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## Judge and Justice with local roots to speak to area attorneys

**HARRISBURG** – United States District Judge John E. Jones III and Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Correale F. Stevens will make a presentation to members of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association and Lackawanna County Bar Association on June 17 at Mohegan Sun in Wilkes-Barre.

Their presentation will discuss how judges interpret laws passed by Congress and the state legislature. For example, Judge Jones recently issued an opinion holding the Pennsylvania Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, while Justice Stevens has issued opinions upholding the right of the state legislature to require mandatory jail sentences in criminal law.

Judge Jones is a native of Pottsville and is a graduate of Dickinson Law School. He is the former chair of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and was appointed to the federal bench for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in 2002 by former President George W. Bush.

Justice Stevens is a graduate of Dickinson Law School and is a former state representative, district attorney, trial judge and was president judge of the state Superior Court until his appointment to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2013.

The seminar, sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association and the Lackawanna County Bar Association, will include a “state of the courts” presentation by Superior Court Jack Panella, Luzerne County President Judge Tom Burke and Lackawanna County President Judge Tom Munley.

The event is open to lawyers, who will receive continuing legal education credits for attending. Reservations can be made with Joseph Burke, Esq. at 570-822-6712 or Lee Ann Munley at 570-969-9161.

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