8:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45 am  Welcome

Honorable Sallie Updyke Mundy  
Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
Wellsboro, Pennsylvania

Honorable Tom Wolf  
Governor of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Robert J. Mongeluzzi, Esquire  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

9:15 am - 10:30 am  The Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Pennsylvania Constitution in America's Early Years

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is the oldest continuously operating appellate court in the Western Hemisphere, officially established in 1722, with origins dating back to William Penn’s provincial courts that began in 1684. This session will explore the early history and decisions of the court reaching into the 19th century.

Moderator:  
Professor Craig Green  
Temple University Beasley School of Law  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Faculty:  
Charles L. Becker, Esquire  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Joel Fishman  
Duquesne University School of Law  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

John J. Hare, Esquire  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Professor Catherine J. Lanctot  
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law  
Villanova, Pennsylvania

Professor Robert F. Williams  
Rutgers Law School  
Camden, New Jersey

10:30 am - 10:45 am  Break
10:45 am - Noon
**The Supreme Court and the Declaration of Rights**
As the supreme interpreter of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Supreme Court has issued numerous decisions concerning the foundational rights guaranteed within the Declaration of Rights set forth in Article I of the Constitution. This session will review the Court's decisions on a variety of issues to illustrate the Court's profound impact on the Commonwealth.

**Faculty:**
- **Honorable Christine L. Donohue**
  Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
  Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- **Professor John C. Dernbach**
  Widener University Commonwealth Law School
  Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- **Professor Gary S. Gildin**
  Penn State Dickinson Law
  Carlisle, Pennsylvania
- **Professor Seth Kreimer**
  University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law
  Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Noon - 1:00 pm  Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
**Judicial Federalism**
In our federal republic, we are awash in constitutions. Each of the fifty states has a constitution. Only one constitution belongs to the country as a whole. Given the sovereignty and independence reserved to the states, state supreme courts may reach outcomes when applying state constitutional principles that differ from outcomes reached by the federal supreme court under counterpart provisions of the federal constitution. This panel will explore the concept of "judicial federalism" and discuss decisions by the Supreme Court that illustrate how judicial federalism informs the American constitutional system.

**Moderator:**
**Charles L. Becker, Esquire**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Faculty:**
- **Honorable David Wecht**
  Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
  Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- **Professor Ken Gormley**
  President, Duquesne University
  Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- **Professor Tabatha Abu El-Haj**
  Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
  Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Professor Amy J. Wildermuth**
  Dean, University of Pittsburgh School of Law
  Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
8:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am
Welcome

Honorable Max Baer
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Honorable P. Kevin Brobson
Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

9:15 am - 10:30 am
The Modern Supreme Court
In addition to serving as a jurisprudential body, the modern Supreme Court administers the Pennsylvania judiciary and therefore impacts Pennsylvania’s citizens in some of the most sensitive moments of their lives. This panel will explore the extraordinary work being done within the Pennsylvania judiciary to serve Pennsylvania’s citizens and promote confidence in our judicial institutions.

Moderator:
Professor JoAnne A. Epps
Temple University, Beasley School of Law
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Faculty:
Honorable Debra M. Todd
Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Honorable Kevin M. Dougherty
Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Professor Steven L. Chanenson
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
Villanova, Pennsylvania

Teresa Ficken Sachs, Esquire
Counsel, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Honorable John Wetzel
Former Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

10:30 am - 10:45 am  Break
10:45 am - Noon
**Judicial Decision-Making in State Supreme Courts**
This program focuses on how state supreme court justices decide cases, in particular, the working principles that such justices apply when analyzing legal issues and the methods by which they exercise their decision-making authority, especially given the unique role that state supreme court justices occupy as supreme arbiters of their state constitutions within the context of our federal republic.

Moderator:
**Honorable Cheryl Ann Krause**
United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Faculty:
**Honorable Max Baer**
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Honorable Donald W. Beatty**
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

**Honorable Maureen O'Connor**
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

**Honorable Paul A. Sutteil**
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island

Noon - 1:00 pm   Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
**Reflections from the Bench**
This session will feature a wide-ranging discussion among leaders of the judiciary and academia on the role of the judiciary in American life, the evolving relationship between the federal, state courts, and preservation of the rule of law.

Moderator:
**John J. Hare, Esquire**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Faculty:
**Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy**
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C.

**Honorable D. Brooks Smith**
Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
Duncansville, Pennsylvania

**Honorable Thomas G. Saylor**
Chief Justice Emeritus, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (ret)
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**Professor Pamela S. Karlan**
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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