ACBA Hosting Transgender Rights Discussion at Omni William Penn Hotel Thursday, June 9

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rachel Levine, Pennsylvania Physician General

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Bar Association will present Translating Transgender Issues: Understanding the Challenges Faced by Transgender Pennsylvanians – a discussion on transgender rights – from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Monongahela Room. The event is open to the public.

Transgender individuals face an array of challenges in today's society, many of which involve legal issues. Dr. Rachel Levine, Physician General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a transgender woman, will address a number of these topics as the keynote speaker at this event. Dr. Levine will discuss healthcare access issues faced by transgender individuals, among other topics.

Additionally, Michael D. Silverman, Executive Director of the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, will provide updates on developments in federal law and TLDEF’s Name Change Project.

Pennsylvania Rep. Dan Frankel will address current efforts to pass the Fairness Act, which would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and expression in employment and in public accommodations.

Additionally, Maryellen Madden, a transgender woman and attorney with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, will discuss, among other topics, the challenges faced by transgender individuals in the workplace and ways employers can work with employees who are transitioning.

The program is organized by the ACBA LGBT Rights Committee, in conjunction with the ACBA Young Lawyers Division Diversity Committee and the ACBA Health Law Section. The event is sponsored by the following law firms: Littler Mendelson; Meyer, Unkovic and Scott; Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney; and Stanley M. Stein.

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Admission is free for ACBA members and $10 for all others. Admission includes light hors d'oeuvres; a cash bar will be available. The Omni William Penn Hotel is located at 530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219. The Monongahela Room is located on the hotel’s 17th floor.

To register or for more information, visit acba.org or call 412-261-6161.

MEDIA INFO

Members of the media are invited to cover Translating Transgender Issues: Understanding the Challenges Faced by Transgender Pennsylvanians. Pre-arranged credentials are required. For additional information or to make arrangements to cover the event, contact Brian Knavish at the contact information below.

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About the ACBA
Chartered in 1870 and headquartered in downtown Pittsburgh, the Allegheny County Bar Association is a professional organization with approximately 6,000 member attorneys, judges, district justices, legal administrators, and paralegals.

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