Esquire, Young & McNelis

10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

“Substantive Best Practices” Workshop 7

Best Practices in Criminal Law

The Honorable Mary M. Johnston, Judge, Superior Court of Delaware

The Honorable Paul R. Wallace, Judge, Superior Court of Delaware

Todd Evans Conner, Esquire, Office of the Public Defender
Joseph S. Grubb, Esquire, Department of Justice

Best Practices in Administrative Law

Richard D. Kirk, Esquire, Bayard, P.A.

Lawrence W. Lewis, Esquire, Senior Counsel, Department of Justice

Best Practices in Appellate Law

The Honorable Karen L. Valihura

Justice, Supreme Court of Delaware

Stephen E. Jenkins, Esquire, Ashby & Geddes
Edward P. Welch, Esquire, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP

Best Practices in Law Office Management

Robert J. Katzenstein, Esquire, Smith, Katzenstein & Jenkins LLP

Geoff Langdon, CPA, Managing Director, Cover & Rossiter

Steven C. Taylor, Willis of Delaware, Inc.

Jeffrey M. Weiner, Esquire, Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Weiner PA
Lawrence I. Zutz, Esquire, Willis of Delaware, Inc.

11:45 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Pre-Admission Conference Inns of Court II Luncheon

Introduction to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Jennifer-Kate Aaronson, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

“Substantive Best Practices” Workshop 8

Best Practices in Trial Practice — Depositions

The Honorable Vivian L. Medinilla, Judge, Superior Court of Delaware

Danielle S. Blount, Esquire, Office of the Governor
William D. Johnston, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
Monté Terrell Squire, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP
Gregory Brian Williams, Esquire, Fox Rothschild LLP

Best Practice in Jury Trials

The Honorable Sherry R. Fallon, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court

Michael Biek, Ph.D., Trial Consultant, Decision Quest

Best Practices in Consumer Practice — Real Estate

Andrew P. Taylor, Esquire, Cooch and Taylor P.A.
William Schab, Esquire, Schab & Barnett, P.A.

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

“Substantive Best Practices” Workshop 9

Best Practices in Mediation/Arbitration

The Honorable Sherry R. Fallon, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court

Keith Edward Donovan, Esquire, Morris James LLP
Colin M. Shalk, Esquire, Casarino Christman Shalk Ransom & Doss, P.A.

Best Practices in Corporate Law

Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick, Esquire,
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP

Thomas E. Hanson Jr., Esquire, Morris James LLP
William D. Johnston, Esquire, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
Robert J. Kriner, Jr., Esquire, Chemicles & Tikellis LLP

Best Practices in Electronic Discovery

Richard K. Herrmann, Esquire, Morris James LLP
Ryan P. Newell, Esquire, Connolly Gallagher LLP

3:30 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. • Giving Back (plenary)

“Opportunities for Pro Bono Service”

Rebecca Lee Byrd, Esquire, The Byrd Group LLP
Tania Marie Culley, Esquire, Office of the Child Advocate
William J. Dunne, Esquire, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
Kathleen Furey McDonough, Esquire, Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP
Thomas V. McDonough, Esquire, Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc.
Susan Simmons, Director of Development and
Access to Justice Coordination, Delaware State Bar Association
Peter J. Walsh, Jr., Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP

4:40 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closing

The Honorable Karen L. Valihura
Justice, Supreme Court of Delaware

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