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MELA Twelfth Annual Conference

**Friday,
December 2, 2016
8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

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The Runway: From Intake to Pretrial Conference

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8:00—8:15 a.m.	Meet and Greet, Continental Breakfast 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon Remarks: Legislative Update
8:15—8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks Robin Cockey, Esq., President	Moderator: Mary Keating, Esq., Baltimore, MD Speakers: Thomas Gagliardo, Esq., Silver Spring, MD Sally Dworak-Fisher, Public Justice Center, Baltimore, MD
8:30—9:30 a.m.	The Initial Consult: Problem Solving Robin Cockey, Esq., Salisbury, MD Wayne Outten, Esq., New York, NY	1:45—2:45 p.m. Which Road to Travel: Private Mediation and Settlement Conferences Moderator: Sally Dworak-Fisher, Public Justice Center, Baltimore, MD
9:30—10:30 a.m.	Reaping What You Sow: Retainer Agreements and Billing Linda Hitt-Thatcher, Esq., Greenbelt, MD	Speakers: The Honorable Sherrie Krauser (Ret.) Circuit Court for Prince George's County Deborah Eisenberg, Esq., Professor, University of MD, Carey School of Law, Baltimore, MD
10:30—10:45 a.m.	Morning Break	2:45—3:00 p.m. Afternoon Break
10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.	Discovery Motions Jerry Goldstein, Esq., Silver Spring, MD	3:00—4:00 p.m. Mysteries of the Pretrial Conference Moderator: John Ates, Esq., Alexandria, VA Speakers: The Honorable Benson Everett Legg (Ret.) U.S. District Court for the District of MD Ashley Bosché, Esq., Salisbury, MD
11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.	Summary Judgment Practice Neil R. Lebowitz, Esq., Elkridge, MD	4:00—5:00 p.m. Judge Grimm Wraps it All Up Moderator: Robin Cockey, Esq., Salisbury, MD Speaker: The Honorable Paul W. Grimm U.S. District Court for the District of MD
12:45—1:45 p.m.	Lunch	5:00 p.m. Cocktails and Light Hors D'oeuvres 6:00 p.m. Adjournment
1:00 p.m.	Presentation of Award to Honor Julie Martin-Korb for her Services to MEA Jason Zuckerman, Esq., Washington, D.C.	7:00 p.m. Adjournment

Tim Korb



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