

Commercial and Federal Litigation Section
Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016		
New York Hilton MIDTOWN 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York City		
Section Program 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rendezvous Ballroom, 3rd Floor	Cocktail Reception 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Petit Trianon Ballroom Foyer 3rd Floor	Luncheon 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Trianon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for 4 MCLE credits in Professional Practice. *This program is NOT a transitional program and does not qualify for newly admitted attorneys.*

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8:45 – 9:35 a.m.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PERCEPTION IN LITIGATION – WHAT DO ARBITRATORS, JUDGES AND JURORS HEAR? (1.0 credits in Professional Practice)
Putting the secrets of psychology to work for you in persuading judges, juries, and arbitrators -- leading experts in psychology and trial advocacy weigh in on key psychological factors that make a difference in winning the argument, new research to consider in asserting or defending against damage claims, and developing a powerful story for your case.

Moderator:

JAMES M. McGUIRE, ESQ., Dechert LLP, New York City

Panelists:

VALERIE P. HANS, Ph.D., Professor of Law, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY
JULIE E. HOWE, Ph.D., J. Howe Consulting, New York City
RICHARD WAITES, J.D. Ph.D., Attorney and Chief Trial Psychologist, The Advocates, New York City

9:35 – 10:50 a.m.

ADVANCING WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION: A CONVERSATION AMONG FORMER WOMEN SECTION CHAIRS (1.5 credits in Professional Practice)
Former Women Chairs of the Commercial & Federal Litigation Section will discuss how men and women can work together to achieve equal opportunities and visibility for women among their peers and in the courtroom and in the boardroom. The discussion will provide practical advice, unique insight, and diverse perspectives on the role of men and women in advancing women in the profession.

Moderator:

CARLA M. MILLER, ESQ., Vice President and Legal Affairs and Litigation Counsel for Universal Music Group, New York City

Panelists:

HON. SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York, New York City
CARRIE H. COHEN, ESQ., Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, New York City
TRACEE E. DAVIS, ESQ., Zeichner Ellman & Krause, LLP, New York City
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10:50–11:00 a.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **COMMERCIAL LITIGATION IN NY – CHOOSING BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS**
(1.5 credits in Professional Practice)

This panel of judges from the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court and from the United States District Courts sitting in New York will discuss variations between state and federal practice and procedure in New York that may offer a strategic advantage or other benefit in commercial cases, or even determine the outcome of a matter. The format for the program will be an interactive panel discussion in which the panelists will respond to questions from the moderator. This format is intended to encourage a lively give and take among the panelists, the moderator, and the audience.

Moderator: **ROBERT L. HAIG, ESQ.**, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, New York City

Panelists: **HON. MARGO K. BRODIE**, United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York
HON. P. KEVIN CASTEL, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York
HON. MAE A. D'AGOSTINO, United States District Judge, Northern District of New York
HON. TIMOTHY S. DRISCOLL, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division, Nassau County
HON. DEBORAH H. KARALUNAS, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division, Onondaga County
HON. JEFFREY K. OING, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division, New York County

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. **COCKTAIL RECEPTION** - Petit Trianon Ballroom Foyer, 3rd floor

12:45–2:15 p.m. **LUNCHEON** - Trianon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

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Presidential Summit – 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.