



## **Notice to Counsel Arguing Before the Commonwealth Court in Special Session May 23, 2024 Pittsburgh**

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania will hold a special session and related events in Pittsburgh.

A panel of Judges will hear oral arguments at 9:30 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Eighth Floor, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

A second panel of Judges will hear oral arguments at 1:00 p.m. in the Mueller Center, 5th Floor, Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Counsel should refer to their case-specific notice of argument to determine the exact time and location of their arguments.

Following oral arguments in the Heinz History Center, at 4:00 p.m., the Court will participate in a special program to celebrate the life and career of Judge Rochelle S. Friedman (ret.). Along with the Commonwealth Court Historical Society (CCHS), and in conjunction with the current exhibit at the Heinz Center, *A Woman's Place: How Women Shaped Pittsburgh*, the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) will present a CLE program entitled *Leading by Example: How Women Shaped the Pennsylvania Judiciary*, examining the growth of the number of women in the Pennsylvania judiciary. For the first time in Pennsylvania history, the Chief Justice is a woman, and in 2024, the three appellate courts in Pennsylvania are all led by women jurists. Through the experiences of Judge Friedman, as well as the panelists, and others, two panels will examine the resilience, grit and determination of the women trailblazers, and the role of their mentors and colleagues. The first panel will discuss Judge Friedman's path to the Commonwealth Court. The second panel, of jurists, will address issues such as women's impact on judicial collegiality, conflict resolution, and effective disagreement and dissents, touching on the ethical and professional responsibilities associated with being members of the bench and bar; and what we can learn from the past that is relevant to the future.

CLE panelists will include, among others, Justice David Wecht, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; President Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer, Judge Michael H. Wojcik, President Judge Emerita Bonnie B. Leadbetter, and President Judge Emeritus Dan R. Pellegrini, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania; Senior Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County; and, Judge Maureen Lally-Green (ret.), Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

A reception with Judge Friedman and other jurists, sponsored by the CCHS, will immediately follow the CLE program. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be offered, and the Heinz History Center exhibits will be open for viewing, including an exhibit of Judge Friedman's papers and memorabilia from her legal and judicial careers.

For more details and registration information about the CLE program, visit the [CLE/Events](#) page of the ACBA website at [acba.org](http://acba.org).

For directions to the Heinz Center and parking information, refer to the Heinz Center website at <https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/visit/heinz-history-center/directions-parking/>.