Associate Justice Richard N. Palmer

Justice Richard N. Palmer was born on May 27, 1950, in Hartford, Connecticut. He graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1968. He went on to Trinity College in Hartford where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1972. He received his J.D., with high honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1977 and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar that same year.

Upon graduation from law school, Justice Palmer served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jon O. Newman. Justice Palmer was an associate with the Hartford law firm of Shipman & Goodwin LLP from 1978–80. He thereafter served as an Assistant United States Attorney for Connecticut from 1980–83 and from 1987–90. From 1984–86, he practiced privately with the firm of Chatigny and Palmer. In 1991, he was appointed to the position of United States Attorney for Connecticut. From 1991–93, he was the Chief State's Attorney for Connecticut. On March 17, 1993, he was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. Justice Palmer currently serves as a member of the Judicial Branch's Executive Committee and is president of the Hartford Courant Foundation. He also teaches law and ethics at Quinnipiac University School of Law and Yale University School of Law.

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Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism Program Schedule

8:30 **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:00 **Welcoming Remarks**
Kathryn A. Calibey, *HCBA President*
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9:15–10:30 **Plenary Session:**
The Defalcating Lawyer, The Impaired Lawyer, The Grievance-Prone Lawyer, and The Internet Lawyer: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in Professionalism Today

Moderator: Louis R. Pepe, *Chair, CBA Standing Committee on Professionalism, Pepe & Hazard LLP, Hartford*

Panelists: Hon. Joette Katz, *Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court and Chair of the Client Security Fund, Hartford*
Mark A. Dubois, *Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Hartford*
Beth D. Griffin, *Executive Director, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers LLC–CT, Rocky Hill*
Frederic S. Ury, *Co-chair, CBA Attorney Trust Accounts Task Force, Ury & Moskow LLC, Fairfield*

10:30 **Break**

10:45–12:30 **Breakout Discussion Sessions: Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile, Probate, Real Estate and Business**

12:45–2:00 **Lunch**
Keynote Speaker
Hon. Richard N. Palmer, *Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, Hartford*

Breakout Sessions

Each breakout session will have a moderator to facilitate the group discussion on these and other topics:

Civil Practice

- Can an attorney be both civil and effective, or does crime pay?
- What works when your opponent or the judge is uncivil?
- What should courts do to be more civil to attorneys?
- What is the judge's responsibility when the attorney is civil, but incompetent and/or unprepared? What is the adversary's duty?
- What can/should the Bar do to maintain the highest ethical standards among its members?
- What can/should the Bench and Bar do to increase the number of litigators who satisfy their pro bono obligations?

Criminal Practice

- The Bench's perspective: Courtroom demeanor today—what works and what does not work?
- Private defense attorney's perspective on effective, professional prosecution.
- Public defender's perspective on effective, professional prosecution.
- Prosecutor's perspective on effective, professional defense.
- What can the Bench and Bar do to encourage and enhance civility, ethical behavior, and competence in criminal practice?
- What can and should be done to promote pro bono service by the criminal practice bar?

Family Practice

- "Unbundled" family law services.
- Collaborative divorce.
- The special issues presented by the *pro se* party.

Juvenile Practice

- How does familiarity affect professionalism?
- When should the children come to court?
- How does compassion fatigue affect professionalism?
- How to improve professionalism with non-lawyers in the juvenile system.

Probate Practice

- Professionalism of the probate courts: What can/must be done to enhance and maintain it?
- What reform in the court system is needed and why?
- Court-appointed attorneys, *guardians ad litem*, and conservators: How can attorneys be educated about these roles and be encouraged to serve?
- Advocacy with civility in the probate context; families in conflict.
- Practices that are in one court but not another: Which work and which do not?
- What about pro bono obligations?
- How should the impaired lawyer be handled?

Real Estate and Business

- Balancing relationships among attorney, client, and real estate broker.
- Effective (and professional) contract negotiations.
- The attorney's conduct and role between contract signing and closing.
- Why do deals go sour?
- The attorney's conduct post-closing.
- What to do about the attorney who engages in "sharp practice" or even unethical behavior? What is the Bar's duty in policing such behavior?
- What can and should be done about the rash of defalcations by real estate attorneys?
- How can transactional lawyers satisfy their pro bono obligations?

Faculty

Civil Practice

Moderator: Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr., *Administrative Judge, Hartford Judicial District*

Panelists: James D. Bartolini, *RisCassi & Davis PC, Hartford*
Ernest J. Mattei, *Day Pitney LLP, Hartford*
Susan E. Malliet, *Malliet and Geanuracos LLC, West Hartford*

Criminal Practice

Moderator: Hon. Elliot N. Solomon, *Administrative Judge, Tolland Judicial District*

Panelists: James W. Bergenn, *Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Hartford*
Michael A. Georgetti, *Law Office of Michael A. Georgetti, Hartford*
Hope C. Seeley, *Santos & Seeley PC, Hartford*

Family Practice

Moderators: Hon. Kenneth L. Shluger, *Superior Court Judge, Rockville*

Panelists: Barbara D. Aaron, *Berman Bourns Aaron & Dembo LLC, Hartford*
Frances Z. Calafiore, *Law Office of Frances Z. Calafiore, Hartford*
Leo V. Diana, *Diana Conti & Tunila LLP, Manchester*

Juvenile Practice

Moderators: Hon. Christine E. Keller, *Chief Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division, Hartford*
Hon. Michael R. Dannehy, *Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Hartford*

Panelists: Susan T. Pearlman, *Office of the Attorney General, Hartford*
Carolyn A. Signorelli, *Commission on Child Protection, Hartford*
Bruce Tonkonow, *Member, State of Connecticut Juvenile Task Force*
Michael Walker, *Assistant Public Defender, Hartford*

Probate Practice

Moderator: Hon. Sydney W. Elkin, *Probate Court Judge, West Hartford Probate District*
Hon. Walter A. Clebowicz, *Probate Court Judge, Berlin Probate District*

Panelists: Michael M. Darby, *Phelon FitzGerald & Wood PC, Manchester*
John C. Matulis, Jr., *Januszewski McQuillan DeNigris LLP, New Britain*
Suzanne Brown Walsh, *Cummings & Lockwood LLC, West Hartford*

Real Estate and Business

Moderator: Hon. Julia L. Aurigemma, *Assistant Administrative Judge, Hartford Superior Court*
Mark S. Shipman, *Shipman Sosensky Randich & Marks LLC, Farmington*

Panelists: Francis J. Brady, *Murtha Cullina LLP, Hartford*
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