

Appellate Practice Committee
2010-2011 Year-End Report
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Report of Allegheny County Bar Association
Appellate Practice Committee

The 2010-2011 year has been an active one for the Appellate Practice Committee. Our primary problem goal has been to provide educational forums for the bar on appellate practice issues.

In December, 2010 we sponsored a Lunch and Learn where Ernest Gennaccaro, Esq. of the Central Legal Staff of the Superior Court spoke on the internal operating procedures of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

In June, 2011 President Judge Correale Stevens of the Superior Court presented a seminar which was co-sponsored with the Superior Court, giving his thoughts on how best to approach both brief writing and appellate arguments.

At the 2011 Bench Bar, the Appellate Practice Committee presented a session "Effective Brief Writing for Appellate Courts". Speakers included Robert Byer, an experienced appellate practitioner and former Judge of the Commonwealth Court, Judge Gene Strassburger of the Pennsylvania Superior Court and a presentation from Justice Debra Todd of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

All these sessions were well attended by the bar and the Appellate Practice Committee will continue to sponsor further seminars in the coming year. The Appellate Practice Committee welcomes new members to its committee of those interested in this field.