



2018 MIDYEAR MEETING

JANUARY 4-6, 2018

WESTIN ATLANTA PERIMETER NORTH
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Early-bird registration ends Dec. 8, 2017

Final registration ends Dec. 15, 2017

Hotel Deadline is Dec. 15, 2017




State Bar
of Georgia

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

8 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Registration and Table Top Displays
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	CLE—Hot Topics in Immigration Law
9 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	CLE—Keep Calm and Carry On: A Cybersecurity Protection Roundtable
12 – 2 p.m.	Appellate Practice Section Lunch
12 – 2 p.m.	Taxation Law Section Lunch
2 – 5 p.m.	Statewide Public Interest Immigration Work Group
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Family Law Section Executive Committee
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Family Law Section CLE
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Family Law Section Reception
6:30 – 9 p.m.	Past Presidents' Dinner (<i>by invitation only</i>)

FRIDAY, JAN. 5


7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Registration and Table Top Displays
8 – 9 a.m.	Past Presidents' Breakfast
 9 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	CLE—Mindfulness for Lawyers: A Path to Well-Being and Balance in a Busy and Distraction-Filled World
10 – 11 a.m.	Senior Lawyers Committee
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Clients' Security Fund
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Investigative Panel
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Committees of the Military Legal Assistance Program Committee and the Military/Veterans Law Section
12 – 2 p.m.	General Practice & Trial Law Section Lunch



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12 – 2 p.m.	ICLE Board
12 – 2 p.m.	Review Panel
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	YLD Leadership Academy
2 – 3 p.m.	Law Practice Management Advisory Committee
2 – 3 p.m.	YLD Executive Committee
2 – 5 p.m.	Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee
3 – 3:30 p.m.	YLD Nominating Committee
3:30 – 5 p.m.	YLD General Session
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Member Benefits Committee
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Board of Governors Dinner

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

6:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Registration and Table Top Displays
 7 – 8 a.m.	Yoga
8 – 9 a.m.	SOLACE Committee
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	YLD Leadership Academy
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Board of Governors Meeting



AWARDS PRESENTATION

During the Board of Governors Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 6, the following awards will be presented.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is the highest accolade bestowed on an individual lawyer by the State Bar of Georgia. The recipient is honored for conspicuous service to the cause of jurisprudence and to the advancement of the legal profession in the state of Georgia. The recipient of this award is **Justice Hugh P. Thompson**.

The **16th annual Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards**, presented by the Bench and Bar Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, honors one lawyer and one judge who have and continue to demonstrate the highest professional conduct and paramount reputation for professionalism. This year's lawyer recipient is **Jeffrey O. Bramlett** (1953-2016). His family will accept the award on his behalf. *(The judge recipient, Hon. Alvin T. Wong, received the award at the 2017 Annual Meeting.)*



CLE SEMINARS

HOT TOPICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW

Thursday, Jan. 4 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Program Overview

Due to the rapid expansion of immigration enforcement, there are more ways than ever that your non-citizen clients may be adversely affected by legal proceedings. Come learn about the overlap of criminal and immigration law, how to identify potential pitfalls and protect your clients' interests.

Moderators

Silas W. Allard, *Associate Director, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University*; Sarah Weston Hayes Owings, *Attorney at Law, Owings Immigration Law LLC, Board of Governors, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Atlanta*

Topics

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions

Speakers: Eli Echols, *Partner, Socheat Chea P.C., First Vice-Chair American Immigration Lawyers Association, Georgia-Alabama Chapter, Atlanta*; Sarah Owings

- What happens when an immigrant comes into contact with law enforcement in Georgia
- How to recognize if a criminal charge will affect your client's immigration status

How Georgia Attorneys Can Protect Their Non-Citizen Clients' Rights

Speakers: Jessica Stern, *Principal, STERNLaw LLC, GACDL/AILA Crim-Imm Taskforce Committee Chair, Atlanta*; Azadeh Shahshahani, *Legal and Advocacy Director, Project South, Atlanta*; Peter Isbister, *Senior Lead Attorney, Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative, Southern Poverty Law Center*

- Right to counsel and access to counsel in the crimmigration world
- Building the framework for litigation in an enforcement-driven world
- Alternate methods of DHS investigation of non-citizens' status: real estate, credit reporting, Department of Driver Services

Post-Conviction Relief from Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions: The Current Landscape

Speakers: Jean Sperling, *Principal, Sperling Law Group, PC, Atlanta*; Douglas Rohan, *Principal, Rohan Law PC, Atlanta*; Anna Erwin, *Sonoda Law Firm, Atlanta*

- *Padilla* claims in Georgia
- Best practices for securing post-conviction relief
- Ineffective interventions to avoid

Credits

3 CLE hours

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON: A CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION ROUNDTABLE

Thursday, Jan. 4 | 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Due to the highly sensitive nature of law firm data, hackers have targeted firms of all sizes using various hacking techniques. Come learn about the types of attacks

being launched, how to protect against the attacks before they happen and what to do if you become a victim. Join the State Bar's Law Practice Management Program, the Office of the General Counsel and the State Bar's recommended insurance broker, Member Benefits, Inc., as they walk you through cybersecurity best practices and ethical considerations for practicing online; insurance protection from cyber attacks; and State Bar resources to help protect against cybersecurity threat situations.

Roundtable Presenters

- Law Practice Management Program
- Member Benefits, Inc., *State Bar of Georgia's Recommended Insurance Broker*
- Ethics Counsel, *Office of the General Counsel*

Credits

3 CLE hours, including 1 professionalism hour



MINDFULNESS FOR LAWYERS: A PATH TO WELL-BEING AND BALANCE IN A BUSY AND DISTRACTION-FILLED WORLD

Friday, Jan. 5 | 9 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Presiding

Charity Scott, *JD, MSCM*; Catherine C. Henson, *Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta*; Helen Barnes Vantine, *PhD, Certified Instructor of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, Founding Director, Atlanta Mindfulness Institute, Atlanta*

Welcome and Introduction

Nicki Noel Vaughan, *Attorney Wellness Committee, State Bar of Georgia, Chief Assistant Public Defender, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, Gainesville*; Joyce Gist Lewis, *State Bar's Attorney Wellness Committee, Shingler Lewis LLC, Atlanta*

Overview of Mindfulness

- What it is (and what it isn't)
- Variety of its benefits
- Science that supports it

Experiential Mindfulness Exercises

Attendees will engage directly in a variety of guided mindfulness meditations and exercises.

Audience Engagement

Attendees will be able to debrief their experiences, to ask questions and to discuss how the practices might be incorporated into their daily professional lives.

Credits

3 CLE hours including 1 professionalism hour

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WELLNESS EVENTS



Friday, Jan. 5 | 9 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

CLE—Mindfulness for Lawyers: A Path to Well-Being and Balance in a Busy and Distraction-Filled World

Saturday, Jan. 6 | 7 – 8 a.m.

Yoga (located at the Concourse Athletic Club, next door to the Westin)

Concourse Athletic Club

770-698-2000

Day passes are available to meeting attendees for the Concourse Athletic Club for \$15 per day (located next door to the Westin). Obtain your pass at the Westin front desk. For more information on the facility or to view a class schedule and amenities, visit ConcourseClub.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS & INFO



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BOARD OF GOVERNORS DINNER

Friday, Jan. 5 | 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Please join us for Friday night's Board dinner. Everyone is welcome.

ATTIRE

Business attire is appropriate for all meetings and events.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Cut-off date is Friday, Dec. 15, 2017

Westin Atlanta Perimeter North

7 Concourse Parkway NE

Atlanta, GA 30328

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The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North is our host hotel, offering a discounted room rate of \$129 single/double per night plus applicable taxes and a \$5 hotel/motel fee. To make reservations and receive our special rate, call the Westin Atlanta Perimeter North at 888-627-8407 and ask for "State Bar of Georgia's Midyear Meeting."

Reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 15, as rooms will be on a space and rate availability basis after this date. There are many events taking place in Atlanta during this time, so please be aware that you should make your hotel reservations as early as possible.

Check-in time: 3 p.m.

Check-out time: 12 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Final Deadline is: Friday, Dec. 15, 2017

All participants must pre-register using the registration form. Registrations will not be processed without payment. Verbal registrations will not be accepted. Faxes will only be accepted for "no charge" functions or payment by credit cards.

Friday, Dec. 15, is the final registration deadline. After this date, pre-registration will close. Onsite registration will open at the Westin Atlanta Perimeter North on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

Note: All pre-registrations and onsite registrations are subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

REGISTRATION

Please use this form to register by checking all events you plan to attend. Registration is required for all events, including no charge functions. You may also register online at www.gabar.org. Final registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.

Attendee Information

BAR NUMBER

NAME

NICKNAME

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

EMAIL

SPECIAL NEEDS/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

ADA

If you qualify for assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call 404-526-8627.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of registration must be received in writing no later than Friday, Dec. 15. Cancellations will receive a full refund, less a \$25 administrative charge. Absolutely no refunds will be made after Friday, Dec. 15. Requests should be mailed to the State Bar of Georgia, Attn: Michelle Garner, 104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303; faxed to 404-527-8717; or emailed to michelleg@gabar.org.

Payment Information

Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and will not be processed without payment. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted. Please make checks payable to State Bar of Georgia and mail to Michelle Garner, Director of Meetings, 2018 Midyear Meeting, State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303. "No charge" and credit card orders may be faxed to 404-527-8717. Verbal registrations will not be accepted.

Before
Dec. 8

After
Dec. 8

Board Functions

- BOG Dinner\$95 _____ \$115 _____
 BOG MeetingN/C _____ N/C _____

CLE Programs

- Hot Topics in Immigration Law ...\$70 _____ \$90 _____
 Keep Calm and Carry On.....\$95 _____ \$115 _____
 Mindfulness for Lawyers\$70 _____ \$90 _____

Section Events

- Appellate Practice Lunch\$35 _____ \$55 _____
 Family Law CLE Only.....\$25 _____ \$45 _____
 Family Law Reception Only.....\$31 _____ \$51 _____
 Family Law CLE & Reception.....\$56 _____ \$76 _____
 Gen. Practice & Trial Law Lunch...\$45 _____ \$65 _____
 Taxation Law Lunch\$20 _____ \$40 _____

YLD Events

- YLD General Session.....N/C _____ N/C _____

Wellness



- Yoga.....\$10 _____ \$30 _____

Total Fees Enclosed: _____

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