

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE



SEPTEMBER 17th - 19th · MONTICELLO, NY

Located only 2.5 hours distance from Doylestown!

Nestled among the beauty of the Catskill Mountains, Resorts World offers an unmatched experience in *excitement, entertainment, and luxury*. You'll have the time of your life!

REGISTRATION

Online registration also available,
visit bit.ly/4uVaSBI

Name(s): _____

Law Firm: _____

Guest Name: _____

Telephone: _____

**please use your cell number to receive alerts at the conference*

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Early Bird Registration

before August 3rd

___ Regular Registration...\$700

___ Young Lawyer.....\$515

___ Guest.....\$525

___ Non-Member.....\$825

___ Golf.....\$225

Registration Fees

starting August 3rd

___ Regular Registration....\$750

___ Young Lawyer.....\$565

___ Guest.....\$575

___ Non-Member.....\$875

___ Golf.....\$275

Method of Payment:___ Check ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Amex

A 3% processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments

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Cancellation Policy: Attendees may cancel Conference registration and receive a full refund from the BCBA if cancelling before Aug. 17th. Attendees may cancel Conference registration and receive a 50% refund from the BCBA if cancelling before August 31st.

RESERVATIONS



Hotel Accommodations: Attendees must contact Resorts World directly to make room reservations. Our group rate starts at \$309/night + tax & resort fees. Visit <https://rwcatskills.com/>. Fill in our event arrival & departure dates and use **promo code # 2771**.

Law Clerks: *please reserve your hotel rooms directly with Barbara at barbara.sauers@bucksbar.org*

Resorts World has agreed to extend our rate for 3 days prior and following on a space available basis. Cutoff date for group rate is 9.2.26.



Golf Outing: Friday, September 18th, Shotgun Start at 12:45 PM at Monster Golf Club, onsite at Resorts World

The course, originally designed in 1963 by Joe Finger, was rated by Golf Digest as one of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses. Now managed by Troon Golf a new chapter begins as the club has completed an impressive enhancement project that has reinvigorated the course, clubhouse, and entire experience. Monster golf club offers six sets of tee boxes to ensure the course is playable for anyone, from the most seasoned pro to the complete novice. The natural beauty of the surrounding Catskill Mountains and the golf course combine to create a breathtaking and unforgettable setting.

Golf reservation deadline is August 31st. Please list the names in your foursome & return with your completed registration.

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



Spa Services: Available during Friday free time at Awana Spa & Wellness, onsite at Resorts World

Booking for spa appointments will open in August - keep an eye out for more information! Awana will be offering our group a 10% discount on services. Visit rwcatskills.com/hotel/spa/spa-menu for more information.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bench Bar Conference sponsorship opportunities may be selected either from the bronze through diamond options listed below, **or**, from the limited & exclusive opportunities listed on the following pages. For sponsorship questions, please contact Emily McGee at 215-348-9413 ext. 110, or at emily.mcgee@bucksbar.org

	Diamond \$5,000	Platinum \$4,000	Gold \$3,000	Silver \$2,000	Bronze \$1000
<i>Complimentary conference registrations</i>	3	2	1		
<i>Complimentary golfers</i>	4	3	2	1	
<i>Vendor table</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Verbal recognition during remarks</i>	✓	✓	✓		
<i>Logo displayed in conference marketing</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Logo displayed on signage at conference</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Complimentary full page Law Reporter ads</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Attendee contact list provided</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES — CONFERENCE

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

Lanyard Sponsor — \$3,500 (Exclusive)

- Logo on name tag 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

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

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

Coffee & Snack Break Sponsor — \$1,000 (Thurs + Friday available)

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES — CONFERENCE

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 \$2,500 (Exclusive)

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

Friday Breakfast Sponsor — \$1,500

- Logo displayed on signage at breakfast
- 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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES — CONFERENCE

Friday Lunch Sponsor — \$2,000

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

NEW

Friday Evening Activity Sponsor: Golf Simulator — \$2,000 (Exclusive)

- Logo displayed on signage in the golf simulator bay, available during Friday cocktail reception & dinner events
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Friday Evening Activity Sponsor: Classic Games — \$1,000 (Exclusive)

- Logo displayed on signage in the games bay, available during Friday cocktail reception & dinner events
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

Breakfast with the Bench Sponsor — \$1,500

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

Signature Cocktail — \$1,500 (Exclusive)

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES — GOLF

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 (4 Available)

Putting, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, or Straightest Drive

- Logo in event marketing with verbal recognition at awards ceremony
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Hole Sponsor: Digital Image Only— \$300

- Full-screen ad populates upon arrival to the tee box or the green for a selected hole on the course using E-Z-GO's PACE technology GPS
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Hole Sponsor: Video Message — \$750

- Create a custom full-screen video message to play for golfers upon arrival to the tee box or the green for a selected hole on the course using E-Z-GO's PACE technology GPS
- Logo displayed in event marketing
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Beverage Cart Sponsor — \$2,000

- Logo displayed on beverage cart and in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

NEW

Mimosa Station Sponsor — \$1,500

- Logo displayed at mimosa station and in event marketing
- Vendor table available
- Attendee contact list provided

COME HAVE * THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE *

Some things belong in the Catskills: mountain air, a long weekend, and good company. This year, the Bench Bar Conference checks all three.

Join us at Resorts World Catskills for a conference inspired by the iconic mountain-resort setting of *Dirty Dancing*, the film that made the region famous.

This year's Conference promises to blend high-quality CLE programming, meaningful networking, and memorable social events designed to bring the bench and bar together.

Whether you're making new connections, strengthening existing relationships, or gaining practical insights from legal leaders, you'll leave with more than credits, you'll leave with experiences. First-timer or longtime regular, this is one you won't want to miss.

This will be the best Bench Bar ever! Kellerman's is open at Resorts World — where nobody puts Melanie in a corner!





Check In — Hotel Lobby

Hotel check-in is guaranteed at 4:00 pm. A photo ID and credit card are required upon check-in. If you arrive before your room is ready, the bellmen will store your luggage.



Conference Registration 1:00 - 6:30 pm, Skybox Prefunction Area

BCBA staff welcome attendees to the 2026 Bench Bar Conference! Sign in and receive your name tag, a full welcome gift bag, and your passport. Grab a Welcome Drink and meet the Sponsors — it's time to mingle and relax.

Snack stations available at 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Open bar begins at 4:00 pm.



PNC Private Bank CLE 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Skyboxes



Bryn Mawr Trust CLE 3:15 - 4:15 pm, Skyboxes



YLD “Legal Quizzo” hosted by Judge McGuffin 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Skyboxes

Always the best “hype-man”, Juge McGuffin will kick off the best Bench Bar ever. Connect with attendees and share your knowledge of the law.



Break from 5:30 - 6:30 pm allows attendees to get ready for the evening; **cocktail attire preferred.**



Welcome Reception & Dinner
6:30 - 9:30 pm, Cellaio Restaurant & Steakhouse

There's no better place to kick off the conference than Cellaio. Vibrant with a relaxed atmosphere, Cellaio will provide us with an unmatched dining experience through warmth and generous hospitality. A pair of dining rooms feature retractable window walls, revealing incomparable views of the surrounding mountains. Enjoy your martinis and drinks outside, then come inside for a delicious meal.

Hors d'oeuvres: Arancini / Mini Loaded Baked Potato / Meatball Fritti / Shrimp Cocktail

Carving Stations: Prime Rib / Roasted Airline Chicken Breast

Pasta Stations: Spicy Vodka Rigatoni / Gnocchetti

Sides: Potato Puree / Polenta / Little Gem Caesar / Seasonal Vegetable

Desserts: Mascarpone Cheese Cake / Cannolis / Croissant Doughnuts



M&M's After Dinner Hospitality
9:30 pm - 2:00 am, Doubletop

The hospitality suite you know and love just got an upgrade. Melanie & Mindy are bringing the late-night tradition out into the spotlight with an open bar, classic games, and the same energy you've come to expect. Join M&M for a late night, done right.



Breakfast **7:30 - 9:30 am, Epicenter**

Fresh Cut Fruit / Muffins / Scrambled Eggs / Deep Dish French Toast / Blueberry Buttermilk Pancakes / Applewood Smoked Bacon / Pork Sausage Links



Plenary Session **Fireside Chat + Q&A with David Costabile** **8:30 - 9:30 am, Epicenter**

Settle in for a fireside chat with actor David Costabile, known for his acclaimed performances in *Billions*, *Breaking Bad*, *Better Call Saul*, *Damages*, *Suits*, *The Wire*, and more.

Throughout his career, Costabile has portrayed attorneys, judges, executives, government officials, and other influential figures navigating high-stakes decisions where power, ethics, and accountability collide.

Many of the characters he brings to life operate in worlds shaped by law, regulation, negotiation, and institutional power—territory that will feel familiar to anyone who has spent time in a courtroom, boardroom, or public office.

This engaging conversation will explore his experience portraying legally charged roles and morally complex characters, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the research, psychology, and craft that transform written scripts into compelling performances.

Attendees will gain unique insight into how television and film depict the legal system, corporate power, and the human motivations that drive conflict and resolution. An open Q&A with Costabile will follow the conversation.



Snack Break Available

9:30 - 11:30 am, Epicenter Prefunction Area



Breakout Sessions

9:45 - 10:45 am, Skyboxes

- **Business Law + Solo/Small Practice Section CLE “Succession Planning for Small Firms & Businesses”**

Panel: Judge McGuffin, Kathleen Thomas, Samuel DeStefano, and Jeffrey DiAmico

- **Civil Litigation Section CLE "A Year in Review: Civil Trials, Arbitrations, and Verdict Results"**

Panel: Judge McMaster, Judge Trauger, Judge Yeager, Judge Bowman, Gina Kiley, and Nicole Durso

This course is designed to provide practitioners with an overview of significant civil trial and arbitration outcomes from the past year, emerging litigation trends, noteworthy verdicts and awards, and practical insights for attorneys handling complex disputes in Bucks County. The presentation will examine recent developments in civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including: Significant jury verdicts and arbitration awards; Trends in damages, liability findings, and settlement practices; Notable trial strategies and evidentiary issues; Any recent procedural and substantive developments affecting civil practice; and Lessons learned from prominent cases and dispute-resolution proceedings.

- **Family Law Section CLE “Is that what I signed up for?: A discussion of the first nine months in Family Court”**

Panel: Judge Liller, Judge Thomas-Smith, Judge Bobrin, Judge Fitzpatrick, Judge DiDonato-Burke, and Amanda Frett



Breakout Sessions

11:00 am - 12:00pm, Skyboxes

- **Criminal Law Section CLE “Handling The High Profile Case”**

Panel: President Judge McHugh, Judge Corr, Judge Weintraub, and Steven Jones

This course will cover some of the issues that come along with high profile cases, including ethics, the press, difficult clients, and more.

- **Orphans’ Court Section CLE “The Past, Present, and Future Practice of Law in Bucks County Orphans’ Court”**

Panel: Judge McGuffin, Judge Fritsch, Jeremy Whalen, and Donald Petrille

This informative Seminar we will discuss what our past Administrative Judge, the Hon. C. Theodore, Fritsch, Jr. has seen, what our current Administrative Judge, the Hon. Brian T. McGuffin is seeing, and what all of our panelists expect to see in the future. Anticipated topics include: Guardianships, Incapacity, Undue Influence, Involuntary Termination/Adoption, Minor’s Compromise matters, Expectations of the Court, Civility/Professionalism in the Practice of Law, and other topics as time allows.

- **Women Lawyers’ Division CLE "Equal Opportunity or Empty Promise? A Legal Analysis of EEOC v. Coca-Cola"**

Panel: Judge Bowman, Judge Fitzpatrick, and Beth Hurley

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) sued Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast, Inc. (a regional bottler/distributor owned by Kirin Holdings, not The Coca-Cola Company itself) in federal court. The EEOC alleges the company committed sex discrimination under Title VII by hosting a two-day, employer-sponsored “women-only” networking/training trip in September 2024 that excluded male employees. About 250 female employees were privately invited; men were excluded. Invitees were excused from normal duties while receiving regular pay, and provided perks such as hotel, food, beverages, and activities, with senior leadership speaking at the event. By limiting access and benefits to women, the EEOC says the company denied male employees equal terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. *Why it matters:* Reported as the EEOC’s first lawsuit of the current administration aimed at an allegedly unlawful DEI-style workplace initiative. *Status:* The complaint was filed; no final judgment reported in the cited materials. It remains in litigation alleging Title VII violations. *Notice:* Even well-intentioned inclusion events can pose legal risk if access, pay, or perks are limited by protected traits.



Lunch Buffet *with takeout option*
12:00 - 2:00 pm, Skybox Prefunction Area

Sandwich Buffet: Sliced Turkey with Cranberry Mayonnaise on Seven-Grain Bread / Grilled Chicken with Avocado Aioli and Oven Roasted Tomato on a Crusty Roll / Smoked Ham and Swiss Cheese with Honey Dijon Mustard on Mable Rye Bread / Grilled Portabella Mushrooms with Roasted Red Peppers and Fresh Mozzarella on Focaccia / Italian Hoagie

Sides & Salad: Garden Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings / Home-Style Potato Salad / Creamy Coleslaw / Bags of Chips

Desserts: Fresh Fruit Salad / Cookies / Brownies



Golf Outing
12:30 - 6:30 pm, Monster Golf Club

12:45 pm shotgun start. 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

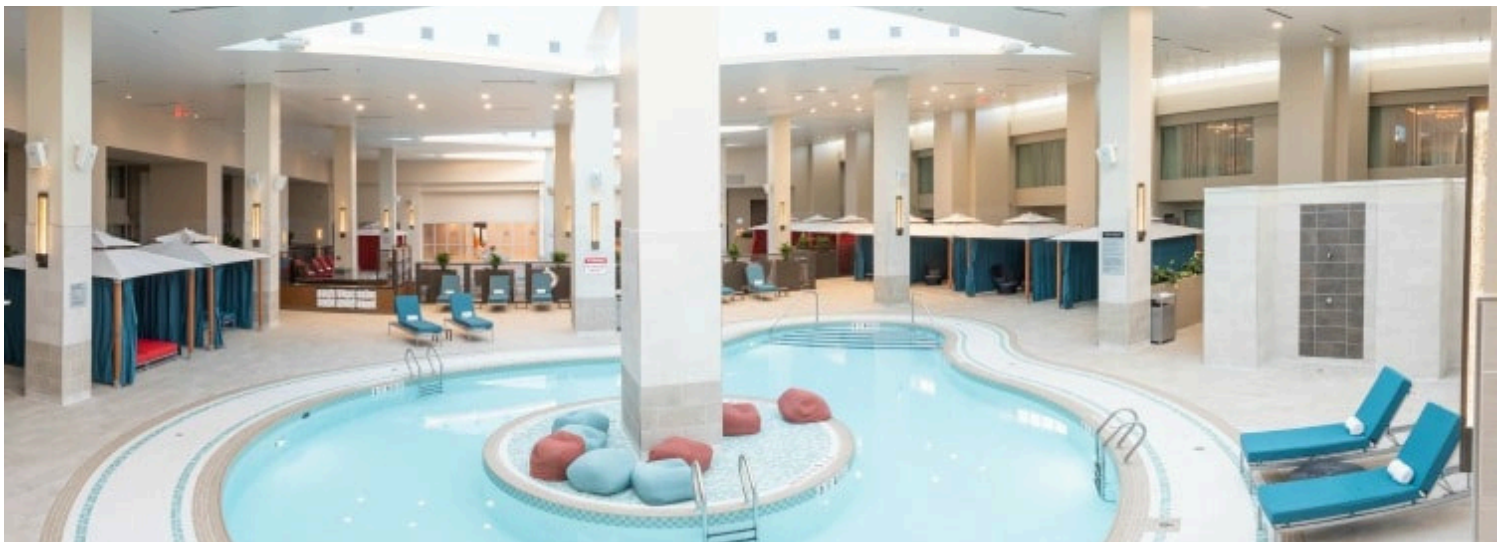
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Free Time - Onsite Options 12:30 - 6:30 pm

Awana Spa & Wellness: Spa features a wide array of curated treatments, including massages, facials, and body treatments including scrubs and a clay-detoxifying wrap. As a guest of the spa, you can enjoy complimentary access to steam rooms, saunas, relaxation lounges, and a beautiful indoor spa swimming pool. The spa also features a Salon where you can get your hair done, nails manicured, and more!

Indoor Pool: Recline the day away in the comfortable chaise lounges, daybeds, or cabanas all while soaking in the simply gorgeous outside views that surround the outside pool deck.





Free Time - Offsite Options **12:30 - 6:30 pm**

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts: located at the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock festival, is committed to building upon its rich history of peace and music by providing extraordinary experiences and access to the arts. The award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods carries on the history, spirit, and learnings of the 1960s and the Woodstock Music & Art Fair through the preservation and interpretation of the historic site. bethelwoodcenter.org

Kartrite Resort Waterpark: New York's biggest indoor waterpark! Take a float down adventure river while looking out over the spectacular Catskill Mountains. Covered entirely by the world's largest texlon transparent roof, it's summer perfection all year long. With a slew of thrilling waterslides and adventures for everyone, there's nothing like The Kartrite Indoor Waterpark.

thekartrite.com/indoor-water-park-ny

Angry Orchard Cider House: Enjoy a line-up of exclusive ciders on draft and seasonal offerings, grab a tasting flight from the taproom, order delicious bites from the in-house kitchen, hop on a guided tour, or relax on the back lawn listening to live music with a crisp cider in hand.

angryorchard.com/visit-us



Cocktail Reception & Dinner Buffet **6:30 - 9:30 pm, Dos Gatos**

Immerse yourself in a vibrant world of flavor and excitement at Dos Gatos, a cantina-style eatery serving up timeless Mexican dishes with a contemporary flair. Las Luces at Dos Gatos is an inviting outdoor space, offering the ideal setting to sip a cocktail while soaking in the breathtaking views. Enjoy live music and a variety of games like badminton, bocce ball, life-size Jenga, chess, or cornhole on the lawn. Or, simply unwind beneath the shimmering lights.

Hors d'oeuvres: Chicharron Bites / Mexican Corn / Blue Corn Empanadas / Fried Plantains

Nacho Bar: Tortilla Chips / Salsa / Guacamole / Queso / Cilantro / Limes / Queso Fresco

Build Your Own Tacos: Pork Pastor / Grilled Chicken Thighs / Birria

Boards: Burritos / Quesadillas

Dessert: Fried Donuts & Churros



Late Night Options

Bar 360: The fun heats up with live bands and DJs bringing music that keeps the party going all night long. Cash bar.

Empire Lounge: Step back in time to the era of speakeasies. Unwind and savor the good life in this stylish, lively space, where you can enjoy expertly crafted Prohibition-era cocktails. Cash bar.

Butterfly Beach Bar: Perched atop the bustling casino floor, Butterfly Beach Bar provides a breathtaking panorama of our luxurious pool atrium. Immerse yourself in the serene ambiance as you sip on handcrafted cocktails. Escape the hustle and bustle of the casino floor and discover a haven of tranquility. Cash bar.

Gambling: There are slot machines, poker tables, blackjack, and roulette. Let's see who can win the most over the weekend!





Breakfast

8:00 - 10:00 am, Ballroom

Fresh Cut Fruit / Sweet Breakfast Breads / Belgian Waffles / Assorted Hot Breakfast Sandwiches / Applewood Smoked Bacon / Pork Sausage Links



Coffee & Conversations with the Court

9:00 - 10:30 am, Ballroom

Some of the most valuable take-away insights from the Conference don't come from a lecture — they come from a conversation.

This informal CLE offers attendees the rare opportunity to engage directly with Judges in a small-group setting. Rather than a traditional panel format, participants will break into intimate groups while Judges rotate throughout the room, creating space for candid, focused dialogue on courtroom practice, judicial preferences, and the procedural nuances that matter most to practitioners appearing before the bench.

Whether you're a seasoned litigator or newer to the courtroom, you'll leave with practical insights you can put to work immediately, and a better understanding of the perspectives that shape how cases are decided in Bucks County. It's the perfect way to end an incredible weekend.



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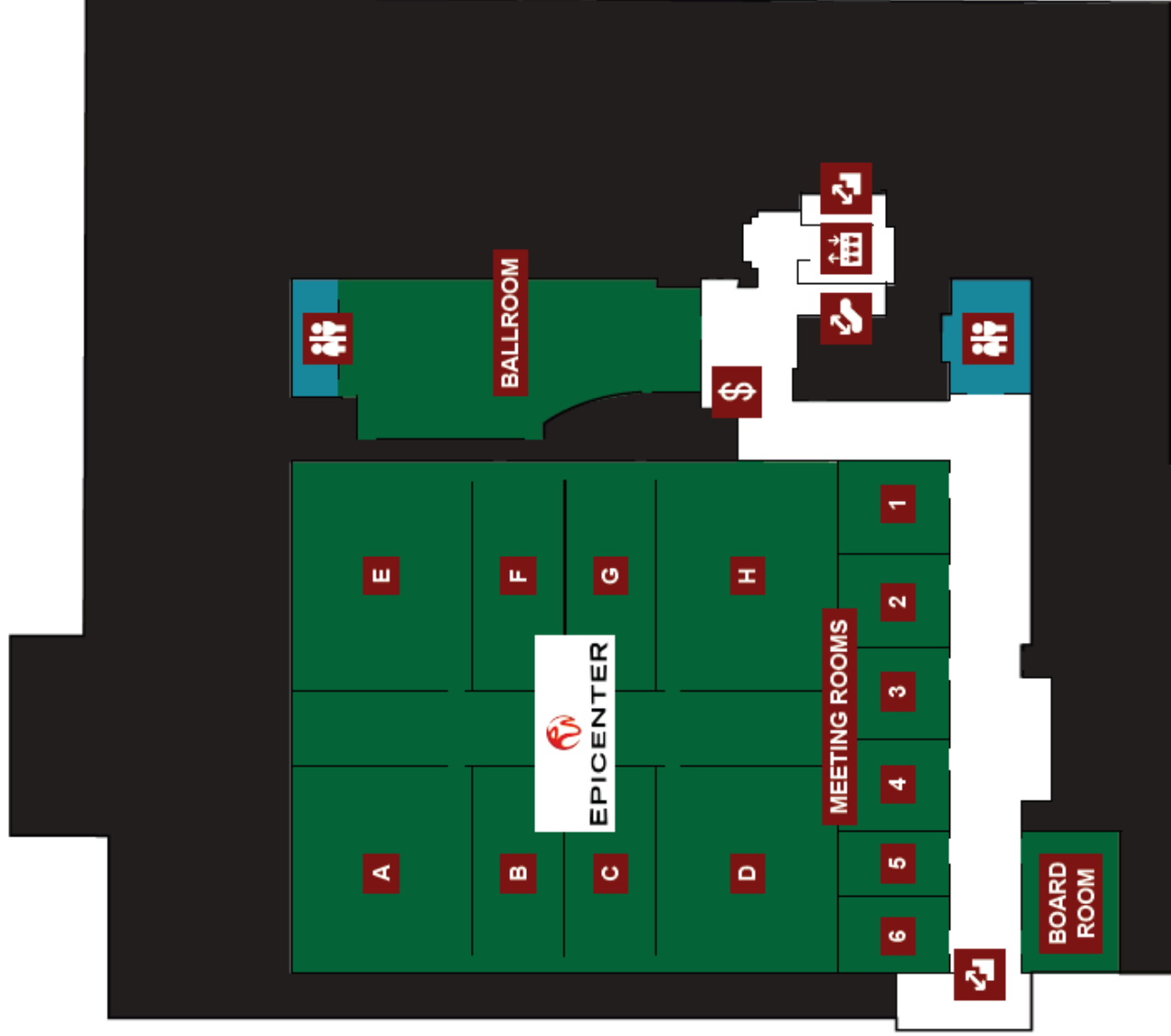
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- 6 LAS VEGAS

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