



2025 BENCH BAR CONFERENCE



SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2025
Seaview, a Dolce Hotel

2025 Bench Bar Conference



Registration Please return registration forms along with payment to the BCBA at 135 E. State St., Doylestown, PA 18901

Name(s): _____
Law Firm: _____
Guest Name: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____
Dietary Restrictions: _____

Early Bird Registration (before Aug. 4th)

Young Lawyer - \$495 Regular Registration - \$650 Golf - \$200
Guest - \$475 Non-Member - \$775

Registration Fees (after Aug. 4th):

Young Lawyer - \$545 Regular Registration - \$700 Golf - \$250
Guest - \$525 Non-Member - \$825

Online Registration:



Method of Payment: ☐ check # _____ ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AmEx
Name on card: _____ Card number: _____
Expiration date: _____ CVV: _____ Billing zip code: _____

Conference Registration	Cost	Number	Amount
Young Lawyer			
Guest			
Regular Registration			
Non-Member			
Golf			

Total: _____

Cancellation Policy: Attendees may cancel Conference registration and receive a full refund from the BCBA if cancelling before Aug. 18th. Attendees may cancel Conference registration and receive a 50% refund from the BCBA if cancelling before September 1st.

Reservations

Please return registration forms along with payment to the BCBA at 135 E. State St., Doylestown, PA 18901



Room reservations: Conference attendees must contact Seaview directly to make room reservations

Group rate on rooms for BCBA Bench Bar Conference attendees start at \$225/night + tax. For reservations, visit the link [HERE](#) or call 833-798-4491 and mention you are staying for the BCBA’s Conference.

Seaview’s cutoff date for accepting room reservations at the BCBA group rate is August 20th. Attendees may cancel individual room reservations & receive a full refund of their deposit if cancelling 7 days prior to arrival date. Group rates are valid for up to 4 guests per room. While the Conference begins on Thursday afternoon, Seaview has agreed to extend the group rate for a period of 3 days before & 3 days after the Conference subject to availability of rooms and availability of rate at the time of reservation to accommodate those who wish to extend their visits.



Golf: Friday Sept. 19th, Shotgun Start 12:45 PM Pines Course

Golf reservation deadline is September 1st. Please list the names in your foursome & return with your completed registration packet.

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____



Spa Services: Available during Friday free time at Drift Day Spa 201 Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225 (15-20 min. drive from Seaview)

Services include massage therapy, facials, makeup services, waxing, & lashes. Visit driftdayspa.net for special offers. **Services are available by appointment only. Call 609-377-8175 to schedule your spa service.**

Sponsorship Opportunities

	Diamond \$5,000	Platinum \$4,000	Gold \$3,000	Silver \$2,000	Bronze \$1,000
Complimentary Conference registrations	3	2	1		
Complimentary Golfers	4	3	2	1	
Vendor table available	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Verbal recognition during remarks	✓	✓	✓		
Logo displayed in Conference marketing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo displayed on signage at the Conference	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Full page advertisements in the Law Reporter	5	4	3	2	1
Attendee contact list provided	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sponsorship Opportunities

Welcome Bag Sponsor \$2,500 (Exclusive)

- Logo displayed on welcome bags distributed to all attendees upon arrival
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Logo displayed on signage at the event
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Coffee Break Sponsor \$1,000 (Thurs. + Friday available)

- Logo displayed on signage at the coffee break station
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Cocktail Reception Sponsor \$2,500 (Thurs. + Friday available)

- Logo displayed on signage at the cocktail reception
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Dinner Sponsor \$3,500 (Thurs. + Friday available)

- Logo displayed on signage at dinner
- Verbal recognition during remarks
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

After Dinner Hospitality Sponsor \$2,000 (Thurs. + Friday available)

- Logo displayed on signage at after dinner hospitality event
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Sponsorship Opportunities

Friday Breakfast Sponsor \$1,500

- Logo displayed on signage at breakfast
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Friday Lunch Sponsor \$2,000

- Logo displayed on signage at lunch
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Breakfast with the Bench Sponsor \$1,500

- Your logo displayed on signage at 'Breakfast with the Bench' program
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Plenary Session Sponsor \$2,500

- Logo displayed on signage at the plenary session
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

CLE Room Sponsor (3 Available) \$1,500

- Logo displayed on signage in the CLE room
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Cigar Sponsor \$2,500 (Exclusive)

- Signage with logo will be displayed at cigar station
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Sponsorship Opportunities

Signature Cocktail \$1,500 (Exclusive)

- You pick the drink & name of your signature cocktail!
- Logo displayed on signage at the bar
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Music Entertainment Sponsor \$2,500 (Exclusive)

- Signage with logo will be displayed by the band!
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Welcome Drink Sponsor \$2,500 (Exclusive)

- Signage with logo will be displayed as conference attendees arrive and are greeted with a complimentary welcome drink
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Lanyard sponsor \$3,500 (Exclusive)

- Logo on nametag lanyards for all conference attendees
- 1 complimentary conference registration and 2 complimentary golfers
- Verbal recognition during remarks
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Logo displayed on signage at the event
- 3 full page Law Reporter ads

Golf Sponsorships

Golf Logo Balls & Tees Sponsor \$2,500 (Exclusive)

- Logo on golf ball & tee set for each event attendee
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided



Golf Prize Sponsor \$500

(Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Straightest Drive)

- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

We are also accepting prize donations for the winners of the contests listed above. We welcome contributions from sponsors in the form of physical merchandise or gift certificates for products & services.

Golf Hole Sponsor \$300

- Custom yard sign with your logo at tee
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Attendee contact list provided



Day 1 - PM, *business casual attire*

Thurs. Sept. 18th



Check-In

1:30 - 4:30 pm, Hotel Lobby

For over 100 years, Seaview has remained an iconic part of the Jersey Shore, with a rich history of welcoming presidents, rock stars, golf's greatest champions, and the otherwise rich and famous through their doors. With new ownership and a sincere commitment to preserving the hotel's past while also investing substantially in its future, Seaview has emerged as the Jersey Shore's finest destination hotel.

Hotel check-in is guaranteed at 4pm. A valid government-issued photo ID and major credit card are required upon check-in. If you arrive before your room is ready, the bellmen will store your luggage.

Conference attendees will be greeted in the lobby with a sea breeze cocktail or a 1914 IPA (a New England style IPA available exclusively at Seaview).



Conference Registration

1:30 - 6:00 pm, Presidential Foyer

BCBA staff welcome attendees to the 2025 Bench Bar Conference! Sign in and receive your name tag, a welcome gift, your passport, and a swag bag. Now head to the Eisenhower Room to meet the sponsors and grab a snack!



Meet the Sponsors

1:30 - 6:00 pm, Eisenhower Room

Sponsors welcome attendees to the 2025 Bench Bar Conference! Visit each vendor table with your passport & fill up your swag bag. Once all boxes are stamped, submit your passport to BCBA staff to be entered to win a prize! Drawing is Friday night.

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“Steel Pier Boardwalk” Snack Break
1:45 - 3:45 pm, Eisenhower Room

Johnson’s Popcorn, mini pizzas, mini cupcakes, mini corn dogs, and gourmet sodas



PNC Private Bank CLE
2:30 - 3:30 pm, Salon C

Stay tuned! Course information coming soon.



Bryn Mawr Trust CLE
3:45 - 4:45 pm, Salon C

- Topic: “Giving with Your Kids & Grandkids”
- Presenter: Elizabeth Wagner

Day 1 - PM, *business casual attire*

Thurs. Sept. 18th



YLD “Later That Day” Snack Break & Open Bar
4:00 - 6:00 pm, Eisenhower Room

Freshly baked assorted cookies & brownies, and individual bags of potato chips & pretzels



Young Lawyers Division & Member Services Committee CLE
5:00 - 6:00 pm, Salon C

- Topic: “Mentorship BINGO”
- Panel: Judge Liller, Abby Bukowski, and the Mentorship Committee



Welcome Reception
6:00 - 7:30 pm, Bayview Terrace

Attendees kick off the Conference with lawn games and an open bar on the terrace. Hors’doeuvres include chef’s displays of jumbo lump crab cakes with cornichon, tarragon and caper tarter sauce, and four cheese arancini with fra diavolo sauce. Butler service includes mini brie & raspberry in phyllo with apricot marmalade and toasted almonds, sesame crusted ahi tuna with wakami salad and wasabi cream, cocktail franks in puffed pastry with pommery mustard, roasted portobello & honeyed gorgonzola crostini, and petite bacon lettuce & tomato sandwiches.



“Land and Sea” Dinner Buffet
7:30 - 9:30 pm, Bayview Ballroom

Dinner features Great Bay steamed clams / crab & corn chowder / traditional caesar salad / chop salad / lobster rolls / beer battered shrimp / New York strip steak with sauteed mushrooms & onions / grilled chicken with corn & roasted pepper salsa / baked potato bar / grilled asparagus with parmigiano reggiano / carrot cake & key lime tarts for dessert



“Kickstart” Breakfast

7:30 - 9:30 am, Presidential Hallway / Salon C

Sliced seasonal fruit & berries / scrambled eggs / crisp bacon & sausage links / roasted breakfast potatoes / muffins / danish / bagels

Breakfast will also feature a waffle station and omelettes made to order.



Plenary Session presented by PA Inspector General Michelle Henry **8:30 - 9:30 am, Salon C**

Michelle A. Henry, a life-long public servant and former Attorney General of Pennsylvania, was appointed by Governor Josh Shapiro on January 21, 2025, as Pennsylvania’s twelfth State Inspector General. Widely recognized for her work ethic and singular dedication to public service, Ms. Henry has devoted her career to protecting Pennsylvanians, promoting accountability, and upholding the highest standards of integrity in government.

Before her appointment as State Inspector General, Ms. Henry served as Pennsylvania’s Attorney General. Initially appointed by Governor Shapiro to complete the remainder of his term, she was subsequently unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania State Senate. As Attorney General, Ms. Henry achieved significant accomplishments, including securing major settlements to hold corporations accountable for their actions. She was instrumental in negotiating historic agreements with opioid manufacturers and distributors, resulting in millions of dollars being directed toward combating the opioid crisis in Pennsylvania. Ms. Henry prioritized public safety by expanding efforts to combat gun violence, dismantling drug trafficking operations, establishing the first human trafficking section, and prosecuting cases of public corruption. She also reinforced the Office’s focus on consumer protection, advocating for Pennsylvanians against fraud, scams, and predatory practices.

Ms. Henry was raised in Westmoreland County, graduated from Greensburg-Salem public schools, and remains a proud Golden Lion. Her life and career have crisscrossed and impacted all of Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Allegheny College and the Widener University School of Law, worked for the Westmoreland County Legal Aid Office, and clerked for now-retired Lancaster County President Judge Michael Georgelis.

Before rising to serve as the Commonwealth’s chief law enforcement officer, Ms. Henry began her career as an intern in the Westmoreland County District Attorney’s Office. She later dedicated over two decades to the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office, where she held critical roles such as Chief of Major Crimes, Chief of Child Abuse, and First Assistant. In 2008, she was appointed Bucks County District Attorney with bipartisan support, where she led by example, tackled the toughest cases, and spearheaded major initiatives, including establishing the county’s children’s advocacy center.

Throughout her career, Ms. Henry has been recognized for her exceptional contributions to public service. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America, and a recipient of Widener University Commonwealth Law School’s 2017 Excellence in Public Service Alumni Award for her extraordinary dedication to justice and public service. As Pennsylvania’s State Inspector General, Ms. Henry continues her unwavering commitment to protecting the integrity of government operations and serving the people of the Commonwealth with ethics and accountability.



CLE Breakout Session #1 **9:45 - 10:45 am**

- **Business Law Section & Solo/Small Practice Section CLE, Salon A**
 - Topic: “The Business Side of Starting and Running a Law Firm”
 - Panel: President Judge McHugh, Jeff DiAmico, Jill McComsey, Kathleen Thomas, Roxanne Zhilo

- **Civil Litigation Section CLE, Salon B**
 - Topic: “100 Years of Practical Advocacy”
 - Panel: Judge Trauger, Tom Donnelly, Tim Duffy, Joe Cullen

- **Family Law Section CLE, Salon C**
 - Topic: “Family Law in Practice: Recent Cases, Rules and Legislative Updates”
 - Panel: Judge Bowman, Judge Liller, Judge McGuffin, Judge McMaster, Judge Weintraub, Lynelle Gleason



“Healthful Indulgence” Snack Break **9:30 am - 11:30 pm, Eisenhower Room**

Kind & Cliff Bars / seasonal fresh sliced fruit / assorted mini muffins



CLE Breakout Session #2 **11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

- **Criminal Law Section CLE, Salon A**
 - Topic: “Bad to the Bone? Prior Bad Act Evidence – What, When, Whether, & How”
 - Panel: President Judge McHugh, Judge Finley, Steve Jones
- **Orphans’ Court Section CLE, Salon B**
 - Topic: “Will Contests & Fiduciary Litigation”
 - Panel: Judge Fritsch, Judge McGuffin, Jeremy Whalen
- **Women Lawyers’ Division CLE, Salon C**
 - Topic: “It Ends With Us: The Evolution of a Smear Campaign”
 - Panel: Judge Bowman, Judge Liller, Lisa Bothwell, Melanie Wender



“AC Boardwalk” Lunch Buffet (with takeout option) **12:00 - 2:00 pm, Presidential Hallway / Salon C**

Lunch features a cheesesteak station / salad bar / gyro station / boardwalk sub shop / french fry station / ice cream novelties for dessert



Cortez Cigars Station

12:00 - 2:00 pm, Patio outside Pro Shop

On-site roller will roll, cut, and light cigars. Classically trained in Cuban Style methods; Cortez Cigars LLC brings the technique of old to their unique blends to produce unforgettable cigars. Cortez manufactures their own blend of cigars using a variety of tobacco from around the world including but not limited to: Nicaragua, Dominican Republic (Cuban-Seed), Ecuador, Mexico, Honduras, Connecticut (US), Peru and Brazil.



Golf Outing

12:15 - 6:00 pm, Seaview Pines Course

12:45 Shotgun Start

Opened in 1929, The Pines Course was designed by William Flynn and Howard Toomey. Unlike the Bay Course, the Pines winds its way through New Jersey woodlands. Expect elevation changes and doglegs on this longer, resort-style course featuring 72 sand bunkers amid gently sloping greens.

Complimentary beverage & snack carts on the course for golfers.

Prizes will be awarded for the following contests:

- Closest to the Pin (Men)
- Closest to the Pin (Women)
- Longest Drive (Men)
- Longest Drive (Women)
- Overall Winner
- 2nd Place
- Most Honest Score

Day 2 - PM, *resort casual attire*

Fri. Sept. 19th



Free Time **1:00 - 6:00 pm**

Onsite:

- Pickleball
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Sand Volleyball
- Lawn Games

Offsite:

- [Historic Smithville](#)
- Ocean City Boardwalk
- [Renault Winery](#)



Drift Day Spa

201 Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225 (15-20 min. drive from Seaview)

Indulge in the epitome of relaxation at Drift Day Spa where their team of exceptionally skilled therapists are experts in their craft, each rigorously trained and dedicated to ensuring your utmost comfort and satisfaction. Step into their serene, inviting lounge, take a moment for yourself, breathe deeply, and immerse yourself in pure tranquility. Services include massage therapy, facials, makeup services, waxing, & lashes. Visit driftdayspa.net for special offers.

Services are available by appointment only. Call 609-377-8175 to schedule your spa service.

Day 2 - PM, *resort casual attire*

Fri. Sept. 19th



Cocktail Reception & “Seaview Bistro” Dinner Buffet 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Centennial Pavilion

Conference attendees regroup to enjoy Friday night festivities with an open bar, lawn games, and live music featuring the David Woodard Band at the pavilion.

Hors’oeuvre stations include a slider station featuring crab cake sliders, zucchini mushroom kofta sliders, and beef sliders, and a "craft your own" station with tater tots and mac&cheese. The reception also features a bruschetta display, an artisanal cheese display, and a garden vegetable display.

Sushi display station includes an artistic display of sushi, hand rolls, and sashimi served with wassabi & pickled ginger.

Dinner features onion & leek soup / grilled asparagus, teardrop tomatoes, olives / mache lettuce with brie, pear, almonds and dijon vinaigrette / French breast of chicken with armagnac vinaigrette / sliced NY strip steak with burgundy wine reduction / olive oil poached local flounder with lemon beurre blanc / potatoes au gratin / sautéed haricot vert, forest mushrooms & carmelized shallots / crème brûlée, beignets, & opera cake for dessert.

Day 3 - AM, *resort casual attire*

Sat. Sept. 20th



“Kickstart” Breakfast
8:30 - 10:30 am, Salon B

Sliced seasonal fruit & berries / scrambled eggs / crisp bacon & sausage links / roasted breakfast potatoes / muffins / danish / bagels

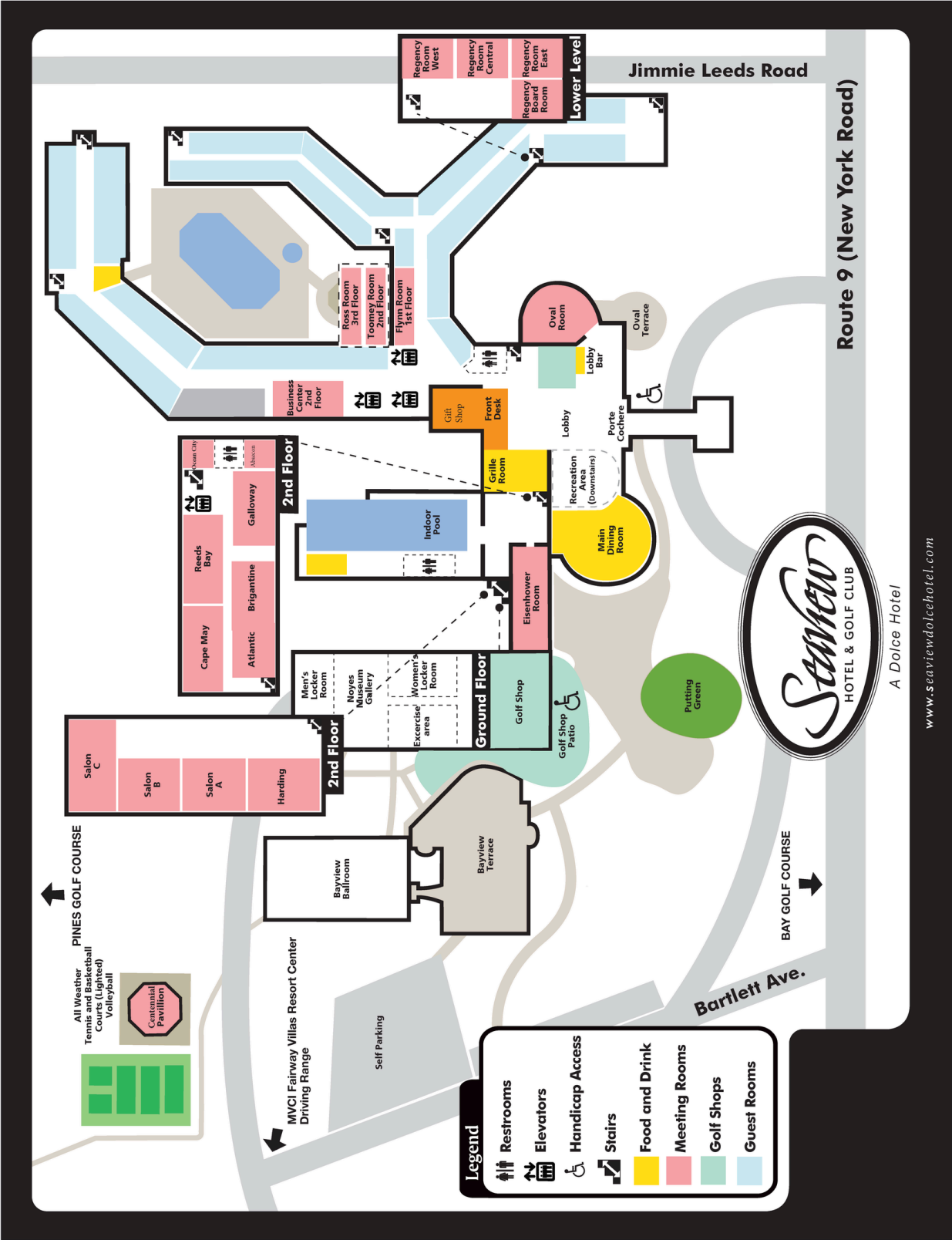
Breakfast will also feature a waffle station and omelettes made to order.



“Speed Dating with the Bench”
9:30 - 10:30 am, Salon C

The Bucks County Judges answer all your questions. This will be a great opportunity to have small group conversations with our Judges. Ask your questions quickly before the buzzer sounds and the Judge moves onto the next group!

Map



History

- 1990 - The Buck Hill Inn, Buck Hill, PA
- 1991 - The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA
- 1992 - Split Rock Resort, Split Rock, PA
- 1993 - Sheraton Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD
- 1994 - Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
- 1995 - Seaview, Galloway, NJ
- 1996 - Harbourtowne Resort, St. Michaels, MD
- 1997 - Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA
- 1998 - Historic Inns of Annapolis, Annapolis, MD
- 1999 - Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA
- 2000 - Harbor Court Hotel, Baltimore, MD
- 2001 - Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA
- 2002 - Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 - Seaview, Galloway, NJ
- 2004 - The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA
- 2005 - Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA
- 2006 - Crystal Springs, Sussex County, NJ
- 2007 - Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD
- 2008 - Seaview, Galloway, NJ
- 2009 - Hyatt Regency Chesapeake, Cambridge, MD
- 2010 - Crystal Springs, Sussex County, NJ
- 2011 - The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA
- 2012 - Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD
- 2013 - Crystal Springs, Sussex County, NJ
- 2014 - Seaview, Galloway, NJ
- 2015 - Hyatt Regency Chesapeake, Cambridge, MD
- 2016 - Crystal Springs, Sussex County, NJ
- 2017 - Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford, PA
- 2018 - The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA
- 2019 - Seaview, Galloway, NJ
- 2020 - BCBA, Doylestown, PA
- 2021 - Crystal Springs, Sussex County, NJ
- 2022 - The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA
- 2023 - Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA
- 2024 - Camelback Resort, Tannersville, PA
- 2025 - Seaview, Galloway, NJ
- 2026 - **Save the Date! Bench Bar 2026 is September 17th-19th at [Resorts World Catskills](#), in Monticello, NY**

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Sponsors



Sponsorship opportunities still available!
Contact Emily McGee at emily.mcgee@bucksbar.org