



# West Virginia State Bar

## Young Lawyer Section

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## BRIDGE THE GAP PROGRAM

Bridgeport Conference Center  
Bridgeport, West Virginia

**October 17, 2022**

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8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Check-In - Coffee, Pastries, and Meet-and-Greet
8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Introduction and Welcome to West Virginia State Bar: Services Offered by the Bar – <b>Ashton Bias</b> , Young Lawyer Board Chair & <b>Taylor Coplin</b> , Young Lawyer Board Secretary
8:40 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Living Greatly in the Law– <b>Jack Bowman, Esq.</b>
9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Culture Shift: Tools for Sustainability in Legal Practice– <b>Stephanne Thornton, Clinical Director for the West Virginia Judicial &amp; Lawyer Assistance Program</b>
10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Legal Ethics: How to avoid the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and what to do if you have a complaint – <b>Rachael Cipoletti, Esq.</b>
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Plight of the Everyday Young Lawyer: Work/Life Balance – <b>Ashton Bias, Esq., Mitch Moore, Esq., and Joseph Ford, Esq.</b> – Moderated by <b>Jessie Robey, Esq.</b>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Federal v. State Court Civil Practice – <b>Honorable Michael Aloï &amp; Honorable Omar Aboulhosn, Magistrate Judges</b>
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	The Attorney’s Duty to the Court and Counsel – What Circuit Court Judges expect of new lawyers – <b>Judge Joseph Reeder, West Virginia Circuit Court Judge</b>
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Solo/Small Firm Practice – <b>Eric Hayhurst, Esq.</b>
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	The Art of Persuasion – <b>Al Emch, Esq.</b>