



West Virginia State Bar

Young Lawyer Section

BRIDGE THE GAP PROGRAM

Bridgeport Conference Center
Bridgeport, West Virginia

October 27, 2023

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Check-In - Light Breakfast and Coffee

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome to West Virginia State Bar: Services Offered by the Bar – **Mary Jane Pickens**, Executive Director, West Virginia State Bar

9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Culture Shift: Tools for Sustainability in Legal Practice – **Stephanne Thornton**, Clinical Director for the West Virginia Judicial & Lawyer Assistance Program

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Civility Matters – **Rob Aliff, Esq.**, Secretary/Treasurer, American Board of Trial Advocates, West Virginia Chapter

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Plight of the Everyday Young Lawyer: Work/Life Balance – **Bonnie Thomas, Esq., Ashton Bias, Esq., John Isner, Esq., Sophia Mills, Esq.** – **Moderated by Lindsey McIntosh, Esq.**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Federal v. State Court Civil Practice – **Honorable Michael Alois & Honorable Omar Aboulhosn**, Magistrate Judges

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

E-Filing versus Paper Filing – How to and What to Avoid – **Mitch Moore, Esq.**

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

The Attorney's Duty to the Court and Counsel – What Circuit Court Judges expect of new lawyers – **Judge Joseph Reeder & Judge Joanna Tabit**, West Virginia Circuit Court Judge

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Legal Ethics: How to avoid the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and what to do if you have a complaint – **Andrea Hinerman, Esq.**