

Public Utility Law Bench Bar Conference

Harrisburg Hilton & Towers – Tuesday, May 26, 2026
 Maximum CLE credit: 5 substantive credits and 1 ethics credit

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome from the PBA Public Utility Law Section (no credit)	Phillip David Demanchick Jr, Chair (invited)
9:15 – 9:30	State of the Commission (no credit)	Hon. Stephen M. DeFrank, PUC Chairman <i>Elizabeth H. Barnes, Introduction</i>
9:30 – 10:00	Appellate Case Law Review	David E. Screven Tiffany L. Tran <i>Elizabeth H. Barnes, Introduction</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>	
10:15 – 11:15	Appearing Before OALJ Judges and Mediators: Ethical and Practical Considerations	Hon. Emily I. DeVoe Teri-Lee Rhoades <i>Chief Judge Charles Rainey, Moderator</i>
11:15 – 12:15	Keys to Persuasive Litigation Before the ALJs	Hon. Marta J. Guhl Hon. Eranda Vero <i>Chief Judge Charles Rainey, Moderator</i>
12:15 – 1:00	Luncheon, Pennsylvania Ballroom Welcome from XXX Presentation of PBA Public Utility Law Section Christianson Award	
1:00 – 2:30	Thirty Years of Choice: Pennsylvania’s Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act—Looking Back and Looking Ahead	Susan E. Bruce Darryl A. Lawrence Elizabeth R. Marx Tanya J. McCloskey Kristina Montgomery Glen R. Thomas Andrew S. Tubbs <i>Melanie J. El Atieh, Moderator</i> <i>Shelby A. Linton-Keddie, Moderator</i>
2:30 – 2:45	<i>Break</i>	
2:45 – 3:45	The Future of Chapter 14	Christy M. Appleby Patrick M. Cicero Nicole W. Luciano <i>Elizabeth H. Barnes, Moderator</i>
3:45 – 4:45	The Ethical Obligations of Succession Planning and Mentorship (1 ethics credit)	Rosemary Chiavetta <i>David P. Zambito, Moderator</i>
4:45 – 6:00	Cocktail Reception, sponsored by the PBA Public Utility Law Section, Lobby	

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