

The Hillsborough County Bar Association

presents the

**27th Annual Bench Bar Conference,
Membership Luncheon and Judicial Reception**

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Thursday, November 14, 2024

*In Memory of Bench Bar Committee Member
Liben Amedie
December 15, 1974 - November 14, 2023*

7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM

HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN

7:30 – 8:20 AM

COFFEE WITH THE JUDGES AND REGISTRATION

8:30 – 11:50 AM

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE MORNING SESSIONS

NOON – 1:00 PM

HCBA MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1:00 – 5:00 PM

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE AFTERNOON SESSIONS

5:00 – 7:30 PM

JUDICIAL RECEPTION

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AT THE HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN



To register and for more information, scan the QR code or visit www.hillsbar.com.

Sponsorships available, visit the website for more information.

Membership Luncheon

Featured Speaker

Professor Bill Hamilton, University of Florida
EDiscovery and Civil Procedure Professor

Topic: The Impacts of Artificial Intelligence
on the Practice of Law



7:30 – 8:20 AM

8:30 – 9:20 AM

9:30 – 10:45 AM

10:50 – 11:50 AM

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Morning Session Agenda

Coffee with the Judges

Plenary Session

- U.S. Supreme Court Update

Breakout Sessions

- Civil: Anchoring the Newly Amended Rules of Civil Procedure
- Criminal: Trailblazing Updates: The Latest in Criminal Law
- Family: Path to the Treasure: Obtaining an Award of Attorney's Fees in Hillsborough County Family Law Cases
- Excellence in Inquiry: A Jury Selection Primer

Breakout Sessions

- Civil: View from the Jury Box: Civil Jurors
- Criminal: Beyond the Verdict: Hearing from Criminal Jurors About Jury Service
- Family: Mountain Climbing: Dealing with Difficult People

Membership Luncheon

**Total CLE Credits: 7.0 general CLE credits including
3.0 Ethics, 2.0 Technology (Applied For)**

1:00 – 1:20 PM

1:30 – 2:20 PM

2:30 – 3:50 PM

4:00 – 5:00 PM

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Afternoon Session Agenda

Coffee Break with the Judges

Breakout Session

- Civil/Criminal/Unified Family/Dependency and Specialty Treatment Courts: Judicial Roundtable Discussions

Breakout Sessions

- Civil: Grappling with Tort Reform Law and Comparative Fault - Proving and Defending Medical Bills in Personal Injury Trials
- Criminal: Pathways to Understanding: A New Expedition in Mental Health and Criminal Law
- Family: Navigating Stormy Seas: Best Practices in Post-Judgment Matters
- Technology: AI for Excellence: Using Artificial Intelligence Tools to Advance Your Practice

Breakout Sessions

- ADR: Navigating the Do's and Don'ts of ADR: Mastering Advanced Negotiation Techniques
- Civil: Exploring Business Court: What It Is and When and How to Use It
- Criminal: Reaching the Summit: A Review of Lessons Learned with Julianne Holt
- Family: Striving for Excellence on Rough Terrain: Thoughts from the Family Law Bench

Judicial Reception

Franklin Terrace at the Hilton Tampa Downtown



Thank You

The Hillsborough County Bar Association would like to thank the Bench Bar Committee for all the effort and planning that goes into putting on such a great event!

Special Thanks to the Committee Co-Chairs

Judge Thomas Palermo and Judge Samantha Ward

27th Annual Bench Bar Conference

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the Bench Bar Conference is online at www.hillsbar.com. Space in each session is limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payment must be made at time of registration.



Bench Bar Conference Registration Fees

- HCBA Member – \$125
- Non-Member – \$175
- HCBA Member Government Attorney – \$45
- Non-Member Government Attorney* – \$45
(please call 813-221-7777 to register)
- Student Member – \$25
- Non-Member Student* – \$45
(please call 813-221-7777 to register)
- Judge – Complimentary
- Paralegal, JA, Legal Assistant, Legal Support Professional
 - \$45 – Bench Bar Conference registration only
 - \$85 – HCBA Membership & Bench Bar Conference Registration Combo

Membership Luncheon

- HCBA Members – Free
- Non-Members – \$65

Judicial Reception

- HCBA Members, Conference Attendees and Sponsors – Free

Registration for the Membership Luncheon and Judicial Reception is separate from the Bench Bar Conference.

You must register for each event separately at www.hillsbar.com.

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**For the groups noted with an asterisk, please call 813-221-7777 to register.*



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