Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure: Appreciating the Past and Anticipating the Future

October 8, 2015
Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom

I. 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Remarks
Dean Ken Gormley and Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor

II. 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. The Art and Practice of Appellate Rule-Making in Pennsylvania
Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer

III. 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Selected Amendments to Rules to Solve Specific Problems
Judge Maureen Lally-Green, Frederick Frank and Kristen W. Brown

IV. 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Comparison of Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure with Federal Rules and Practice in Major States (focusing on unique aspects of Pennsylvania procedure and key differences)
Charles L. Becker and Robert L. Byer

V. 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. Should Pennsylvania Adopt the Federal Model or Maintain its Independent Approach to Appellate Procedure?
Justice Debra Todd, Judge D. Michael Fisher, and Professor Steven Baicker-McKee, and Jeffrey P. Bauman. David R. Fine will serve as moderator.

LUNCH – Noon - 12:30 p.m.

VI. 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. – The Future of Appellate Advocacy: Three Concrete Steps for Improvement
Distinguished Professor Bryan Garner

VII. 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Panel Discussion among Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Lawyers Responding to Professor Garner – Justice J. Michael Eakin, Justice Max Baer, D. Alicia Hickok, and Carl A. Solano. Professor Jane Moriarty, Carol Los Mansmann Chair in Faculty Scholarship, will serve as moderator.

VIII. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion Among Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Lawyers Regarding Ethical and Effective Appellate Advocacy
Justice Eakin, Justice Baer, Justice Todd, David R. Fine, and Professor Tracey McCants Lewis. Professor Moriarty will serve as moderator.

Written questions may be submitted by the audience.
The day features a total of 5 CLE hours, including 1 hr. ethics

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