

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 2, 2025

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Registration

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Cocktail Reception

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Welcome Dinner

Welcoming Remarks:

Michael Cardello III, Esq., Chair

Helene R. Hechtkopf, Esq., Chair-Elect

Keynote Speaker:

John Conway, Sullivan County Historian

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Registration

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Jury Trials for Commercial Litigators

A panel of lawyers, judges and a jury consultant will address the strategic aspects of trying a commercial case before a jury in New York courts, in particular in the Commercial Division. Topics will include New York's unique system of conducting voir dire by direct questioning of prospective jurors without judicial supervision, as well as tactical considerations in the presentation of complex issues.

Moderator:

Mark C. Zauderer, Esq., Dorf Nelson & Zauderer LLP

Panelists:

William Reid, Esq., Reid Collins & Tsai, LLP

Darren K. Ishmael, Esq., Dubin Research & Consulting

Hon. Robert R. Reed, NY Supreme Court, Commercial Division, New York County

Hon. Nancy M. Bannon, NY Supreme Court, Commercial Division, New York County

Hon. Melissa A. Crane, NY Supreme Court, Commercial Division, New York County

Lauren J. Wachtler, Esq., Wachtler LLP

1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Break

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Update on the Implications of AI for Lawyers

Panelists will discuss the latest developments in artificial intelligence and their implications for legal practice, with perspectives from attorneys practicing with firms, in-house, and in consultancies. The panel will discuss new and emerging ways that AI is affecting our day-to-day practice and the controversies centering around them.

Panelists:

Marc A. Melzer, Esq., Jun Group

Stephen Breidenbach, Esq., Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP

Ignatius A. Grande, Esq., Berkeley Research Group

1.0 Credit in Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection – General

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11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Demonstration of the Virtual Evidence Courtroom

Moderator:

Mark A. Berman, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC

Panelists:

Hon. Melissa A. Crane, NY Supreme Court, Commercial Division

Christopher Gibson, Division of E-Filing, OCA

Michael Baccellieri, Office of Court Administration, Division of E-Filing

No MCLE credit

11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Break

11:40 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.

New York State Appellate Practice: The Perspective From Each Department

Join us for a rare and insightful program featuring appellate justices from each of New York's four Appellate Division departments. This distinguished panel will offer a candid, behind-the-bench look at appellate practice across the state. Topics will include effective brief writing and oral advocacy, common pitfalls, procedural nuances among departments, and what truly persuades (or alienates) a panel. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or new to appellate work, this program offers invaluable guidance straight from the bench. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from the decision-makers shaping New York law.

Moderator:

Natasha Shishov-Ginzburg, Esq., Senior Principal Law Clerk to the Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, NYS Appellate Division, First Department

Panelists:

Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick, Associate Justice, NYS Appellate Division, First Department

Hon. Robert J. Miller, Associate Justice, NYS Appellate Division, Second Department

Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry, Presiding Justice, NYS Appellate Division, Third Department

Hon. Stephen K. Lindley, Associate Justice, NYS Appellate Division, Fourth Department

1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Afternoon Activities

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Gala Dinner and Presentation of the Robert L. Haig Award for Distinguished Public Service to Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Registration

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Navigating the Evolving DEI Landscape: Legal Considerations and Practical Approaches

Employers today face a significantly transformed landscape when evaluating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. In today's dynamic legal and regulatory environment, organizations must carefully consider their DEI strategies and assess potential risks to align to both their risk tolerance and their desire to maintain an inclusive workplace culture. Employers also must anticipate the expectations of various stakeholders, including employees and clients, and the potential negative impacts that may result from changes to existing DEI initiatives. This program offers crucial guidance for legal professionals advising organizations on these complex issues.

Moderator:

Robert N. Holtzman, Esq., Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Panelists:

Gerald T. Hathaway, Esq., Pierson Ferdinand LLP

Louis P. DiLorenzo, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

1.5 Credits in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias

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10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Master Class: Litigating Employee Restrictive Covenants

This panel will take a close look at the contours of litigating employee restrictive covenants both in court and through alternative dispute resolution processes. The program will consider and address the strategic and practical issues that arise when enforcing contractual protections over confidential and trade secret information in the workplace, as well as safeguarding client and employee relationships and good will. Among other topics, we will discuss the pre-litigation preparation that can impact case outcomes and consider how to draft a proposed preliminary injunction order to minimize the need to litigate while still achieving your clients' goals.

Moderator:

Anne B. Sekel, Esq., Foley & Lardner LLP

Panelists:

Steven E. Cole, Esq., Adams Leclair LLP

Hon. Elizabeth H. Emerson (Ret.), Of Counsel, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. & FedArb

Hon. Shirley W. Kornreich (Ret.), JAMS

1.5 Credits in Skills

11:45 a.m.

Adjournment and Departure

12:00 p.m.

Late Check-Out by Hotel