



PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

2026 BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

Thursday, September 17, 2026 -
Saturday, September 19, 2026

The Bench Bar Conference is the premier event for networking and socializing with colleagues and members of the judiciary. It also provides a chance to earn CLE credits through unique course offerings.



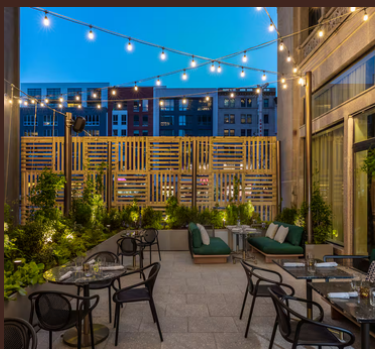
LANCASTER BAR
ASSOCIATION

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PHILADELPHIA | CENTER CITY

HOTEL INFORMATION

Canopy by Hilton Philadelphia Center City
1180 Ludlow Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 258-9400



Amenities:

- 24/7 fitness center
- Complimentary WiFi
- Complimentary hotel bicycles for guest use
- On-site dining and drinks
- In room safe & cold drawer
- Pet Friendly

\$249.00/night | Room Rate

\$71.00/day | Parking Rate

Book Now through August 17th!

THURSDAY WELCOME RECEPTION

*Reception
generously
sponsored by*
Barley Snyder
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Bites with the Bench

*After you check-in, we invite you to meet us on
the patio at the Wayward (located in our hotel)*



THURSDAY NIGHT EXCURSION



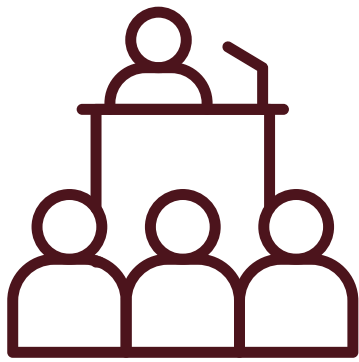
7:00-9:00 pm

Take a swing
and enjoy an
evening of
high-tech
mini golf at
***Puttshack
Philadelphia.***

Located in:
*The Shops at Liberty
Place*
**1625 Chestnut
Street, Philadelphia,
PA 19103**



Puttshack is an indoor entertainment venue that reimagines traditional mini golf through technology-driven gameplay. Its Trackaball™ system follows each shot and records scores automatically, while interactive challenges and unexpected obstacles make every hole a little different!



FRIDAY MORNING

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Dealing With Difficult People

Paula Silverstein, Esq. and Daniel C. Bardo, Esq.

Learn practical strategies for handling challenging personalities and difficult interactions in the legal workplace. This program will explore effective communication techniques, conflict-management strategies, and ways to remain professional and productive in high-pressure situations.

7 Mediation Skills Every Attorney Should Know

Hon. David L. Ashworth (Ret.)

Learn seven practical mediation skills that can help attorneys prepare more effectively, communicate strategically, and advocate successfully at the mediation table. A former judge and experienced mediator will share practical insights and techniques to help attorneys navigate challenging negotiations and achieve better outcomes for their clients.

A View From the Bench The Judges' Roundtable

One of the highlights of the Bench Bar Conference. Panel discussion on a variety of topics and current issues, featuring the Judges of the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas.



FRIDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

Agenda

1:00-4:00 pm	Free Time to Explore Philadelphia
4:00-6:00 pm	Historical Philadelphia Trolley Tour
6:00-7:00 pm	Self-Guided Tour of the Betsy Ross House, Cocktails in the Courtyard, Betsy Ross Meet & Greet
7:00-9:00 pm	Dinner in Flagmakers Hall

**Dinner Proudly
Sponsored by:**



Historical Philadelphia Trolley Tour



We are going on a two-hour trolley tour through historic Philadelphia, featuring entertaining stories, fascinating history, and the city's most iconic landmarks.



Bring your favorite beverages and snacks and enjoy the ride!



An Evening with Betsy Ross

The well-known and loved story of Betsy Ross sewing the first Stars & Stripes is tightly woven into the colorful fabric of America's rich history. The Betsy Ross House, the birthplace of the American flag, is alive with the sights and sounds of the 18th century.

We will be touring the house and learning more about her exciting life and times through interactive, historical programming.



SATURDAY MORNING



A Morning at the Market

Start your Saturday with a visit to Reading Terminal Market, one of Philadelphia's most iconic destinations for food, shopping, and local flavor, just a 2.5-block walk from our hotel.



Meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00 am for anyone who would like to join us. It is our last chance to spend a little time together before we head home and enjoy the rest of the weekend!



Scholarships Available!



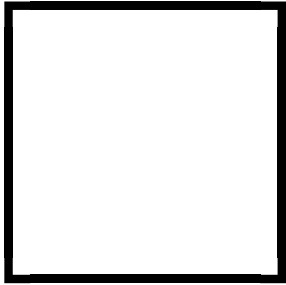
**We have two \$500
scholarships available
to attorneys working
in the government
and nonprofit sectors,
as well as young
lawyers in practice for
less than 3 years.**

**Scholarships will be awarded on a
first-come, first-served basis and are
expected to go quickly!**

Please apply promptly.

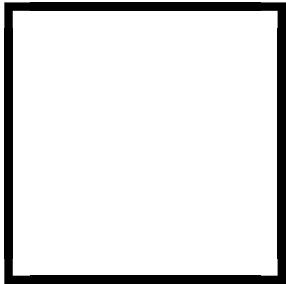
**If you are interested in a scholarship,
email Lisa@lancasterbar.org.**

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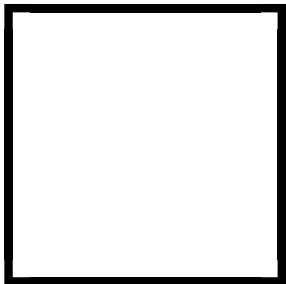
**BOOK YOUR ROOM
RESERVATION BY 8/17/2026.**

[Click here to reserve your hotel room.](#)



**SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION
ON OUR WEBSITE NO LATER
THAN 9/01/2026.**

[Click here to complete your registration and submit payment on our website.](#)



**ENCOURAGE FRIENDS AND
COLLEAGUES TO ATTEND!**



2026 BENCH BAR CONFERENCE COSTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Conference Registration Fee (Attorneys & Judges)	\$300.00
Spouse/Guest Fee	\$200.00
Young Lawyer Registration Fee	\$100.00
Young Lawyer Spouse/Guest Fee	\$100.00
Children Ages 5-12	\$50.00
Children Ages 13-17	\$100.00



Registration Deadline is September 1, 2026

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Cancellation Policy:

Registration, less than a \$50 cancellation fee, will be refunded upon receipt of written cancellation received by August 17, 2026. Email cancellation notice to Lisa@lancasterbar.org. After this date, no refunds, but substitutions of attendees for this program will be permitted.