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2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to once again gathering in-person at the Bar Association's 2022 Annual Meeting on Thursday and Friday, June 23rd and 24th at the Rhode Island Convention Center. This year's hard-working Annual Meeting Planning Committee, ably chaired by Dana Horton, produced a diverse and enriching program for us. Supporting this effort, many Bar members and the Bar staff have worked with the Committee to ensure a seamless presentation of workshops and social events. As a result, our Annual Meeting provides attendees with an outstanding opportunity to learn, improve your practice, socialize with your colleagues, and fulfill your annual CLE requirements.

We have a wide range of seminars scheduled over the two days of the Annual Meeting, providing guidance in diversity & inclusion, family, probate, criminal, trial and commercial law, a variety of ethics-related topics, the always popular State and Federal Court updates, and more. These seminars are enhanced by the participation of many distinguished and accomplished presenters, including many of our colleagues. Please also visit our sponsors and exhibitors who are offering a range of practice-related products and services.

This year, the Thursday morning plenary speakers are the Honorable Melissa A. Long, Associate Justice of the RI Supreme Court, the Honorable Linda Rekas Sloan, Associate Justice of the RI Superior Court, the Honorable Lia N. Stuhlsatz, Associate Justice of the RI Family Court, and attorneys Hamza Chaudary and Josh Xavier. The panel will discuss the value of multi-culturalism and representation in all aspects of the legal system, including the legal workforce and Rhode Island Judiciary, and address how organizations can attract and retain employees from a broad range of backgrounds.

Our Friday afternoon plenary presentation features award-winning trial attorneys Keith and Dana Cutler, partners in the law firm of James W. Tippin & Associates in Kansas City, Missouri, and co-judges on the two-time Emmy-nominated, nationally syndicated daytime television courtroom show "*Couples Court with the Cutlers.*" Their program will discuss some of the things that can get in the way of *Authentic Inclusiveness*, like micro-aggressions, implicit bias, and good intentions gone bad. Keith and Dana will keep it authentic and entertaining as they help us all navigate diversity and inclusiveness.

On Thursday afternoon, in the midst of a lively reception, we will honor our Annual Bar Award winners (please see page 14 for a complete listing and description of this year's awards) for outstanding achievements. During our Annual Meeting Luncheon on Friday, we are honoring our colleagues for their 50 years of service in the profession, bestowing the Florence K. Murray Award, inducting Ada L. Sawyer into the RI Heritage Hall of Fame, and will hear an address by our incoming Bar Association President, Mark B. Morse. Additionally, we will have the pleasure of traditional remarks by Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell on the State of the Rhode Island Judiciary.

The 2022 Annual Meeting Planning Committee's attention to our diverse membership's interests and needs resulted in an excellent program, and I urge you to take advantage of the Annual Meeting's early registration fee savings by registering for the Meeting online before June 17th. I thank you in advance for the honor and pleasure of serving you throughout the past year, and I look forward to seeing you on June 23rd and 24th.



Lynda L. Laing, Esq.
President
Rhode Island Bar Association

8:00 am	Exhibitor Booths Open	Registration Begins & Exhibits Open <i>Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th floor</i>					
8:45 - 9:20 am		Welcome by Lynda L. Laing, Esq., Bar President <i>Convention Center, Ballroom A, 5th floor</i>					
9:20 - 10:20 am		1 Plenary - Stand and Deliver Hon. Melissa A. Long, Hon. Linda Rekas Sloan, Hon. Lia N. Stuhlsatz, Hamza Chaudary, Esq., and Joshua D. Xavier, Esq. 0.5 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS					
10:20 - 10:45 am	Exhibitor Booths Open	Morning Break					
10:45 am - 12:00 pm		2 Family Case Law Update 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	3 Mechanic's Liens 1.5 CREDITS	4 Lawyers as Employers & Leaders 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	5 Estate Planning Fundamentals 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	6 SSDI - Myths and Mysteries Exposed 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	7 Evictions 1.5 CREDITS
12:00 - 1:30 pm		Members Luncheon <i>Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th Floor</i>					
12:00 - 1:30 pm		Rhode Island Bar Foundation Annual Meeting <i>Convention Center, 1st Floor, West Lobby</i>					
1:30 - 2:45 pm		8 High Conflict Custody Case 1.5 CREDITS	9 Commercial Law Update Part 1 1.5 CREDITS	10 Ethically & Respectfully Communicating with Clients 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	11 Estates, Guardianships & Trusts 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	12 Good Lawyering Helps the Medicine Goes Down (WC) 1.5 CREDITS	
2:45 - 3:15 pm		Afternoon Break					
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Exhibitor Booths Open	13 Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements 1.5 CREDITS	14 Commercial Law Update Part 2 1.5 CREDITS	15 Cybersecurity Primer 1.5 ETHICS	16 Medicaid Crisis Planning 1.5 CREDITS	17 Municipal & Quasi-Gov't Agencies and Climate Change Risk 1.5 CREDITS	18 Limited Scope Representation 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS
4:30 pm		Awards Reception <i>Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor</i>					

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

8:00 am	Exhibitor Booths Open	Registration Begins & Exhibits Open <i>Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th floor</i>				
8:45 - 9:20 am		Welcome by Lynda L. Laing, Esq., Bar President <i>Convention Center, Ballroom A, 5th floor</i>				
9:00 - 10:15 am	Exhibitor Booths Open	<u>19</u> Civil Case Law Update 1.5 CREDITS	<u>20</u> Improving Discovery Procedures in Criminal Cases 1.5 CREDITS	<u>21</u> Managing Burnout & Learning How to Thrive 1.5 ETHICS	<u>22</u> Title Standards 1.5 CREDITS	<u>23</u> Franchise Law 1.5 CREDITS
10:15 - 10:45 am		Morning Break				
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Exhibitor Booths Open	<u>24</u> Criminal Case Law Update 1.5 CREDITS	<u>25</u> Update on Lawyer Well-Being Project 1.5 ETHICS	<u>26</u> Foreclosures Post-Pandemic 1.5 CREDITS	<u>27</u> The Britney Effect 1.0 CREDIT + 0.5 ETHICS	
12:00 - 2:00 pm		Awards Luncheon <i>Convention Center, Ballroom B/C, 5th floor</i>				
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Exhibitor Booths Open	<u>28</u> State Court E-Filing Update 1.0 CREDIT	<u>29</u> Understanding & Managing Compassion Fatigue 1.0 ETHICS	<u>30</u> Estate Planning for Snowbirds 1.0 CREDIT	<u>31</u> 2021 RI Pay Equity Law 1.0 CREDIT	<u>32</u> Eliminating Bias from Your Writing 1.0 CREDIT
3:00 - 3:15 pm		Afternoon Break				
3:15 - 4:15 pm		33 Plenary - Authentic Inclusiveness Dana Cutler, Esq. & Keith Cutler, Esq. 1.0 ETHICS				

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8:00 am

Registration Begins & Exhibits Open

Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

8:45 - 9:20 am

Welcome: Lynda L. Laing, Esq., *President*, Ballroom A, 5th Floor

In Memoriam: Christopher S. Gontarz, Esq., *Secretary*

Nominating Committee Report: J. Robert Weisberger Jr., Esq., *Chair*

Treasurer's Report: Nicole J. Benjamin, Esq., *Treasurer*

9:20 - 10:20 am

1 | Thursday Plenary - Stand and Deliver 0.5 credit + 0.5 ethics

The panel will discuss the value of multi-culturalism and representation in all aspects of the legal system, including the legal workforce and Rhode Island Judiciary, and address how organizations can attract and retain employees from a broad range of backgrounds. Panelists will also describe the mission and work of the Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts as well as the Rhode Island Bar Association's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion.



Hon. Melissa A. Long

RI Supreme Court Associate Justice

Melissa A. Long was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court on January 11, 2021. Before her elevation to the Supreme Court, Justice Long served for over three years as an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, where she was assigned to be in charge of, or to assist on, various calendars in Providence County. Immediately prior to joining the bench, she was Deputy Secretary of State at the Rhode Island Department of State from 2015-2017. Justice Long currently chairs the Rhode Island Committee on Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and is an advisory board member of the National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts.

Justice Long received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia and earned her law degree at the George Mason University School of Law. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marcus D. Williams of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia and thereafter devoted her legal career to public service and public interest law.

A Washington, D.C., native, Justice Long is the daughter of two U.S. Army veterans who married six months before the Supreme Court decided *Loving v. Virginia*. Justice Long grew up on and near military bases in El Paso, Texas; Alexandria, Virginia; Schweinfurt, Germany; and Seoul, South Korea. She and her family have resided in Providence since 1999.

Linda Rekas Sloan is an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court. She was appointed by Governor Raimondo in December 2020.

Linda was born in Taipei, Taiwan and is the oldest of 4 girls born to Bao Yu and Russell Rekas. Her father was a career Navy man serving on nuclear submarines. Linda attended Coventry High School, Providence College, and Boston University School of Law. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she practiced law in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and before the United States Federal District Courts for the Districts of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

During the course of her career, Linda worked or practiced in the areas of insurance defense, bankruptcy, creditors rights, receivership, corporate and business law, real estate and title insurance at: Olenn & Penza; Salter, McGowan, Sylvia & Leonard; Orson & Brusini; Mortgage Guarantee and Title; Linda Rekas Sloan, LLC, and Fidelity National Title Group.

Linda served as the Rhode Island Bar Association President from 2017 to 2018. She is also a Rhode Island Bar Foundation Fellow and the immediate past President of the New England Bar Association. She currently chairs the Rhode Island Bar Association Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion.



Hon. Linda Rekas Sloan

RI Superior Court Associate Justice



Hon. Lia N. Stuhlsatz
RI Family Court Associate Justice

Judge Stuhlsatz attended Smith College and Howard University's Black College Exchange Program, graduating from Smith College in 1990, she then participated in the Teach for America program, teaching junior high social studies in the Washington Heights section of New York City.

Following her teaching experience, she attended CUNY School of Law, graduating in 1996. While in law school, she worked for Catholic Charities as a social worker for a program serving incarcerated mothers held at Rikers Island and Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

Following law school, she was employed by the New Hampshire Public Defender as a trial attorney. She moved to Rhode Island in 1998 and joined Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. where she represented clients in both the Domestic Violence Unit and the DCYF Unit.

Judge Stuhlsatz was appointed to the Bench by Governor Gina Raimondo in 2016 and has been assigned to the Juvenile Calendar, the DCYF Calendar and the newly created Safe and Secure Baby Court which was established by Chief Judge Michael B. Forte in 2017.

Judge Stuhlsatz and her husband, Attorney Robert Caron, are the parents of two teenagers and live in East Providence.



Hamza Chaudary, Esq.

Hamza Chaudary is a Shareholder at Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. He serves as Chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and is on the firm's Technology Committee.

Hamza has significant civil litigation experience with a focus on cases involving real estate, land use, taxation and zoning, including matters of first-impression. He serves on the Rhode Island Bar Association's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, the Board of Governors of Leadership Rhode Island and the Board of Trustees/Executive Committee for the Providence Country Day School.

He received his B.A. with Honors from Trinity College and his J.D. from Washington and Lee School of Law.

Josh Xavier is currently an associate attorney with Partridge Snow & Hahn where he is a member of the firm's diversity committee. His practice consists largely of employment law.

He earned his undergraduate degree from New York University and his law degree from Roger Williams University School of Law. During law school, Josh served as the President for the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association. Upon graduating from law school, he served as a judicial law clerk for the State of Rhode Island Superior and Family Courts.

Josh is a member of the National Bar Association, the Cape Verdean American Lawyers Association, and the Rhode Island chapters of the Thurgood Marshall Society and Hispanic Bar Association. Josh is a proud son of immigrants. His mother was born in the Dominican Republic and his father was born in Cape Verde. Josh is also a proud Rhode Islander who is originally from Warwick.



Joshua D. Xavier, Esq.

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10:20 – 10:45 am

Morning Break

Enjoy a range of refreshments and conversation, while connecting with our sponsors and exhibitors who are offering valuable law practice and business management services.

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Concurrent Workshops *(Choose one from #2-7)*

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

2 Family Case Law Update

1.0 credit + .5 ethics - Level: All

Moderator: Meredith F. Howlett, Esq., *Howlett Law, Inc.*

Speakers: Joanna M. Achille, Esq., *Burns & Levinson, LLP*
 Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Attorney-at-Law*
 Jane F. Howlett, Esq., *Howlett Law, Inc.*

The program presents new Rhode Island Supreme Court cases in family law, as well as addresses unique approaches to certain family court issues, and important legislative changes to family law cases and in administrative orders.

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

3 Rhode Island Mechanic's Lien Law: Procedure and Process

1.5 credits - Level: Beginner

Speakers: Joseph J. Reale Jr., Esq., *Joseph J. Reale, Jr., Ltd.*
 David M. Campbell, Esq., *Savage Law Partners, LLP*

This workshop presents the process and procedure for filing, enforcing and litigating a Mechanics' Lien under Rhode Island law as well as recent developments in the law.

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

4 Lawyers as Equitable Employers and Leaders

1.0 credit + 0.5 ethics - Level: All

Speakers: Kara DiPaola, Esq., *Office of the General Treasurer*
 Chip Muller, Esq., *Muller Law, LLC*
 Simone N. Tubman, J.D., *Director, Institutional Discrimination/Bias, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Office of Institutional Discrimination + Title IX at RI School of Design*

In this workshop, the speakers address how lawyers can create and support a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace. The speakers also discuss equitable hiring, equitable HR policies and procedures, reasonable accommodations, accessibility, ADA compliance, handling of complaints of discrimination and harassment, and achieving an inclusive workplace.

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

5 Estate Planning Fundamentals: Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney

1.0 credit + 0.5 ethics - Level: Beginner

Speakers: Kristin N. Matsko, *Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.*
 Rebecca E. Dupras, *Dupras Law*

This session is for new attorneys or experienced attorneys looking to expand their practice to include Trusts & Estates. The speakers review fundamental estate planning documents, including wills, trusts, and powers of attorney. In addition, the speakers discuss the advantages and disadvantages to using different types of trusts, as well as ethical considerations in working with clients who may have diminished capacity.

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

6

Social Security Disability: Myths & Mysteries Exposed!

1.0 credit + 0.5 ethics - Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Speakers: Mariam Alexanian Lavoie, Esq., *Lavoie Law, LLC*
Michael A. St. Pierre, Esq., *Revens, Revens & St. Pierre*

This workshop helps practitioners in all areas understand how SSDI/SSI benefits interact with other programs like TDI, workers' compensation, unemployment, state government retirement/disability pensions, Social Security retirement, as well as other payments such as personal injury settlements, inheritance, alimony, and child support. The speakers start with an overview of the Social Security disability programs and address widespread misconceptions and misinformation such as: "Everyone gets denied the first time," "I don't need a lawyer until I get a denial," "I can work part time and receive disability benefits," "I'm filing for disability and should win since my doctor told me to file," and "My client won't qualify since she is not totally disabled."

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

7

Effective Representation in Evictions

1.0 credit + .5 ethics - Level: All

Speakers: Hon. Christopher K. Smith, *RI District Court*
Michael D. Crane, Esq., *The Law Offices of Michael D. Crane, LLC*
Steven S. Flores, Esq., *Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.*
Jennifer L. Wood, Esq., *RI Center for Justice*

The program provides an overview of tenant protections, including protections due to COVID-19. The panel also discusses successful negotiation strategies for advocates representing both tenants and landlords. Participants attending this session obtain an overview of current developments to better represent landlord and tenant clients.

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Rhode Island Bar Association Members' Luncheon*Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT*

Enjoy a relaxed lunch with your colleagues, then take a leisurely stroll through the exhibits and recharge your batteries. Remember, our Awards Reception immediately follows the last seminar at 4:30 pm.

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Rhode Island Bar Foundation Fellows Annual Meeting

Convention Center, 1st Floor, West Lobby

Fellows and invited guests receive a separate invitation for this luncheon.



Michael R. McElroy, Esq.
Foundation President

The Rhode Island Bar Foundation Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Rhode Island Bar Association Annual Meeting. President Michael R. McElroy and the Board of Directors are pleased to welcome and thank the Foundation Fellows who, through their professional, public and private careers, have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community and to the objectives of the Foundation. During the luncheon we recognize the recipient organizations of Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) grants. \$393,109 was granted this calendar year for the provision of legal services and the administration of justice in Rhode Island.

Recipients of the Thomas F. Black, Jr., Memorial Law School Scholarship are introduced. Again this year, with the continued generosity of The Horace A. Kimball and S. Ella Kimball Foundation and The Champlin Foundation, we were able to grant two \$25,000 Thomas F. Black Jr. Memorial Scholarships to two promising first-year law students who have demonstrated financial need, superior academic performance, community and public service, and demonstrated contacts with and commitment to the State of Rhode Island. Since 1989, this fund has awarded 70 scholarships, totaling many thousands of dollars to promising law students.

Recipients of the Papitto Opportunity Connection Foundation are also introduced. Two additional law school scholarships in the amount of \$25,000 each will be awarded to candidates who self-identify as black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC). Founded in December 2020, the Papitto Opportunity Connection was founded by Barbara Papitto as a continuation of the long-time commitment she and her late-husband Ralph have made to creating educational opportunities and supporting the BIPOC community in Rhode Island.

The two recipients of the Honorable Thomas J. Caldarone, Jr. Fellowship Award are also introduced. Law students are selected for this award based on their outstanding record and interest in pursuing a career in public service. Caldarone Fellows receive valuable experience in assisting with providing crucial legal services to the public and persons of limited means in the State of Rhode Island.

1:30 - 2:45 pm

Concurrent Workshops *(Choose one from #8-12)*

1:30 - 2:45 pm

8 Overcoming Parent - Child Relationship Issues Incident to High Conflict Custody Cases: The Role of the Court, the Mental Health Professional, and the Guardian Ad Litem

1.5 credits - Level: Intermediate

- Speakers:** Hon. Sandra A. Lanni, *RI Family Court*
David Medeiros, *LICSW, Author of "A Return to Civility and a Path to Get There: An Exploration of Responsibility, Accountability and Compassion"*
Tia M. Priolo, Esq., *Scungio & Priolo, Westerly Municipal Judge*

An examination of child resistant parental relationships in the scope of Family Court cases and a discussion of therapeutic and legal interventions. This seminar is aimed at the family law practitioner handling more complex custody cases. It will discuss the different therapeutic processes such as individual, co-parent, and family therapy, as well as the ethical considerations of the therapist. It will also include a "from the bench" discussion and the considerations of the Family Court as well as strategies implemented by the Guardian Ad Litem.

1:30 – 2:45 pm

9 Commercial Case Law Update: Part 1

1.5 credits - Level: All

Speakers: Steven O. Weise, Esq., *Proskauer Rose LLP*
 Edwin E. Smith, Esq., *Morgan Lewiss & Bockus*
 Patrick A. Guida, Esq., *Duffy & Sweeney, Ltd.*
 Lisa Kresge, Esq., *Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP*
 Thomas S. Hemmendinger, Esq., *Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP*

This workshop provides a review of various commercial law related court decisions from around the United States with some emphasis on Rhode Island Supreme Court, Superior Court, and U.S. District Court cases decided in the RI District Court and for which written decisions were issued during the last 12 months.

1:30 – 2:45 pm

10 Respectfully and Ethically Communicating with Clients

1.0 credit + .5 ethics - Level: Beginner

Speakers: James J. Bagley, Esq., (he/they), *The Law Office of Leonard M. Cordeiro*
 Christopher J. Gerlica, Esq., (he/his), *Roger Williams University School of Law*

In this workshop, the speakers utilize hypotheticals drawn from various resources, glossaries, and phrasing guides to update attendees as to what language is appropriate and inclusive when addressing LGBTQ individuals or groups. The speakers also discuss an attorney's ethical and professional obligation to address people by using the labels/names/words that each person has endorsed as their own. This workshop allows attorneys of every generation to speak with whomever walks through the door or appears across the aisle and allow those potential clients and colleagues to feel safe and respected.

1:30 – 2:45 pm

11 Current Developments in Estates, Guardianships, and Trusts

1.0 credit + .5 ethics - Level: Intermediate

Speakers: Hon. Cristine L. McBurney, *Pawtucket Probate Court*
 Hon. Anthony Amalfetano, *Warwick Probate Court*
 Hon. James P. Howe, *South Kingstown Probate Court*

Join the presenters as they review the latest Superior and Supreme Court decisions, legislation, and current developments in the areas of decedents' estates, guardianships, trusts, and probate court practice.

1:30 – 2:45 pm

12 Good Lawyering Helps the Medicine Go Down!

1.5 credits - Level: All

Moderator: Hon. Kevin B. Reall, *RI Workers' Compensation Court*
Speakers: Erica O'Connell, Esq., *Bianchi, Brouillard, Sousa & O'Connell*
 Jeffrey Liptrot, Esq., *Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith*
 Anthony DeLuise, MD

At this program, the speakers discuss medical depositions and strategy from the perspective of the physician, court, and counsel.

2:45 - 3:15 pm

Afternoon Break

Please stop by and learn how our sponsors and exhibitors' unique products and services may help in your practice or at home. Find out how you can stay ahead of the curve with some of the latest in legal software and technology.

3:15 - 4:30 pm

Concurrent Workshops *(Choose one from #13-18)*

3:15 - 4:30 pm

13 Case Study Review: Drafting your Marital Settlement Agreement to Protect Your Client's Financial Interests

1.0 credits + .5 ethics - Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Moderator: Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq., *Attorney at Law***Speaker:** Jane E. McAuliffe, CDFA, *Collaborative Divorce Strategies*

In this session, the panelists review a hypothetical case study and discover how to avoid "pitfalls" that can trap your client into an unpleasant financial situation after they have made their agreement. The presenters also cover important points and proper language to include in the drafting of the marital settlement agreement surrounding taxes, liquidity, and complex financial considerations.

3:15 - 4:30 pm

14 Commercial Law Update: Part 2

1.5 credits - Level: All

Speakers: Steven O. Weise, Esq., *Proskauer Rose LLP*
 Edwin E. Smith, Esq., *Morgan Lewis & Bockus*
 Patrick A. Guida, Esq., *Duffy & Sweeney, Ltd.*
 Lisa Kresge, Esq., *Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP*
 Thomas S. Hemmendinger, Esq., *Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP*

Part two of the panelists' review of various commercial law related court decisions from around the United States with some emphasis on Rhode Island Supreme Court, Superior Court, and U.S. District Court cases decided in the RI District Court and for which written decisions were issued during the last 12 months.

3:15 - 4:30 pm

15 A Cybersecurity Primer - From Incident Response to Ransomware to Security Implications of Working Remotely

1.5 ethics - Level: Beginner

Speakers: Jerry Bessette, *Booz Allen Hamilton*
 Gregory K. Baker, *Booz Allen Hamilton*
 Brendan Delaney, *Booz Allen Hamilton*

Legal advice is half the battle. When a cyber incident occurs, your clients require comprehensive incident response that mitigates severe, business-wide impact and restores operations. During the past several years, companies across all industries have fallen victim to increasingly sophisticated and targeted attacks designed to disrupt business operations, steal proprietary information, destroy critical assets, and more. It's not a matter of if, but how often, your clients will face one of these threats. And, when a cyber breach occurs, the first call a company makes is often to its legal counsel. When your clients experience a cyber breach or face potential legal action requiring the collection, preservation, analysis, and production of electronically stored evidence, it's crucial that you understand your role and your options. Reducing the impact of a breach and reinforcing your value to your clients depends on your ability to provide your clients with right next steps to support the wide variety of situations that may arise during the course of an investigation.

3:15 - 4:30 pm

16 **Medicaid Crisis Planning**

1.5 credits - Level: Intermediate

Speaker: Eric D. Correia, Esq., LLM, *Correia Law*

This program will provide a detailed review of the Rhode Island Medicaid rules for long-term care, applicable federal law, last minute crisis planning techniques to protect and preserve assets, the Medicaid application process, and strategies for appeal hearings. While intended to be an intermediate level program, practitioners from all levels should benefit from attending.

3:15 - 4:30 pm

17 **Room for Innovation? Municipal and Quasi-Government Agencies on the Front Line of Climate Change Risk**

1.5 credits - Level: All

Moderator: Meredith Brady, *Rhode Island Statewide Planning*

Speakers: Shaun O'Rourke, *Managing Director, RI Infrastructure Bank*
 Macky McCleary, *Director, Guidehouse Energy Sustainability & Infrastructure*
 Andrew Teitz, Esq., *Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd*
 Kate Michaud, *Town Manager, Warren RI*

Coastal states and communities are increasingly threatened by climate change-related disasters, putting both private property and public infrastructure at risk. What roles should/can local governments and publicly regulated utilities play to a) reduce public and private risks from sea level rise and coastal storms; b) incentivize retreat from the shore and other *high hazard areas*; and c) prevent re-/building in *high hazard areas*? What legal roadblocks do these entities face in regulating private development, and making management decisions for public infrastructure?

3:15 - 4:30 pm

18 **Limited Scope Representation—It Just May Expand Your Practice!**

1.5 ethics - Level: Beginner

Speakers: Hon. Christopher K. Smith, *RI District Court*
 Hon. Richard A. Merola, *RI Family Court*
 Kerry Reilley Travers, Esq., *Office of the Disciplinary Counsel*
 Lauren E. Jones, Esq., *Jones Associates*
 Cynthia T. Runge, Esq., *Peridot Family Law*

The speakers present an overview of what limited scope representation is and what it requires of the practitioner. In addition, the speakers examine Rule 1.2(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and real-world experiences taking on limited scope cases.

It's been a busy first day of our Meeting- let's finish it right! Head straight to the Rotunda, immediately adjacent to the exhibitor and snack stations, after the last Thursday session and join us for complimentary refreshments as we recognize our annual awards recipients. Prior to the presentation of awards, we will enjoy libations and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Relax and catch up with your colleagues as we honor our exceptional award winners!

Our Thursday evening awards include the Rhode Island Bar Journal Lauren E. Jones Writing Award, the 2022 Pro Bono Awards, the Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award, and the Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism.

This event is free and open to ALL Bar members- don't miss out!

4:30 pm

Annual Awards Reception *Sponsored by Our Exhibitors & Sponsors**Convention Center, Rotunda, 5th floor***OPEN AND FREE TO ALL BAR MEMBERS**

All Annual Meeting attendees and RIBA members are welcome to join us for our festive Annual Awards Reception, an opportunity to recognize and honor outstanding work of members of the legal community who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the profession, while enjoying complimentary libations and hors d'oeuvres.

Rhode Island Bar Journal Lauren E. Jones, Esq. Writing Award

The Rhode Island Bar Journal Lauren E. Jones, Esq. Writing Award recognizes authors of published Rhode Island Bar Journal articles on the basis of effectiveness of presentation, legal significance, and accuracy, and depth of research and information provided.

Winner TBD**2022 Pro Bono Awards**

Since 1987, Pro Bono Awards have recognized the outstanding efforts of those who provide equal access to justice to the poor through a Rhode Island Bar Association pro bono program. Recipients demonstrate dedication to the administration of justice, professionalism, compassion, and commitment to public service.

Pro Bono Publico Award

Tracy A. Loignon, Esq.
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Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award

Presented to an individual who demonstrates the principles and values of servant leadership and who is a beacon of light and hope to others by illuminating the path to greater justice for all. A servant leader is one who puts the needs of an organization or others before oneself. A servant leader has the innate quality of wanting to serve others and, for that reason, takes the care to ensure the needs of others are met.

Hon. Linda Rekas Sloan**Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism**

Presented to an attorney who has, by their ethical and personal conduct, commitment, and activities exemplified, for fellow Rhode Island attorneys, the epitome of professionalism in the law, advancing the calling of professional practice through leadership, high standards of integrity, commitment, and dedication.

Michael R. McElroy, Esq.

8:00 am

Registration Begins & Exhibits Open

Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

8:45 – 9:00 am

President's Welcome: Lynda L. Laing, Esq., *Ballroom A, 5th Floor*

9:00 – 10:15 am

Concurrent Workshops (*Choose one from #19-23*)

9:00 – 10:15 am

19 **Civil Case Law Update**

1.5 credits - Level: All

Moderator: Hon. Erin Lynch Prata, *RI Supreme Court*

Speakers: Hon. Francis X. Flaherty, *RI Supreme Court (ret.)*

Hon. Francis J. Darigan Jr., *RI Superior Court (ret.)*

Hon. Sarah Taft-Carter, *RI Superior Court*

Hon. Sandra A. Lanni, *RI Family Court*

Lauren E. Jones, Esq., *Jones Associates*

Thomas M. Dickinson, Esq., *Law Offices of Thomas Dickinson*

Professor Jared Goldstein, *Roger Williams University School of Law*

Lara E. Montecalvo, Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*

The distinguished panelists provide an informative and insightful overview of recent noteworthy civil case-related decisions issued by the United States Supreme Court and the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

9:00 – 10:15 am

20 **The Senate's Discovery Task Force: Recommendations for a Comprehensive Approach to Improving Discovery Procedures in Criminal Cases**

1.5 credits - Level: All

Speakers: J. Patrick Youngs III, Esq., *RI Department of the Attorney General*

Michael A. DiLauro Esq., *Office of the Public Defender*

Chief Sid Wordell, *Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association*

Christine Crocker, *Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission*

The Senate's Discovery Task Force (SDTF), created by 2018-R 0328, brought together a diverse array of Rhode Island criminal justice stakeholders empowered to study and make recommendations to enhance the timely and complete disclosure of discoverable material in criminal cases. Its final report makes a series of recommendations applicable to all components of the state's criminal justice system, including the defense, prosecution, the courts, and law enforcement. After attending this program, attendees will understand the SDTF report, recommendations, and implementation, as well as R.16/Brady/Giglio/Wyche/Beaumier, and the law enforcement accreditation process and electronic case management systems.

9:00 – 10:15 am

21 **Knowledge is Power: Avoiding & Managing Burnout for New Lawyers**

1.5 ethics - Level: Beginner

Speakers: William J. Delaney, Esq., *Cohn & Dussi LLC*

Barbara Bowe, LICSW, *Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers*

Nicholas Trott Long, Esq., *Chair of the Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee*

The pressures attorneys face can lead to incapacitating anxiety, depression, among other issues. At this program, learn how to cope with the stressors that can impact your daily life. While designed for newer attorneys, seasoned professionals will learn how the practice of law can impact the well-being of their newer colleagues, and what they can do to support them.

9:00 – 10:15 am

22 **RI Real Estate Title Standards - What Are They and How Do They Facilitate Real Property Conveyances**

1.5 credits - Level: Beginner

Speakers: John A. Comery, Esq., *Fidelity National Financial Family of Companies (Chair of the Real Estate Title Standards & Practices Committee)*
 Michael B. Mellion, Esq., *Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Companies (Past Chair of the Real Estate Title Standards & Practices Committee)*
 Linda M. Tessman, Esq., *Fidelity National Financial Family of Companies (Past Chair of the Real Estate Title Standards & Practices Committee)*

At this session, current and former chairs of the RI Bar Association Real Estate Title Standards & Practices Committee review and discuss the Rhode Island real estate Title Standards, with a focus upon those most often employed to facilitate real estate transfers.

9:00 – 10:15 am

23 **Foundations of Franchise Law**

1.5 credits - Level: Beginner

Speakers: Kristin L. Corcoran, Esq., *Appleby & Corcoran, LLC*
 Nicole Liguori Micklich, Esq., *Urso, Liguori & Micklich, P.C.*

This workshop is an opportunity to learn about fundamentals of franchise law and receive practical tips and advice from experienced practitioners. These presenters will provide a balanced overview of franchise law with a focus on the franchise relationship. Topics will include franchise disclosure laws and issues, trademark law and common issues in franchising, vicarious liability, and disputes that arise in the franchise relationship including termination or non-renewal.

10:15 -10:45 am

Morning Break

Check your email, network with your fellow Bar members, or browse the large selection of practice-related informational books at our CLE table!

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Concurrent Workshops *(Choose one from #24-27)*

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

24 **Criminal Case Law Update**

1.5 credits - Level: All

Moderator: Hon. Erin Lynch Prata, *RI Supreme Court*
Speakers: Hon. Francis X. Flaherty, *RI Supreme Court (ret.)*
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10:45 am - 12:00 pm

25 | A Progress Report on Lawyer Well-Being

1.5 ethics - Level: All

Moderator: Nicholas Trott Long, *Chair of the Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee***Speakers:** Stacie Collier, Esq., *Nixon Peabody, LLP*Cassandra L. Feeney, Esq., *Hamel, Waxler, Allen & Collins, P.C.*Charlene Elva Pratt, Esq., *RI Public Defender*

Following the publication in 2017 of the National Task Force Report on Lawyer Well-Being, Ms. Collier's firm was one of the first to take up the challenge to develop a meaningful program for lawyer well-being. She explains why her firm decided to take action, what problems they've experienced and what successes they've achieved. Ms. Feeney and Ms. Pratt will discuss how Lawyer Well-Being can work in small firms, individual practices and government offices. The panel will also discuss the new Institute for Well-Being in Law.

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

26 | Foreclosure Post-Pandemic

1.5 credits - Level: Intermediate

Speakers: Michael R. Hagopian, Esq., *Brock & Scott*Susan W. Cody, Esq., *Korde & Associates*Francis J. Nolan, Esq., *Harmon Law Offices*

This workshop addresses issues and processes related to judicial and non-judicial residential foreclosure. Best practices for bringing a file to foreclosure are discussed. The speakers review and explain current and recent case law, regulations, and statutory requirements related to residential foreclosures, including those inspired by the global pandemic.

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

27 | The Britney Effect: Protect Decision-Making Rights with Supported Decision-Making, A New Alternative to Guardianship in RI

1.0 credits + .5 credit - Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Speakers: Hon. Robert Craven, *Charlestown Probate Court*Kate Sherlock, Esq., *Sargent Center*Kate Bowden, Esq., *Disability Rights RI*Bethany Hogan, *RI Parent Information Network, Inc. (RIPIN)*

This program reviews what supported decision-making (SDM) and how it works as a possible alternative to guardianships in Rhode Island. The program reviews what the law is, success stories using SDM, and how it can impact daily life.

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Annual Meeting Luncheon

Convention Center, 5th Floor, Ballroom B/C

THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT

Induction of Ada L. Sawyer into the RI Heritage Hall of Fame

Ada L. Sawyer was the first woman to pass the bar exam and be admitted to practice law in Rhode Island in 1920. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of this significant achievement, Ada will be inducted into the RI Heritage Hall of Fame at the Annual Meeting Luncheon. There will also be an exhibit on women's history provided by the ABA and a table honoring Ada.

Florence K. Murray Award

Presented to a person who by example or otherwise has influenced women to pursue legal careers, opened doors for women attorneys, or advanced opportunities for women within the legal profession.

Hon. Susan E. McGuirl

Address by Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell

Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell will give an address on the State of the Rhode Island Judiciary.

Mark B. Morse, Esq. Accepts the President's Gavel

Join us as we highlight some of the year's accomplishments of outgoing President Lynda L. Laing, followed by the passing of the President's Gavel to Mark B. Morse, Esq. Sworn in by Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell, Mr. Morse's one-year term officially begins on July 1, 2022.

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Honoring our colleagues in grateful recognition of 50 years of outstanding service to the legal profession and the Rhode Island Bar Association.

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2:00 – 3:00 pm

Concurrent Workshops (Choose one from #28-32)

2:00 – 3:00 pm

28 | Rhode Island State Court E-Filing Current Developments & Future Plans

1.0 credit - Level: All

Moderator: Michael M. Goldberg, Esq., *M. Goldberg Law LLC***Speakers:** Rhiannon S. Huffman, Esq., *Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons*Lauren E. Jones, Esq., *Jones Associates*Gail M. Valuk, Esq., *Supreme Court of RI*Peter Panciocco, *Supreme Court of RI*

Representatives from the Rhode Island State Judiciary and attorneys discuss the current developments and plans of the Rhode Island Odyssey File & Serve System and the Rhode Island Judiciary Public Portal.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

29 | Compassion Fatigue in the Legal Profession

1.0 ethics - Level: All

Speaker: Glenn Miller, *Coastline EAP*

According to the American Bar Association, compassion fatigue is the physical and psychological effect of exposure to harrowing stories or events when advocating for clients coupled with the stress of everyday life. While compassion fatigue is often mistaken for burnout, it is not the same. Attend this seminar and learn the difference, available treatment, and how to help colleagues affected by compassion fatigue.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

30 | 2022 Estate Planning for Rhode Island Residents and Florida Snowbirds

1.0 credit - Level: Intermediate

Speakers: Joseph R. Marion III, Esq., *Whelan Corrente & Flanders, LLP*Mark Iacono, Esq., *Salter McGowan, Sylvia & Leonard*

This program provides an update on the status of estate planning techniques for Rhode Island Residents and Florida snowbirds including residency qualification and lifetime gifting. The presentation also includes fractionalized gifting ideas and generation-skipping planning strategies resulting from the 2021 Build Better America proposal and anticipated estate and gift tax exchanges.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

31 | Practical Guidance on the 2021 Rhode Island Pay Equity Law

1.0 credit - Level: Advanced

Speakers: Timothy C. Cavazza, Esq., *Whelan Corrente & Flanders LLP*Matthew H. Parker, Esq., *Whelan Corrente & Flanders LLP*

This workshop covers all the requirements of the recently enacted Rhode Island pay equity law, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2023. The speakers provide practical guidance applicable to all Rhode Island employers, both large and small, to help ensure compliance with this comprehensive statute, along with insights into the enforcement actions and areas of litigation that are likely to arise in 2023 and beyond.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

32 Eliminating Bias from Your Writing

1.0 ethics - Level: Intermediate

Speakers: Kara DiPaola, Esq., *Office of the General Treasurer*
Michael Campbell, *Rhode Island College Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

In this workshop, the panelists discuss how and why lawyers should write in a manner that is inclusive and eliminates unconscious biases and microaggressions from documents they prepare. Panelists will discuss updated and respectful terminology for referring to individuals and groups, proper pronoun usage, and person-first focus. Panelists also discuss how and why lawyers should review policies, procedures, regulations, and other documents to suit the needs of a diverse audience.

3:15 – 4:15 pm

33 Friday Plenary - Authentic Inclusiveness 1.0 ethics

All of us are seeking to have workspaces and organizations that are diverse and inclusive, but attitudes, misinformation, and cultural differences tend to get in the way. This program is designed to discuss some of the things that can get in the way of *Authentic Inclusiveness*, like micro-aggressions; implicit bias; and good intentions gone bad. Keith and Dana will keep it authentic and entertaining as they help us all navigate diversity and inclusiveness.

Award-winning trial attorneys Keith and Dana Cutler are partners in the law firm of James W. Tippin & Associates in Kansas City, Missouri, practicing in the areas of civil defense litigation, education law, and small business representation.

Dana has served in several positions of bar leadership during her career, including being the first woman of color elected as President of The Missouri Bar, in 2016. Her numerous bar-related awards include the 2020 Eighth Circuit Richard S. Arnold Award for Distinguished Service; three President's Awards from The Missouri Bar; a President's Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; the Ronda F. Williams Spirit of Diversity Award; and the Sly James Diversity and Inclusion Award, just to name a few. She has been recognized as a Missouri Super Lawyer since 2014 and was honored as the 2018 Woman of the Year by Missouri Lawyers Weekly at their Annual Women's Justice Awards Luncheon. Dana's practice is concentrated in Education Law with a focus on charter schools and general liability defense. She has tried more than twenty bench and jury trials. Dana received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with honors, from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and her J.D. degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

In more than 30 years of practice, Keith has first-chaired over 80 civil trials in addition to arguments before the Courts of Appeals in Missouri and Kansas, the Missouri Supreme Court, and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is also very active in the Bar -- he has served as president or chair of several bar associations and bar committees, is an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC) School of Law, and is a frequent seminar speaker on trial practice, ethics, and professionalism. His awards include the Lewis W. Clymer Award from the Jackson County Bar Association, the Decade Award from the UMKC School of Law, and the prestigious Lon O. Hocker Memorial Trial Award, given annually to three lawyers across the state of Missouri under the age of 36 who have demonstrated unusual proficiency in the art of trial advocacy. Keith received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and his J.D. degree from UMKC.

When not practicing law, Dana and Keith are co-judges on the two-time Emmy-nominated, nationally syndicated daytime television courtroom show "*Couples Court with the Cutlers*," which features couples who are having conflicts, complications, or disagreements in their relationships. The show airs daily on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), the Bounce Network, and on television stations across the country.

The Cutlers have been married for over 30 years and have three adult sons.



**Keith Cutler, Esq. (L) and
Dana Cutler, Esq. (R)**

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Accident reconstruction, forensic engineering & expert witness services
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CollegeBound Saver

The state of RI 529 plan; a savings & investment vehicle for higher education costs
ri529savings.com

Cosmolex

Comprehensive practice management, accounting, billing, document management & more for lawyers
cosmolex.com

Delta Dental of Rhode Island

Dental benefits
deltadentalri.com

Fastcase

RI Bar Association member benefit – online legal research tools
fastcase.com

Fidelity National Financial - Family of Companies

The nation's largest group of title companies and title insurance underwriters
nationalagency.fnf.com/ri

InReach Continuing Education Solutions

Leading provider of bringing continuing professional education and training online
inreachce.com

LEAP

Legal practice management software for law firms
leap.us

OurFamilyWizard

Co-parenting with confidence
ourfamilywizard.com

RI Association for Justice

Association for trial lawyers
rijustice.org

RI Judiciary

Updates on attorney portal access and electronic filing procedures
courts.ri.gov

RI Lawyers Weekly

News and marketing services for Rhode Island lawyers and law firms
rilawyersweekly.com

RI Legal Services, Inc.

Pro Bono Legal Services
riils.org

Robson Forensic

Specialist firm providing scientific investigations, reports, and testimony to resolve litigation & insurance claims
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SJ Corio Company

Auction & appraisal services
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Title insurance & underwriting
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Tabs3 Software

Provides billing, accounting, and practice management software to law firms
tabs3.com

USI Insurance Services LLC

Assists RI Bar members to obtain healthcare benefits for themselves and their employees
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The daily registration fee includes admission to all CLE sessions, conference materials, continental breakfast, and coffee breaks. Registration is available for a full day only. Tickets are not available for individual seminars. The one-day fee is **\$265** (\$225 for members admitted after 2017 and Associate Members). The two-day rate is **\$365** (\$310 for lawyers admitted after 2017 and Associate Members.). **\$25** will be added to the registration fee after June 17th. Please note: There are no refunds for those who do not attend or cancel their registration after June 17th. Exceptions will be made for unexpected illness, i.e. COVID-19 related issues.

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Upon arrival, registrants and guests are required to check-in at the Bar Association desk on the 5th floor pre-function area of the Convention Center. **Please have your QR code, which is available in the Eventsential app, ready to be scanned by Bar staff at the registration desk.** More information about the app will be sent via email after registration. The desk opens at 8:00 am. each day. Two-day registrants need only check-in on Thursday. To avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you arrive early.

PARKING

Parking is available, for a fee, in the Convention Center garages. The entrances are on West Exchange Street. Parking is not included in the registration fee.

MEALS

Tickets for the Thursday Luncheon and Friday Annual Meeting Luncheon are available at a separate cost of **\$30** each. You can order meal tickets when you register for the Meeting online. If you are not registering for the Meeting and you would like to order meal tickets **ONLY**, please contact RIBA at 401-421-5740. Meal tickets may not be available at the door. The Thursday Annual Awards Reception, including hors d'oeuvres, is offered to attendees and guests at no charge.

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