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**BRIDGE THE GAP PROGRAM**

Embassy Suites

Charleston, West Virginia

**April 8, 2024**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Check-In

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome to West Virginia State Bar: Services Offered by the Bar – **Mary Jane Pickens**, Executive Director, West Virginia State Bar

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Culture Shift: Tools for Sustainability in Legal Practice**– Stephanne Thornton,** Clinical Director for the West Virginia Judicial & Lawyer Assistance Program

9:50 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Pro Bono in WV: Opportunities, Benefits, and Resources to Help – **Katie White, Esq.**, Legal Aid of West Virginia

10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Federal v. State Court Civil Practice – **Honorable Michael Aloi & Honorable Omar Aboulhosn,** Federal Magistrate Judges

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Civility Matters – **Rob Aliff, Esq.,** Secretary/Treasurer, American Board of Trial Advocates, West Virginia Chapter

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Plight of the Everyday Young Lawyer: Work/Life Balance – **Bonnie Thomas, Esq., Ashton Bias, Esq., John Isner, Esq., Sophia Mills, Esq****. –** Moderated by **Lindsey McIntosh, Esq.**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Puppy Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. The Attorney’s Duty to the Court and Counsel – What Circuit Court Judges expect of new lawyers – **Honorable Joseph Reeder,** Putnam Circuit Court Judge

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 – **Rachael Cipoletti, Esq.**