

# Connecticut Bar Association Professionalism Symposium



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**Hartford County Bar Association and State of Connecticut Judicial Branch  
Present**

## **Raising the Bar: A Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism in the Judicial District of Hartford**

**Friday, November 7, 2014  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Hartford Superior Court  
95 Washington Street, Hartford**

**Law Students Welcome  
Free Parking in Jury Lot on Lafayette Street**

**CLE Credit: 3.0 Hours Ethics**

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*This seminar is appropriate for newly admitted and experienced attorneys.*

**Links to all program content will be e-mailed to pre-registrants to download in advance.**



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Attorney General George Jepsen**

**Co-chairs:**  
**Hon. Kenneth L. Shluger**  
**Michael A. Kurs**  
**Walter Menjivar**  
**Meghan M. Sweeney**

# Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism Schedule

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**

**Hon. Kenneth L. Shluger**,  
Middlesex Judicial District  
**Hon. Julia DiCocco Dewey**, Administrative  
Judge, Hartford  
**Mark A. Rosenblum**,  
President, Hartford County  
Bar Association  
**Mark A. Dubois**,  
President, Connecticut Bar  
Association

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Plenary Session**

*Maintaining Ethical  
Standards and  
Preserving Professional-  
ism in a Rapidly  
Changing Profession*

**Michael P. Bowler**,  
Statewide Bar Counsel  
**Patricia King**, Chief  
Disciplinary Counsel  
**Frederic S. Ury**,  
Ury & Moskow LLC

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Breakout Discussion**

**Sessions: Civil, Criminal,  
Family, Probate, Real  
Estate/Business**

Discussion will focus on  
how the bench and the  
bar can work together to  
elevate the level of profes-  
sionalism in our practice,  
including:

- How to maintain professionalism and civility when dealing with inexperienced practitioners and self-represented parties both in and out of court.

- How to professionally deal with unreasonable clients, especially when they are demanding unprofessional behavior.

- How modern technology is affecting our ability to practice in a professional manner.

- What do you do when your opponent is an impaired lawyer (as a result of drug or alcohol addiction or cognitive loss)?

- How do we make all lawyers aware of their professional obligation to provide pro bono services?

- In the absence of MCLE, what obligations do we have to maintain our skills and knowledge levels?

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Luncheon/Keynote Speaker**

*Maintaining and  
Enhancing  
Professionalism in the  
State's Largest Civil  
Law Firm*

**Introduction by  
Amy F. Goodusky**,  
O'Brien Tanski & Young LLP

**Attorney General  
George Jepsen**

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

## Panelists: Breakout Session

### Civil

**Moderator:** **Paul D. Williams**,  
Day Pitney LLP

**Panelists:** **Hon. Grant Miller**,  
Hartford Judicial District  
**Hon. A. Susan Peck**,  
Hartford Judicial District  
**Hon. Antonio C. Robaina**,  
Hartford Judicial District  
**Frank F. Coulom, Jr.**,  
Robinson & Cole LLP  
**Kathryn M. Cunningham**,  
Jackson O'Keefe  
**John J. Houlihan, Jr.**  
RisCassi & Davis PC

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## Criminal

**Moderator:** **Richard R. Brown,**  
Brown Paindiris &  
Scott LLP

**Panelists:** **Hon. Joan K. Alexander,**  
Hartford Judicial District  
**James W. Bergenn,**  
Shipman & Goodwin LLP  
**Robert J.T. Britt,**  
Rome McGuigan PC  
**Deirdre M. Daly,**  
**U.S. Attorney**  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
**Gail P. Hardy,** State's  
Attorney, Hartford Judicial  
District  
**Alan J. Sobol,**  
Pullman & Comley LLC

## Family

**Moderator:** **Kate W. Haakonsen,**  
Brown Paindiris & Scott  
LLP

**Panelists:** **Hon. Elizabeth A.**  
**Bozzuto,** Hartford Judicial  
District  
**Hon. Lisa K. Morgan,**  
New Britain Judicial  
District  
**Hon. Jorge A. Simón,**  
Hartford Judicial District  
**Margaret M. Bozek,**  
Mickelson, Jacobs and  
Bozek LLC  
**Kenneth E. Caisse,**  
Loudon Caisse Hanney

**Debra C. Ruel,**  
Rome McGuigan, PC  
**Meghan M. Sweeney,**  
Rome, McGuigan PC

## Probate

**Moderator:** **Paul A. Hudon,**  
Atlas & Hudon LLP

**Panelists:** **Hon. Sydney W. Elkin,**  
West Hartford Probate  
Judge  
**Hon. Robert K. Killian, Jr.,**  
Hartford Probate Judge  
**Rebekah M. Burgio**  
Pullman & Comley LLC  
**Monique R. Polidoro,**  
Rogin Nassau LLC

## Real Estate and Business

**Moderator:** **Michael D. O'Connell,**  
O'Connell Attmore  
& Morris LLC

**Panelists:** **Hon. Marshall K. Berger,**  
**Jr.,** Hartford Judicial  
District  
**David P. Atkins,**  
Pullman & Comley LLC  
**Guy DeFrances,**  
Connecticut Attorneys  
Title Insurance Company  
**John H. Lawrence, Jr.,**  
Shipman & Goodwin LLP  
**Dennis R. LaVette,**  
O'Connell Attmore &  
Morris LLC

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## Keynote Speaker

George Jepsen took office in 2011 as Connecticut's 24th Attorney General. The Attorney General is a constitutional officer, the state's chief legal officer for civil matters and responsible for representing the people of Connecticut and the broader public interest. With a staff of more than 200 attorneys, the Office of the Attorney General serves as legal counsel to all state agencies.

The attorney general advocates on behalf of the state and its citizens; ensures state government acts within the letter and spirit of the law; protects public resources; and works to preserve and enhance quality of life in Connecticut, and to safeguard the rights of the most vulnerable citizens. On an operating budget of \$29 million, the office generated \$537.2 million in revenues to the state for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2013.

Among his initiatives, Jepsen created a privacy task force to focus on data breach and privacy concern; simplified the process for data breach reporting; consolidated staff to create an Antitrust and Government Program Fraud Department; and has vigorously pursued antitrust, environmental, health care, and other consumer protection issues.

Jepsen was elected in June as vice president of the National Association of Attorneys General, in which he also serves as co-chairman of the Standing Committee on Antitrust. He served on the executive committee for the 2012, \$25 billion federal-state settlement—the largest in history—with the nation's five largest banks over mortgage foreclosure abuses. Connecticut played a prominent role in the e-book pricing investigation that produced settlements with five publishing companies, \$166 million in consumer refunds and a successful federal suit against Apple for its role in the anti-competitive scheme. Currently, Connecticut is the lead state suing the financial rating agency Standard & Poor's for allegedly misrepresenting its analysis of structured securities as objective.

Born in Hattiesburg, Miss. and raised in Greenwich, George Jepsen is a summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College where he earned a degree in government with high distinction. He is also a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard where he concurrently earned a master's degree in public policy.

Jepsen began practicing law as general counsel to Carpenters Local 210, and later was in private practice with several Connecticut law firms, most recently Cowdery Ecker and Murphy LLC of Hartford.

The attorney general served 16 years in the Connecticut General Assembly as a state representative for Stamford's 148th District and as a state senator for the 27th District, representing Stamford and Darien. He served as Judiciary Committee co-chairman and for six years as state Senate Majority Leader. Jepsen is recognized for his advocacy on behalf of consumers, civil rights, the environment, and a fair and competitive business climate.

A former marathon runner, Jepsen's interests include cooking international cuisines and reading histories and biographies. He enjoys world travel and is conversational in Chinese, French, and Spanish. Jepsen, his wife Diana, and their sons, Christian and William, reside in West Hartford.



Attorney General George Jepsen

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Hartford Superior Court  
95 Washington Street, Hartford

Fee: (includes continental breakfast and lunch)  
\$20 Law Students  
\$30 Young Lawyers (Attorneys licensed to practice 1-5 years)  
\$40 (Attorneys licensed to practice 6 or more years)

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