



**PENNSYLVANIA DEFENSE INSTITUTE**  
**2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**&**  
**CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**  
**PROGRAM**



**JULY 14, 15, & 16, 2021**

**HISTORIC AND BEAUTIFUL OMNI BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT**



**2021 PDI ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**OMNI BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT**  
**JULY 14, 15 &16, 2021**

The Pennsylvania Defense Institute (PDI) is hosting the 2021 Annual Conference at the historic and beautiful Bedford Springs Resort. PDI has been serving the defense bar, the insurance industry and business interests in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for over 50 years. This year's Annual Conference promises to be one of the best events presented by PDI with a special emphasis on a restart to in person litigation with the lessening of COVID 19 restrictions and the transformation of the practice of law and operations in the insurance industry. Do not miss this opportunity to participate in a great educational program, network with colleagues, socialize with friends, and enjoy a great family adventure all wrapped up in one trip to a fantastic resort.

Working with our hosts at the OMNI Bedford Springs Resort, as with last years successful and safe conference, all restrictions required will be followed to do all that is necessary to make this a safe, fun and educational event.

Join your colleagues in a round of golf during the PDI Annual Golf Classic, spend time with family and friends participating in the many activities offered by Omni Bedford Springs Resort, relax at the pool, spa and just take in the pleasant surroundings of the Resort.

Reserve your room by June 15, 2021 to receive the PDI discounted rates. See the reservation page in this brochure for information on making your reservations.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!**

# OMNI BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT



**History of Resort** – Located in the Allegheny Mountains in southern Pennsylvania, for more than 200 years, the eight mineral springs located on the resort’s property served as an important gathering place. Native Americans first used the mineral springs for their curative properties. In 1796, Dr. John Anderson purchased 2,200 acres on which the resort now stands. He built a home on the property and as word spread of the unique waters, visitors began coming to the springs from around the globe for purposes of experiencing the waters and the custom prescriptions that Dr. Anderson offered based upon the visitors needs.

Dr. Anderson built The Stone Inn in 1806 for visitors to take advantage of the waters. The Stone Inn was built with stone quarried from atop the mountain adjacent to The Springs and carried down the mountain by oxen.

In 1884, the resort was designated a National Historic Landmark. Bedford Springs has hosted a long list of celebrities, wealthy clientele, corporate magnates and dignitaries from around the world. The resort has hosted a total of 13 Presidents, seven of whom visited during their presidency. The Presidents include: Thomas Jefferson, James Buchanan, James Polk, John Tyler, Andrew Jackson, Zachary Taylor, James Garfield, William Taft, William Harrison, Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush. President Buchanan actually used Bedford Springs as the “summer White House”.



**Activities:** Springs Eternal Spa is a 30,000 square foot destination spa and is one of the few spas in the country utilizing natural spring water in all of its treatments. The treatments are inspired by the resort’s eight mineral springs first used by the local Native Americans for their healing properties. Unwind with a soothing massage or beauty treatment or simply spend a few moments in the serene spa garden.



**Resort Pools** – Enjoy the Heated Spring-Fed Indoor Pool. In 1905, Bedford Springs debuted one of the first indoor pools in the United States. Once upon a time musicians would serenade the swimmers from an elevated opera box. Now you can experience this sparkling gem, fully restored to its lavish beauty. In warmer months, you can unwind in the alluring outdoor pool and whirlpool overlooking the lush Allegheny Mountains. It is a refreshing escape for all ages.

**Outdoor Activities** – There are many outdoor activities available at the Resort for all ages. Enjoy the famous fire pit on the front lawn for an evening under the stars warming by the fire and roasting a fresh smore with your friends and family. There are a number of hiking trails on the property to explore. Whether your choice is a leisurely walk or a challenging fitness hike, it will be found at Bedford Springs Resort. Or you can take a Historic Hike with a Resort guide to learn about pre-historic times, Native American tribes, early settlers and the healing waters.



There is also biking, fishing, geocaching, lawn games, and Segway tours available. Golf is always an option on the historic and beautiful Bedford Springs Resort Golf Course

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. **YOUNG LAWYERS AND FIRST TIME ATTENDEES MIXER**  
**PDI Board of Directors**

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

8:30 p.m.— 12:00 a.m. **PDI WELCOME RECEPTION**

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**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— 8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST—FIRST LADIES LOUNGE**

8:30 a.m.— 8:45 a.m. **WELCOME—COLONNADE ROOM**  
**Monica O’Neill, Esquire, PDI President**  
**James Scott, Esquire, PDI Executive Vice President—**

8:45 a.m.—9:45 a.m. **Legal Malpractice Concerns in the New Remote World—Ethics**  
**Complaints, Legal Malpractice Actions, and Protecting Your Practice in**  
**the Post-COVID-19 -World**  
**Moderator: Jeff Brien, Esquire,**  
**Regional Sales Director/Claim Attorney,**  
**Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company**  
**Panelists: Todd C. Scott, VP of Risk Management,**  
**Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Co.**  
**Charlene S. Seibert, Esquire**  
**Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin**

9:45 a.m.— 10:45 a.m. **“Under Construction: The Future of Cannabis in Pennsylvania”**  
**Moderator: Rebecca Sember Iszak, Esquire**  
**Thomas Thomas & Hafer**  
**Panelist: Peter Bio, Partner, FocusGrowth Capital Partners**  
**Kevin I. Goldberg, Esquire, GLeaf**

10:45 a.m.— 11:00 a.m. **BREAK—CONSTITUTIONAL HALL AND FIRST LADIES**  
**LOUNGE**

11:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. **“Legal Marketing on LinkedIn—Learn How Law Firms are Leveraging**  
**LinkedIn’s Unique Data and Environment to Engage Clients and**  
**Prospects to Grow Their Business.”**  
**Moderator: Robert J. Aldrich, Esquire**  
**Marall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin**  
**Panelist: Dan Horowitz, Senior Director LinkedIn**

12:00 p.m.— 1:15 p.m. **LUNCH, PDI BUSINESS MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY—**  
**COLONNADE ROOM**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021 (Continued)**

- 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. **GOLF TOURNAMENT/SPA TIME/POOL TIME/  
ACTIVITIES ON YOUR OWN**
- 6:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. **PRESIDENT ‘S RECEPTION AND DINNER—THE MILL**
- 9:00 p.m.—12:00 p.m. **NETWORK DEPOSITIONS RECEPTION—  
INDOOR POOL TERRACE**
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**Friday, July 16, 2020**

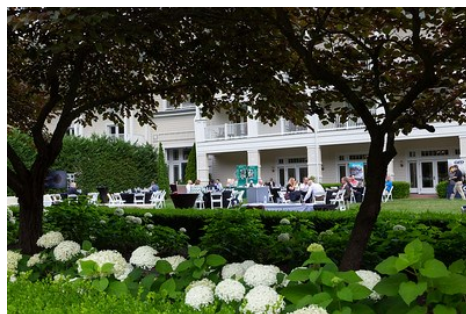
- 7:45 a.m.— 8:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST - FIRST LADIES LOUNGE  
COLONNADE ROOM**
- 8:45 a.m.— 9:45 a.m. **“Emerging From the Dumpster Fire: A New Era and Opportunities For  
Voir Dire”**  
**Panelists: Jill Huntley Taylor, Ph.D.**  
**President and CEO of Taylor Trial Consulting**  
**Jill Cranston Rice, Esquire**  
**Dinsmore & Shohl**
- 9:45 a.m.— 10:45 a.m. **“Experience From the Bench—Appellate Court Preferences, Best Industry  
Practices, Pandemic Court/Industry Adjustments and Unusual and  
Entertaining Stories”**  
**Moderator: Lisa Katterman, Esquire**  
**Senior Corporate Counsel and**  
**Director, Government Relations and Compliance,**  
**Penn National Insurance Company**  
**Panelists: The Honorable P. Kevin Brobson,**  
**President Judge of the Commonwealth Court of PA**  
**Ron Gallagher, President**  
**Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance**  
**Companies**
- 10:45 a.m.—11:00 a.m. **BREAK—CONSTITUTIONAL HALL AND FIRST LADIES  
LOUNGE**
- 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **“The New Marketing Tool—Creating a Podcast that People Want to  
Hear”**  
**Panelists: Nichole Perzel**  
**Growth Facilitator, W.N. Tuscano Agency, Inc.**  
**Patrick T. Reilly, Esquire**  
**Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin**

**Thank You for Attending and Have a Safe Trip Home.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN ON ATTENDING**

**2022 PDI ANNUAL CLE & CONFERENCE—JULY 13, 14, 15, 2022**

ENJOY GOOD EDUCATION ON HOT TOPICS  
IN A COLLEGIAL ENVIRONMENT AT  
THE HISTORIC AND BEAUTIFUL OMNI BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT





**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

**Complete Both Pages**

Firm/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate/Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Annual Conference (Includes two Breakfasts, One Lunch, Hospitality Socials,  
President's Reception, and 6 CLE Credits)

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Attorney (\$450)      \_\_\_\_\_ Bring Associate/Partner Discount (\$225)

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member Attorney (\$575)      \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Professional (\$175)

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**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants (\$135.00)

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**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR SPOUSE, GUEST OR CHILDREN**

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest (\$45/per person)      \_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$20/per person)

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Childrens' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR SPOUSE, GUEST OR CHILDREN**

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest (\$30/per person)      \_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$15/per person)

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Childrens' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SUMMARY OF COSTS

Annual Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Golf \_\_\_\_\_

President's Reception (Spouse/Guest/Children) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MAY BE MADE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete Form and mail with a check payable to "PDI" at: Pennsylvania Defense Institute, P.O. Box 6099, Harrisburg, PA 17112

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Completed Form to [cwasilefski@padefense.org](mailto:cwasilefski@padefense.org) or to [lgamby@padefense.org](mailto:lgamby@padefense.org) and mail Check payable to "PDI" at: Pennsylvania Defense Institute, P.O. Box 6099, Harrisburg, PA 17112

\_\_\_\_\_ Go to PDI website at [www.padefense.org](http://www.padefense.org) and register using form provided on website and pay through PayPal.



## OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS

### REGISTER YOUR ROOM NOW

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT THE OMNI BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT NOW TO ASSURE THAT YOU GET THE PDI DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE.

Discounted Room Rates will remain valid until **June 15 2021**. The Discounted Rates are as follows: Deluxe Room - \$224 Plus RF & Tax; Resort View Room \$264 Plus RF and Tax; and Luxury Spa Room - \$354 Plus RF and Tax.

Call the Omni Bedford Springs Resort at 800-843-6664 (800-THE-OMNI) and reference “Pennsylvania Defense Institute” or block code—071421PENNSYLVA to make your reservations. Or you can make your reservations on line at the following internet address: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/bedford-springs/meetings/pennsylvania-defense-institute-07142021>

PDI Officers, Directors and Board of Members look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Annual Conference on July 14, 15, and 16, 2021 for a great event. Do not miss this fantastic opportunity to obtain CLE Credits and meet with and socialize with friends and family.

**SEE YOU AT BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT**

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEFENSE INSTITUTE THANKS  
OUR STATEWIDE SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

