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**11th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIVIL TRIAL PRACTICE
IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

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

Note: To receive the ethics credit, you will need to attend the full program.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Monongahela Room – 17th Floor - Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

Tuition: \$ 120.00 Academy member \$ 135.00 Non-Academy member

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.

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 including Allegheny, Beaver, Blair Butler, Washington and Westmoreland. This year marks the eleventh 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:

- *Court-approval of wrongful death settlements, apportionment between wrongful death and survival actions and sealing of the record.*
- *Direct examination and cross-examination (what's good, bad and effective)*
- *Voir dire*
- *Discussion of the meat of the trial, as opposed to openings and closings*
- *Why juries do what they do*
- *Lawyer liability for Welfare and Medicare liens and effect on potential settlements*
- *Recovery by minors for medical expenses and the related liens which can now attach to the minor*
- *Courtroom technology and use of visuals in trial – what is the status of technology in each of the counties and where are they headed*
- *Lawsuits against uninsured and underinsured under Koken*
- *Attorney-client privilege -- waiver and collateral appeals*
- *Pet peeves of judges*

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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, Program Moderator
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County

Honorable Ronald W. Folino, 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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Stanley J. Parker, Program Chair
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J. Elise Tourek, Program Vice Chair
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
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