

HOT TOPICS FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS

June 4, 2026

West Virginia State Bar Center & virtually

8:30-8:45 Registration

8:45-8:50 Greeting - Kevin Baker, Executive Director, WV State Bar

8:50-9:00 Welcome – Martha Hill, Chair, Government Lawyers Committee

9:00-9:50 Click, Send, and Serve: Federal, State, and Administrative e-filing

Moderator: M. Claire Winterholler, retired WV Assistant Attorney General

Panelists: Rory Perry II, Clerk of Court for the Southern District of West Virginia; and John Street, Business Analyst, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

9:50-11:15 A View from the Bench – Judicial Updates

Moderator: State Chief Administrative Law Judge Parween Mascari

Panelists: Haley Bunn, Chief Justice, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals; Ashley Deem, Appeals Deputy Clerk, Intermediate Court of Appeals; and Jane Peak, State Administrative Law Judge, Unemployment Board of Review

11:15-11:25 BREAK

11:25-12:40 What to Do When Your Agency Gets Served? – Christopher Ferro and Christopher Ross, private attorneys who represent government entities

12:40-1:30 LUNCH (provided on-site)

1:30-2:20 Defending the State's Interests – Michael Williams, Solicitor General for the State of West Virginia

2:20-3:10 Is There Life After Law?

Moderator: Retired State Hearing Officer Martha Hill

Panelists: Bob Rodak, retired Associate Counsel at West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner; Monty Brown, retired prosecutor and retired minister; and Dina Mohler, retired private practice lawyer

3:10-4:25 Artificial Intelligence: Emerging Technologies and Implications for Government Lawyers – Michael McCarthy, Chief Information Officer for Marshall University and Bill Gardner, NSA Center of Academic Excellence in

Cyber Defense Point of Contact, Marshall University

4:25-4:30 Conclusion/Wrap-up