



The Dauphin County Bar Association  
and  
The Keystone Bar Association  
(Formerly Harrisburg Black Attorneys Association)

Present

The Tenth Annual Black History Month CLE Series

Session #1

**“Reform of the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law:  
Filling the Gaps in the Mandatory Reporting Requirements of  
Suspected Child Sex Abuse”**

(See attached flyer with presentation description)

featuring:

*Professor Starla Williams, Julia L. Tilley & Rev. Ronald Tilley*

**Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

12:00 noon - Program

Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

This CLE will qualify for 1 substantive credit.

Session #2

**“Legal Ethics of Social Media”**

featuring:

*Edward G. Lanza, Esquire*

Eckert Seamans

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

12:00 noon - Program

Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

This CLE will qualify for 1 ethics credit.

This presentation gives a brief introduction on the ways that lawyers are using social media tools as part of their practice and offer tips based on the PA Rules of Professional Responsibility to avoid ethical pitfalls.

Ed practices in the area of utilities and telecommunications law, energy regulation, civil litigation and administrative law. He edits Eckert Seaman’s Utilities Law Blog and is an avid user of social media. He serves as Regional President for the Hispanic National Bar Association and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Harrisburg Area Community College Foundation.

Registration for February Keystone Bar Association CLE’s.

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Materials will be emailed to registrants as soon as they are available. You may also find them on our web-site on the on-line events calendar.

The fee will be as follows: Members of DCBA and/or KBA: \$35 for one session or \$60 for two sessions Non-Members of DCBA and/or KBA: \$45 for one session or \$70 for two sessions.

Please register by the deadline given for each session. Lunch cannot be guaranteed for late registrants.

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## ***Reform of the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law: Filling the Gaps in the Mandatory Reporting Requirements of Suspected Child Sex Abuse***

**Course Description:** The recent Penn State child sex abuse scandal exposes numerous gaps in the state's mandatory reporting requirements of suspected child sex abuse. This course examines current shortfalls in Pennsylvania's child abuse reporting laws and proposes changes that increase the accountability of mandatory reporters. By using the Penn State tragedy as a critical case study, this course explores how these essential reforms can improve state reporting requirements to protect potential victims of child abuse in the Commonwealth.

**Learning Objectives:** Course participants will acquire knowledge of the current mandatory reporting provisions of the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law (CPSL), 23 Pa. C.S. §§ 6311, 6313, and 6319. Attendees will become familiar with existing statutory shortfalls that fail to hold mandatory reporters and their institutional employers, such as Penn State University, accountable for notifying child welfare authorities and law enforcement officials of suspected child abuse. Finally, practitioners will analyze three proposed legislative reforms that address deficiencies in mandatory reporting laws exacerbating the Penn State scandal.

**Presenters' Biographical Sketch:** Professor Starla J. Williams of Widener University School of Law has practiced law for over two decades in Pennsylvania. She has represented indigent parents accused of child abuse and neglect in more than one hundred dependency proceedings before the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. As a former program director of a state-licensed foster care agency servicing over 1,200 child abuse victims, Professor Williams has implemented policies and procedures governing mandatory reporting of child abuse for social workers, child welfare professionals, and foster parents.

Julia L. Tilley, a licensed clinical social worker of thirteen years, is a graduate of Penn State University. Her practice specializes in family therapy to counsel and heal troubled families. She is co-founder of Justice4victim2, an advocacy group dedicated to the immediate closing of loopholes in current Pennsylvania child abuse prevention laws that directly contributed to the Penn State tragedy. As a mandatory reporter, parent, and concerned citizen, Mrs. Tilley lobbies for reform of the mandatory reporting provisions of the state Child Protective Services Law.

Reverend Ronald Tilley is Executive Director of Firm Foundation of Pennsylvania, a grassroots faith-based organization devoted to fostering total revitalization in the lives of residents within the Capital Region. Pastor Tilley has conducted extensive research of child abuse mandatory reporting laws in all 50 states in the aftermath of the Penn State sex abuse scandal. He and Julia Tilley undertake relentless efforts to advance fundamental changes in Pennsylvania laws that maintain the safety and well-being of children and youth.