



Maryland Employment Lawyers Association

MELA is the Maryland affiliate of the National Employment Lawyers Association, an organization comprised of attorneys who primarily represent employees in labor and employment matters.

MELA Seventh Annual Conference

**Friday,
November 18, 2011
8:45 am – 4:30 pm**

**Doubletree Hotel Columbia
5485 Twin Knolls Road
Columbia, MD 21045
410-997-1060**

Maryland Employment
Lawyers Association

Julie Glass Martin-Korb, Treasurer
7836 Rydal Terrace
Rockville, MD 20855
Phone: 301-775-6688
Email: membership@marylandemploymentlawyers.org

Seventh Annual Conference

*Breaking News In Maryland
Employment Law*

*Friday, November 18, 2011
8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel
Columbia*



Registration Form

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Special Accommodations Requested: _____

Lunch preference:

vegetarian
 non-vegetarian

Amount of Payment:

\$175 - Conference Only
 \$200 - Conference + 1yr. MELA membership
(through 12/31/12)
 \$50 - one-year MELA membership only
(through 12/31/12)

(Membership Form Attached)

Please return your complete membership and check (made payable to MELA) to:

Mail to:

Julie Glass Martin-Korb
7836 Rydal Terrace
Rockville, MD 20855
Phone: 301-775-6688
Email: membership@marylandemploymentlawyers.org

Maryland Employment
Lawyers Association

MELA

Conference Agenda

(Speakers and Agenda subject to change)

8:45-9:15 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:15-9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

9:30-10:30 a.m. ***Grinding Out The Settlement Agreement:
Navigating The Ethical and Legal Minefield***

Moderator: Daniel A. Katz
Law Offices of Gary Gilbert
Silver Spring, Maryland

Speakers: Andrew Dansicker
Law Office of Andrew M. Dansicker, LLC
Hunt Valley, Maryland
(Employee's Viewpoint)

Laura Rubenstein
Offit|Kurman
Maple Lawn, Maryland
(Employer's Viewpoint)

10:35 a.m. **Break**

10:45-11:45 a.m. ***Depositions in Employment Cases***

Speakers: Robin Cockey
Cockey, Brennan & Maloney, P.C.
Salisbury, Maryland

Linda Thatcher
Thatcher Law Firm
Greenbelt, Maryland

**11:45-12:30 p.m. *Making a Difference in Annapolis:
An Overview of the Key Pending Employment
Legislation and What Practitioners Can Do To Help
Get Legislation Passed***

Moderator: Tom Gagliardo
The Gagliardo Law Firm
Silver Spring, Maryland

Speakers: Senator Jamie Raskin
Maryland State Senate, District 20,
Montgomery County;

Sally Dworak-Fisher
Legislative Director, Public Justice Center;

Elbridge James
President, Progressive Maryland

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30 p.m. ***You Know How to Whistle Don't
You? Whistleblower Law and
Practice in Maryland***

Moderator: Julie Glass Martin-Korb
Rockville, Maryland

Speakers: Honorable Sally Adkins
Maryland Court of Appeals
Annapolis, Maryland

Jason Zuckerman U.S. Office of Special Counsel
Washington, D.C. Richard Renner
National Whistleblowers Ctr.
Washington, D.C.

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45-3:45 p.m. ***"I've Been Suspended By A State Agency!
What Should I Do?" Representing State
Employees***

Moderators: Jerry Goldstein Bethesda, Maryland
Mary Keating Baltimore, Maryland

Speakers: Honorable Mary K. Shock
Office of Administrative Hearings
Hunt Valley, Maryland F.J. Collins
Kahn Smith & Collins
Baltimore, Maryland

Michele McDonald
State Workers Compensation Commission
Baltimore, Maryland

3:45-4:30 **Short and Timely Employment Law Topics**
Moderator: Andrew Dansicker

How to Make Your Fee Petition More Palatable To Maryland
Judges

Julie Glass Martin-Korb, Rockville, Maryland

Philip Zipin, Zipin Law Firm, LLC
Silver Spring, Maryland

Credit Catch 22: Employment Discrimination Based on Credit
History and Maryland's New Law Banning the Practice

Jonathan Harris
Skadden Fellow, Public Justice Center
Baltimore, Maryland