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Presents the

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BENCH BAR CONFERENCE,
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
& JUDICIAL RECEPTION



CELEBRATING THE
RULE OF LAW:
THE PURSUIT OF
LIFE, LIBERTY & LITIGATION



DATE & TIME:

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2026

7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.



LOCATION:

JW MARRIOTT

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COFFEE WITH THE JUDGES AND REGISTRATION

8:30 – 11:50 A.M.

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE MORNING SESSIONS

NOON – 1:00 P.M.

HCBA MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1:30 – 5:00 P.M.

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE AFTERNOON SESSIONS

5:00 – 7:30 P.M.

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for more information and to register.***

Sponsorships available, visit the website for more information.

MORNING SESSION AGENDA

Coffee with the Judges and Registration

PLENARY SESSION

- What Every Body Should Know

Speaker: Joe Navarro, world-leading expert on body language

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Civil Track 1-Personal Injury:** Civil Update: What's Shaping the Law in America's 250th Year
- **Civil Track 2-Commercial Litigation:** We Are Not Boilerplate: Contractual Risk-Shifting Through Indemnity, Insurance, and Subrogation Clauses That Actually Protect Your Clients
- **Criminal:** Problem-Solving Courts: Where Clinical Meets Court
- **Family:** United We Stand, Divided We Distribute: Temporary Relief and Interim Equitable Distribution Essentials

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Civil:** View from the Jury Box: Civil Jurors
- **Criminal:** View from the Jury Box: Criminal Jurors
- **Family:** Land of the Free, Home of the Bench: Case Law Update & Judicial Insights

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

7:30 – 8:20 A.M.

8:30 – 9:20 A.M.

9:30 – 10:20 A.M.

10:25 – 11:50 A.M.

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS



Judge Thomas Palermo and Judge Helene Daniel

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!

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1:00 – 1:20 P.M.

1:30 – 2:20 P.M.

2:30 – 3:50 P.M.

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

5:00 – 7:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION AGENDA

Coffee Break

BREAKOUT SESSION

- **Civil:** View From the Bench: A Dialogue with the Civil Judges
- **Criminal:** View From the Bench: A Dialogue with the Criminal Judges
- **Family:** Judicial Roundtable Discussions

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Civil Track 1-Personal Injury:** From Bias to Balance: The Power and Limits of Jury Selection
- **Civil Track 2-Commercial Litigation:** Don't Let that Money Judgment Just Sit there, Do Something! – More on Getting to "Mr. Green"
- **Criminal:** Collateral Consequences: The Pursuit of Life Beyond Conviction
- **Family:** We the People... Should Have Read the Fine Print: Drafting Mistakes That Hurt You Later

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Civil:** DCMOs and Deadlines: Hard Stop or Not? *Binger or Crecelius*
- **Criminal:** Legislative Update: What's Shaping the Law in America's 250th Year
- **Family:** Rules of Engagement: Evidence Bootcamp: Mastering the Rules Before You Enter the Courtroom

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Total CLE Credits: 7.5 general CLE credits including 3.0 Ethics, 2.0 Technology (Applied For)

29TH 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 – \$150
- Non-Member – \$200
- 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 – \$80

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- 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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