



Personal Injury Conference 2007

Listen and learn from the leaders of the bar

11 panels and workshops—

- Personal Injury Law in Review 2007
- Automobile Torts
- Medical Malpractice
- Construction Litigation
- Insurance Issues
- Brain Injuries and Psychological Disorders
- Workers' Compensation
- Premises Liability
- Nursing Home Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Personal Injury Law Judicial Forum

MCLE is proud to present our tenth annual *Personal Injury Conference*, featuring a keynote address from Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall of the Supreme Judicial Court.

This year the *Conference* offers perspectives from both sides of the personal injury bar. Our faculty includes leading practitioners from the plaintiff's bar and the defense bar who offer their substantive experience on a wide variety of personal injury law topics.

We follow the popular format you requested. We focus in the morning on what has happened over the last year in caselaw

and legislation, and discuss what those changes mean to your practice. In the afternoon we hear from experienced practitioners about the issues on which they are specialists. Don't miss the opportunity to reflect on the changes to the law and feel a renewed enthusiasm for the issues you deal with daily. Take advantage of this extravaganza of lectures and workshops, featuring Massachusetts' most respected and accomplished plaintiffs' and defense counsel.

The day concludes with the annual judicial forum, featuring judges from the Superior Court and the Appeals Court.

Conference Cochairs

Andrew C. Meyer, Esq., Cochair, *Lubin & Meyer, PC, Boston*; Valerie A. Yarashus, Esq., Cochair, *Sugarman & Sugarman, PC, Boston*

Judicial Faculty

Hon. Margaret H. Marshall, *Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court*
 Hon. Carol S. Ball, *Superior Court*
 Hon. Paul A. Chernoff, *Superior Court*
 Hon. Gordon L. Doerfer, *Appeals Court*
 Hon. Bonnie H. Macleod, *Superior Court*
 Hon. Christine M. McEvoy, *Superior Court*

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DATE AND LOCATION

Wednesday, April 25, 2007
 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 MCLE Conference Center,
 Ten Winter Place, via Winter Street,
 Boston

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- ▶ MCLE Sponsor Members \$195
- ▶ Pending Admittees, New Lawyers Admitted to the Bar after 2002, Law Students, Paralegals, or Legal Services Attorneys \$195
- ▶ MBA/BBA Members \$245
- ▶ All Others \$265



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall on *Judicial Impartiality and the Marketplace: Property, Prosperity and the Rule of Law*

Hon. Margaret H. Marshall has been Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court since 1999. She was an Associate Justice from 1996-1999. Prior to that she served as Vice President and General Counsel to Harvard University from 1992-1996. Prior to working at Harvard she was a partner at Choate Hall & Stewart. Chief Justice Marshall is a native of South Africa. She came to the United States in 1968 and became a U.S. Citizen in 1978. She has a Masters in Education from Harvard (1969) and a law degree from Yale (1976). She served as President of the Boston Bar Association in 1991 and 1992.

7 Substantive Credits

CAN'T ATTEND?

Available after May 2

- Written Materials
 - ▷ Nonmember \$125
 - ▷ MCLE Sponsor Member . . \$115
- CD
 - ▷ Nonmember \$175
 - ▷ MCLE Sponsor Member . . \$155

9 – 10 a.m.	<p>Keynote Address <i>Judicial Impartiality and the Marketplace: Property, Prosperity and the Rule of Law</i></p>	<p>■ Hon. Margaret H. Marshall <i>Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court</i></p>
10 a.m. – 12 noon	<p>Morning Session: Personal Injury Law in Review 2007 Leading practitioners review developments in the field of personal injury law since May 1, 2006. Our panel of personal injury trial lawyers summarizes your stacked up advance sheets.</p>	<p>■ Andrew C. Meyer, Esq., Cochair, <i>Lubin & Meyer, PC, Boston</i>; Valerie A. Yarashus, Esq., Cochair, <i>Sugarman & Sugarman, PC, Boston</i>; Leo V. Boyle, Esq., <i>Meehan, Boyle, Black & Fitzgerald, PC, Boston</i>; Brian J. Carney, Esq., <i>Win Interactive, Inc., Boston</i>; Patrick T. Jones, Esq., <i>Cooley, Manion & Jones LLP, Boston</i>; Joan A. Lukey, Esq., <i>Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston</i>; John P. Ryan, Esq., <i>Sloane & Walsh LLP, Boston</i>; Michael Willette, <i>ATRU, Boston</i></p>
12 noon – 1 p.m.	<p>Lunch Break (on your own)</p>	
1 – 2 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Workshop Session I (Choose One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automobile Torts—Representing an injured client or defending an alleged tortfeasor in a “simple” motor vehicle accident only seems simple to those who do not do it. It is essential for attorneys to know how to negotiate, when to settle and how to decide if the settlement is reasonable.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice—Medical Malpractice trials continue to fill courtrooms all over the Commonwealth. The claims and defenses are becoming more sophisticated as medicine becomes more complex, technology more advanced and health care organizations more structured. This session helps prepare you to effectively represent your clients.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Construction Litigation—Construction in Massachusetts continues to boom. Invariably injuries occur and litigation ensues. Learn about the legal issues and trends which are unique to construction litigation.</p>	<p>■ Thomas W. Beliveau, Esq., <i>Fuller, Rosenberg, Palmer & Beliveau LLP, Worcester</i>; Michael C. Najjar, Esq., <i>Albert Marcotte Law Offices, Lowell</i></p> <p>■ Matthew A. Connors, Esq., <i>Ficksman & Conley LLP, Boston</i>; Krysia J. Syska, Esq., <i>Lubin & Meyer, PC, Boston</i></p> <p>■ Christopher A. Kenney, Esq., <i>Kenney & Sams, PC, Boston</i>; Paul F. Leavis, Esq., <i>Leavis & Rest, Boston</i></p>
2 – 3 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Workshop Session II (Choose One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Issues—This session addresses the increasingly complex legal issues arising out of the varied relationships among insurers, insured and their lawyers. Considerations raised by G.L. Chapter 176D are discussed. Hear pragmatic advice on how to counsel clients.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brain Injuries and Psychological Disorders—Brain injury cases can be difficult to diagnose, evaluate and present. This session is devoted to discussing the nature of psychological disorders; evaluating whether you have a brain injury case; presenting a brain injury case; defending against cases involving claims of brain injuries and estimating damages.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation—This section addresses recent developments in workers' compensation law, providing both a caselaw and legislative update. Issues addressed include average weekly wage, impartial examinations, lump sum settlements and third party practice, including <i>Hunter</i> concerns.</p>	<p>■ Robert A. Curley, Jr., Esq., <i>Curley & Curley, PC, Boston</i></p> <p>■ Kenneth I. Kolpan, Esq., <i>Boston</i>; Thomas M. Niarchos, Esq., <i>Boston</i></p> <p>■ Thomas P. O'Reilly, Esq., <i>Curtin, Murphy & O'Reilly, PC, Boston</i>; William H. Troupe, Esq., <i>Carney & Troupe, Boston</i></p>
3 – 4 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Workshop Session III (Choose One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability—What are the most common questions raised by such cases? How should you negotiate with insurance companies? What if no insurance coverage exists? How do you defend against premises liability claims?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Litigation—This session addresses pleadings and discovery requests unique to nursing home cases, areas of liability and the newest theories and causes of actions developing in other jurisdictions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution—With the trend toward smaller and less frequent verdicts for plaintiffs, practitioners need to know the various methods of alternative dispute resolution now more than ever. Whether it is negotiation, mediation, arbitration or other alternatives, practitioners must hone their skills in these important areas.</p>	<p>■ Leonard H. Kesten, Esq., <i>Brody, Harloon, Perkins & Kesten LLP, Boston</i></p> <p>■ Joseph M. Desmond, Esq., <i>Morrison Mahoney LLP, Boston</i>; David J. Hoey, Esq., <i>North Reading</i></p> <p>■ Paul A. Finn, Esq., <i>Commonwealth Mediation and Conciliation, Inc., Brockton</i></p>
4 – 5 p.m.	<p>Personal Injury Law Judicial Forum 2007 An informed discussion and question and answer session with members of the judicial faculty on personal injury practice issues.</p>	<p>■ Hon. Carol S. Ball, <i>Superior Court</i> ■ Hon. Paul A. Chernoff, <i>Superior Court</i> ■ Hon. Gordon L. Doerfer, <i>Appeals Court</i> ■ Hon. Bonnie H. Macleod, <i>Superior Court</i> ■ Hon. Christine M. McEvoy, <i>Superior Court</i></p>