

# ANNUAL MEETING 2018

## Commercial and Federal Litigation Section

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 | New York Hilton Midtown

**3.0 Total Credits:** 1.5 Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias | 1.5 credit in Ethics

### Section Program

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Rendezvous Ballroom  
3rd Floor

### Cocktail Reception

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.  
Petit Trianon Ballroom Foyer  
3rd Floor

### Luncheon

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  
Trianon Ballroom  
3rd Floor

9:00-9:10 a.m.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

##### SECTION CHAIR

**Mitchell J. Katz, Esq.**  
Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C.  
Syracuse

##### PROGRAM CHAIR

**Laurel R. Kretzing, Esq.**  
Jaspan Schlesinger LLP  
Garden City

9:10-10:25 a.m.

#### Implicit Bias and Diversity in the Legal Profession: Exploring Best Practices for Lawyers and Judges

(1.5 credits in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias)

This CLE will introduce the topic of implicit bias (from scientific and pragmatic views) and offer considerations for recognizing and addressing biases that involve gender, race, sexual orientation, and age. These biases can create access and justice barriers or impact hiring, retention, promotion, and evaluation decisions. In addition, we will discuss business advantages and other positive impacts of diversity in the legal profession.

Panelists:

**Lenora B. Foote, Esq.**, Executive Assistant to Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, Buffalo

**Sheldon K. Smith, Esq.**, Nixon Peabody, LLP, Buffalo

10:25-10:40 a.m.

#### Refreshment Break

10:40-11:55 a.m.

#### Law Firm Cyber Protection and the Ethics of Protecting Your Digital Assets: Everything You Need and Want To Know

(1.5 credit in Ethics)

This interactive program includes an overview of client and law firm business and ethical risks, addresses law firm vulnerabilities, and will discuss guidelines and advice for practitioners to be proactive in minimizing vulnerability to cyber-attacks. Panelists will discuss ways you can seek to protect your law firm's information and your client's information and comply with your ethical obligations. You will learn to recognize scams, spoofing, phishing, malware and viruses while providing you with the practices and procedures available to seek to prevent these risks. Learn about the available cyberliability insurance options and what cyberliability coverage does and does not cover.

Panel Chair:

**Michael S. Ross, Esq.**, The Law Offices of Michael S. Ross, New York City

Panelists:

**Greg Cooke**, USI Affinity, Philadelphia, PA

**James S. Gkonos, Esq.**, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Philadelphia, PA

**Michael Kraft, Esq.**, General Counsel, Kraft & Kennedy, Inc., New York City

**Patrick M. Turner, Esq.**, Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, CBS Law Department, New York City

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. **COCKTAIL RECEPTION** – Petit Trianon Ballroom Foyer, 3rd floor

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON** – Trianon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

## PRESENTATION OF THE STANLEY H. FULD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMERCIAL LAW AND LITIGATION

### Award Recipient

**Hon. Charles E. Ramos**  
Justice of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York,  
Senior Commercial Division Justice

### Award Presenter


**Michael Miller**  
President-Elect  
New York State Bar Association

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Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for a total of 3.0 credit hours ( 1.5 credits in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias and 1.5 Ethics). **This program will NOT qualify for credit for newly-admitted attorneys because it is not a basic practical skills program.**

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