



The Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Presents:

Relevance, Proportionality, and the State of Discovery and Case Management in 2019

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- The Honorable Joy Flowers Conti, U.S. District Court Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania
- The Honorable Nora Barry Fischer, U.S. District Court Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania
- Jason M. Schiffman, Partner, Schiffman Firm
- Charles A. DeMonaco, Partner, Fox Rothschild

The panel will be moderated by Gregory Monaco, President of the Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Attendees will receive one hour of Pennsylvania CLE credit. Lunch will be provided.

The program will be held at 12:00 P.M. in the Jury Assembly Room (Third Floor) of the Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse in Pittsburgh on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Completed registration forms must be received by no later than Monday, February 18, 2019.

ENROLLMENT FORM (2-21-19 CLE Program)

**Thursday, February 21, 2019
Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse, Pittsburgh
Third Floor, Jury Assembly Room
12:00–1:00 P.M.**

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**Registration Fee (including lunch): \$25 for FBA Members
\$50 for Non-FBA Members**

Please register early, as there are a limited number of seats available. Attendees should return this enrollment form with a check payable to the “Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association,” by Monday, February 18, 2019, to:

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