



# West Virginia State Bar

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## Young Lawyer Section

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## BRIDGE THE GAP PROGRAM

The Greenbrier  
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

**March 27, 2023**

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8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Check-In
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Introduction and Welcome to West Virginia State Bar: Services Offered by the Bar – <b>Mary Jane Pickens</b> , Executive Director, West Virginia State Bar
9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Culture Shift: Tools for Sustainability in Legal Practice– <b>Stephanne Thornton</b> , Clinical Director for the West Virginia Judicial & Lawyer Assistance Program
10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Civility Matters – <b>Rob Aliff, Esq.</b> , Secretary/Treasurer, American Board of Trial Advocates, West Virginia Chapter, & <b>Tom Hurney, Esq.</b> , President, American Board of Trial Advocates, West Virginia Chapter
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Plight of the Everyday Young Lawyer: Work/Life Balance – <b>Bonnie Thomas, Esq., Jessie Robey, Esq., John Isner, Esq., Morgan Spolarich, Esq., Taylor Coplín, Esq.</b> – Moderated by <b>Ashton Bias, Esq.</b>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Federal v. State Court Civil Practice – <b>Honorable Michael Aloï &amp; Honorable Omar Aboulhosn</b> , Magistrate Judges
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	The Attorney’s Duty to the Court and Counsel – What Circuit Court Judges expect of new lawyers – <b>Judge Joseph Reeder &amp; Judge Robert Richardson</b> , West Virginia Circuit Court Judge
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	E-Filing versus Paper Filing – How to and What to Avoid – <b>Mitch Moore, Esq.</b>
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Legal Ethics: How to avoid the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and what to do if you have a complaint – <b>Rachael Cipoletti, Esq.</b>