

2014 WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR

ANNUAL MEETING

*West Virginia's beautiful Capital City
plays host to members of the State Bar*

In 1986, I became a member of the West Virginia State Bar, having just graduated from the College of Law at West Virginia University. I was the first lawyer in my family. I am proud to say I come from a family of hard working coal miners. Prior to law school, I did not associate with lawyers, and, as a matter of fact, knew no lawyers other than the one who had prepared the wills for my parents. I had no idea what to expect in this new arena that I was about to enter.

After law school, I came upon the wonderful organization The West Virginia State Bar. I joined committees, was elected to the Young Lawyers Section and became very active. Later I was elected to the Board of Governors. As a member of the West Virginia State Bar, one of my favorite events of the year was and is the Annual Meeting. During the early years of my career, Tom Tinder and the excellent Bar staff organized continuing legal education seminars, committee meetings, lunches, dinners and award ceremonies that brought lawyers from

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Annual Meeting Committee Chairperson



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all areas of the state together to learn, eat, drink and celebrate the each others' accomplishments. At these Annual Meetings, I met people like Dan Callahan, Nick Casey, D.C. Offutt, Deb Scudiere, Rich Ford, Kitty Dooley, Elliott Hicks, Charlie Love, Sandra Chapman and many other gifted lawyers and good persons who I never would have met otherwise as they live in other communities and practice different areas of law.

Today, in the year 2014, we are in a different era than when I began practice: an era of texting, email, internet, teleconferencing and videoconferencing. An era where we may resolve an entire dispute or resolve a case by the use of technology and not ever see the attorney on the other side. An era, where instead of getting up out of your chair and speaking to your partner in the next room six feet away, you send him an email and wait for his reply. An era that, if we are

not careful, will lead us to lose the desire to meet our fellow lawyers face to face, firmly shake a hand, look into a fellow lawyer's eyes and hear the voice of true passion and pride in the profession, and more importantly, to truly know our fellow attorneys. I am all for technology, but the practice of law is also a profession wherein its very core revolves around people. The West Virginia State Bar's Annual Meeting gives us an opportunity to meet our peers who practice law every day in this great State of West Virginia.

West Virginia lawyers should recognize the benefits of meeting our peers face to face. If I have met you or heard you speak, I remember your words of wisdom. I am more likely to call upon you to learn from your experiences or tell my friends about you if they are in need of a lawyer in your area of expertise. This event gives us all the opportunity to sit down and discuss issues facing us in the practice of law. But

more importantly, these meetings give us the opportunity to create memories that remind us of the importance of what we do on a daily basis: practice our profession, as opposed to running a business or just putting in our eight hours to get a paycheck.

This year, the Board of Governors, along with the assistance of Anita Casey and the great staff at the Bar, have agreed to offer Continuing Legal Education again as well as other events. As you can tell from the schedule, the topics will serve you well whether you are a criminal lawyer, real estate lawyer or intellectual patent lawyer, and there are opportunities for you to have free time to interact with your fellow lawyers/friends.

Some of you may feel that if you have time away from the office, you don't want to spend it with lawyers, you want to spend it with family. Bring the family with you! There are plenty of activities not only for you but also for your family in Charleston. Visit the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences, take a tour of the West Virginia State Museum at the Culture Center, shop at the Town Center Mall, stroll down historic Capitol Street or take in a baseball game at Appalachian Power Park.

I strongly encourage you to attend the West Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting at the newly remodeled Four Points By Sheraton Hotel (see sidebar). On behalf of President Harry Deitzler and the Board of Governors, I extend to you a heartfelt invitation and hope to see you May 9 and 10, 2014 in Charleston, W.Va. **WVL**

Jodie Boylen is chair of the Committee for 2014 West Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, an elected member of the Board of Governors for the West Virginia State Bar and works for the Wood County Prosecuting Attorneys Office.

Four Points by Sheraton Charleston

This year's West Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting is being held at the Four Points By Sheraton hotel, conveniently located on the beautiful Kanawha River. This newly remodeled hotel is an ideal location for business travel or a fun vacation. Hotel amenities include an open business center in the lobby featuring copy, printing and faxing services; an expanded fitness center; an indoor heated pool and a lobby lounge where you can grab breakfast in the morning or a cocktail in the evening. Rooms features a 42-inch flat screen television, bottled water, a coffee maker, individual climate control and free wireless high-speed internet access. Each of the 176 guest rooms and suites boast beautiful views of either the Kanawha River or downtown Charleston. The hotel is also 100 percent non-smoking.

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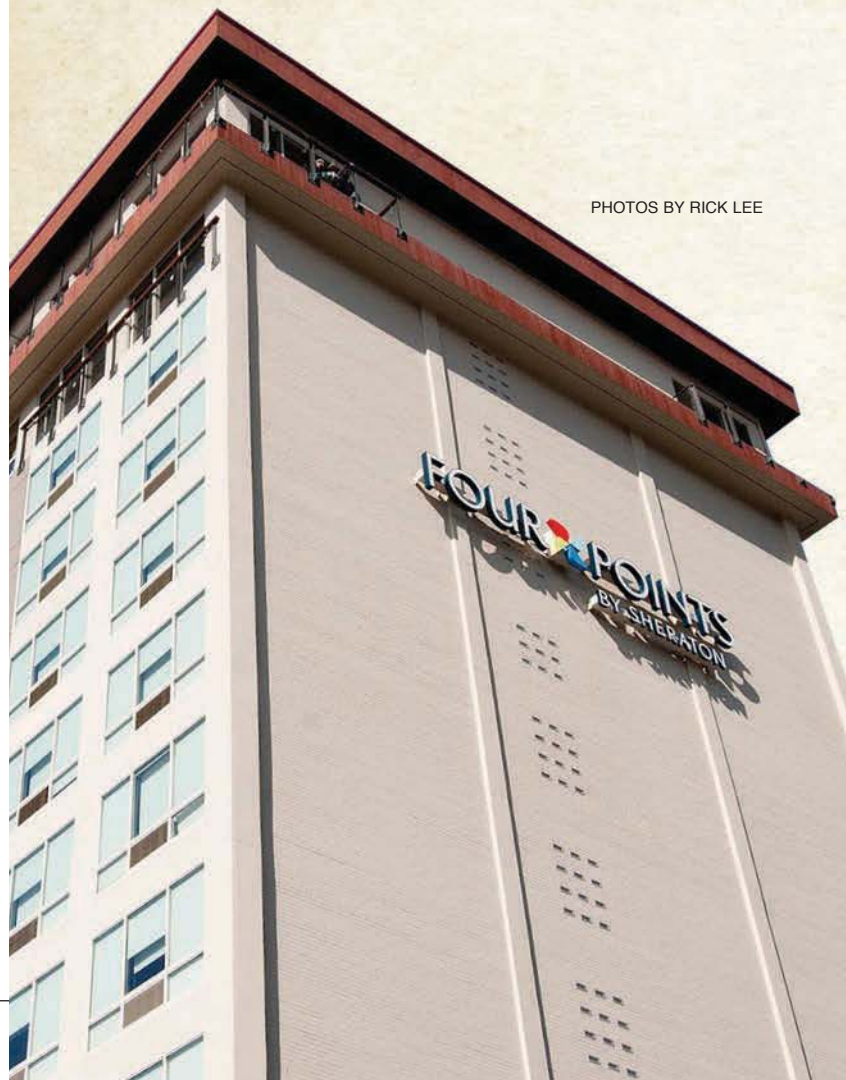




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*During your free time at the
State Bar Annual Meeting,
be sure to take advantage of
the many different attractions
Charleston has to offer!*

Charleston Attractions

Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences

One Clay Square

West Virginia State Museum at the Culture Center

Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Appalachian Power Park

601 Morris St.

Town Center Mall

3000 Charleston Town Center

Taylor Books

226 Capitol St.

Recovery Sports Grill

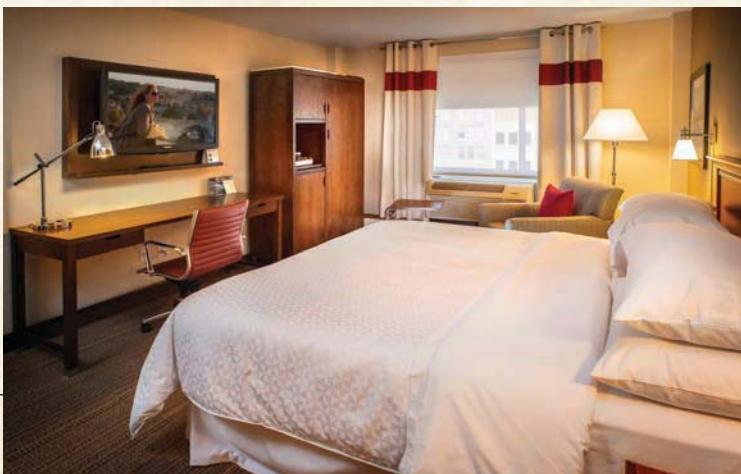
600 Kanawha Blvd. East

Pies & Pints

222 Capitol St.

Capitol Market

800 Smith St.



THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014

7:30 TO 8:45 A.M.
Registration

8:45 A.M.

Harry Deitzler

2013-2014 West Virginia State Bar President

Welcoming



9:00 TO 9:50 A.M.

Rob Alsop

Bowles Rice

2014 Legislative Update

10:00 TO 10:50 A.M.

William Hinerman

FBI

Internet Crime



11:00 TO 11:50 A.M.

Shannon Smith

Kay Casto & Chaney

*Keeping the Jury's
Attention - How
Technology Can Help*



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

8:30 A.M.

West Virginia State Bar Annual Business Meeting

8:30 A.M.

West Virginia State Bar YLS Annual Business Meeting



9:00 TO 9:50 A.M.

Deborah Letz

Fastcase, Inc.

*Fastcase Legal Reserach:
Mobile Research for the
Mobile Lawyer*

10:00 TO 11:40 A.M.

Chris Newbold

ALPS

*Where's the Line?
Managing the Daily Risks
in Practicing the Law*



**OFFERING A TOTAL
OF 6 HOURS OF
CLE CREDIT, INCLUDING
5 HOURS
OF ETHICS and/or
LAW OFFICE TECHNOLOGY**

REGISTRATION FORM *Registration fees do not include overnight accommodations.

Name _____

WVSB ID # _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

**HANDOUTS
WILL BE
ON CD ONLY**

<p>FULL REGISTRATION Includes CLE Seminars, Annual Banquet and Reception Advance Registration: \$215 At the Door: \$235</p>	<p>\$_____ x _____ persons (subtotal) \$_____</p>
<p>SEMINAR REGISTRATION Includes CLE Seminars Only Advance Registration: \$160 At the Door: \$170</p>	<p>\$_____ x _____ persons (subtotal) \$_____</p>
<p>BANQUET REGISTRATION Includes Annual Banquet and Reception Only Advance Registration: \$75 At the Door: \$85</p>	<p>\$_____ x _____ persons (subtotal) \$_____</p>
<p>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</p>	<p>\$_____</p>

For room reservations call Four Points by Sheraton at 855-811-0045 use code WVSB 2014

To register and pay online go to: www.wvbar.org

Or send registration form and check to:

2014 Annual Meeting
2000 Deitrick Boulevard
Charleston, WV 25311

Or fax registration form to: 304-558-2467

If you have a disability and require assistance in order to attend this event,
please contact The State Bar at 304-553-7228 regarding any special needs.