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**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIVIL TRIAL PRACTICE  
IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

*(Approved for 2 substantive credits and 1 ethics credit by the PA CLE Board.)*

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. – Monongahela Room, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

**Tuition:** \$ 130.00 Academy member \$ 140.00 Non-Academy member \$ 95.00 in practice less than 5 years

*Tuition assistance is based on need and available upon request subject to approval. For further information, please call the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County at 412-343-9266. All inquiries will be kept confidential.*

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*Please join us as The Honorable Eugene B. Strassburger of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County serves as moderator leading a discussion among a panel of judges from several counties. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Symposium on Civil Trial Practice in Western Pennsylvania in which judges share their time and experience with practitioners. As in the past, each of the judges will be asked to share their views regarding numerous legal matters.*

*The panel will be asked to comment upon a variety of timely issues, including:*

- *How courts are handling mortgage foreclosures and matters surrounding the credit crisis;*
- *Recusal of judges -- when and how to raise it;*
- *Campaigning for judge and campaign contributions;*
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution and the role of the Court;*
- *Electronic discovery and preservation of documents;*
- *Impermissible statements during openings and closings;*
- *Discussions with jurors post-verdict by the Court and by counsel; and,*
- *Pet peeves of judges: What are attorneys doing right and what are they doing wrong.*

***The Honorable Eugene B. Strassburger, Program Moderator***  
*Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County*

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*A roundtable of the following distinguished jurists discussing issues which impact civil trial practice and procedure in the State Courts of Western Pennsylvania*

*Honorable Eugene B. Strassburger, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County*

*Honorable Christine A. Ward, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County*

*Honorable C. Gus Kwidis, Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County*

*Honorable Hiram A. Carpenter, III, Court of Common Pleas of Blair County*

*Honorable Marilyn J. Horan, Court of Common Pleas of Butler County*

*President Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca, Court of Common Pleas of Washington County*

*Honorable Gary P. Caruso, Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County*

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