



The Second Judge Mark R. Kravitz Symposium on the Administration of Justice

**“Dollars, Sense and the High Cost of Litigation:
Causes, Consequences and Responses”**

**Quinnipiac University School of Law
North Haven, CT
March 6, 2015**

In 2012, the Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows held the inaugural Judge Mark R. Kravitz Symposium on the Administration of Justice in honor of the late Judge Kravitz. The topic of that symposium was “The Vanishing Trial,” which was the subject of both a published article by Judge Kravitz and his keynote speech at the Connecticut Bar Foundation Annual Reception in 2005.

This year’s symposium will explore one of the legal profession’s most pressing issues: the high cost associated with the delivery of legal services. Financial barriers frequently preclude individuals from accessing the judicial system, which impedes lawyers from litigating and judges from adjudicating meritorious cases. This symposium will discuss the impact that costs have had on the traditional trial system and the role that alternative fee arrangements and other initiatives designed to increase judicial economy will have in shaping the future of the legal profession. Members of the bench and the bar will share their perspectives on ways that attorneys and judges can collaborate to manage costs beginning at the initial stages of the litigation process.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 7:45 a.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast - Lobby**
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.** **Introductions and Welcome - *Ceremonial Courtroom***
Jennifer G. Brown, Dean, Quinnipiac University School of Law
James T. (Tim) Shearin, President-elect, Connecticut Bar Foundation;
Pullman & Comley LLC
James K. Robertson, Jr., Chair, Judge Mark R. Kravitz Symposium
Planning Committee; Carmody & Torrance LLP; American College of
Trial Lawyers
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.** **Overview – *Ceremonial Courtroom***
Presenters: **Hon. William H. Bright, Jr.**, Superior Court Administrative
Judge for the Judicial District of Tolland
Frederic S. Ury, Ury & Moskow LLC
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.** **Does the Hourly Rate Contribute to the High Cost of Litigation –
Are There Viable Alternatives to Make Litigation More Affordable?
*Ceremonial Courtroom***
Moderator: **Steven M. Greenspan**, Vice President and Chief Litigation
Counsel, United Technologies Corp.
Panelists: **Mark S. Gilcreast**, Managing Attorney – New England,
Allstate, Encompass & esurance Staff Counsel
Peter A. Giuliani, Smock Law Firm Consultants
Chris R. Nelson, Nelson | Votto
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:30 – 12:40 p.m.** **Bench/Bar Perspectives – *Ceremonial Courtroom***
Moderator: **James T. (Tim) Shearin**, President-elect, Connecticut Bar
Foundation; Pullman & Comley LLC
Panelists: **Hon. Robert N. Chatigny**, Judge, U.S. District Court, District
of Connecticut
Dean M. Cordiano, American Board of Trial Advocates; Day
Pitney LLP; General Counsel, Loureiro
Hon. Donna F. Martinez, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court,
District of Connecticut
James K. Robertson, Jr., American College of Trial Lawyers;
Chair, Judge Mark R. Kravitz Symposium Planning
Committee; Carmody & Torrance LLP
Hon. Carl J. Schuman, Superior Court Judge
Angelo A. Ziotas, President, Connecticut Trial
Lawyers Association; Silver Golub & Teitell.
- 12:40 – 1:00 p.m.** **Questions and Closing Remarks – *Ceremonial Courtroom***
Hon. William H. Bright, Jr., Superior Court Administrative Judge for the
Judicial District of Tolland

Post-Symposium Discussion (Optional)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Past, Present and Future:

A Discussion among Experienced and New Lawyers - *Pondview Room*

Following the Kravitz Symposium, attendees are invited to join some of the panelists, as well as members of the bench and the bar, for candid and open discussions regarding the topics of the Kravitz Symposium and their experiences in the legal profession. This will be a unique opportunity for law students and young lawyers to gain insight regarding their personal and professional development from experienced lawyers and judges.

Attendees may purchase a lunch in the cafeteria adjacent to the Pondview Room.

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