

**WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**2024 ATTORNEY TRAINING**  
**PROBATE ATTORNEY TRAINING**

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

9:00 – 9:05 AM	Introduction	Hon. Freddie G. Burton, Jr. <i>Chief Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
9:05 – 9:25 AM	Basics of Probate Court Jurisdiction	Hon. Lawrence J. Paolucci <i>Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
9:25 – 9:40 AM	Behavioral Health Unit – Deferral Conferences	Sojourner Jones <i>BHU Liaison Manager Wayne County Probate Court</i>
9:40 – 10:25 AM	Anatomy of a Probate Case Questions and Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Estate Proceedings Overview</li><li>➤ Questions and Answers</li></ul>	Kevin Sanker, Esq. <i>Court Attorney Wayne County Probate Court</i>
10:25 - 10:30 AM	Q&A (for early AM presentations)	<i>All presenters</i>
10:30 – 10:40 AM	<b><u>BREAK</u></b>	
10:40 – 11:10 AM	Serving as a Guardian Ad Litem – Overview and Common-Sense Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ In General</li><li>➤ Practical Tips from the Bench</li><li>➤ Practical Tips from the Bar</li><li>➤ Adult Guardianship Proceedings</li><li>➤ Adult Guardianship Reviews</li><li>➤ Estate/Conservatorship Proceedings</li><li>➤ Minor Guardianships</li></ul>	Hon. Terrance A. Keith <i>Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>  Teri A. Jordan, Esq. <i>Law Offices of Teri A. Jordan</i>  Roman J. Ficaj, Esq. <i>Law Offices of Roman J. Ficaj, PLLC</i>
11:10 – 11:30 AM	Serving as Assigned Counsel <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Mental Health Commitments</li><li>➤ Adult Guardianships</li><li>➤ Minor Guardianships</li></ul>	Hon. Judy A. Hartsfield <i>Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Attorney Do’s and Don’ts	Hon. David Braxton <i>Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
11:45 – 12:00 PM	The Process at Wayne County Probate Court: Who and What Attorneys Need to Know to Practice Effectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Key Staff Persons</li><li>➤ Process for Obtaining Assignments</li><li>➤ Getting Paid</li></ul>	Jennifer Parmalee, Esq. <i>Chief Deputy Probate Register, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
11:55 – 12:00 PM	Q&A (for late AM presentations)	<i>All Presenters</i>

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**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

1:00 – 1:05 PM	Introduction	Hon. Freddie G. Burton Jr. <i>Chief Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
1:05 - 1:30 PM	Probate Court Jurisdiction: The Nitty Gritty	Hon. Lawrence J. Paolucci <i>Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Case Law Update	Hon. Michael J. McClory <i>Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
1:45 - 2:45PM	Legislative Update – EPIC Omnibus/UPOA	Nathan Piwowski, Esq. <i>McCurdy, Wotila, and Porteous, PLC</i>
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Administrative & Procedural Updates	April K. Maycock <i>Probate Register,, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Form Updates	Jennifer Parmalee, Esq. <i>Chief Deputy Probate Register, Wayne County Probate Court</i>
3:15 – 3:20 PM	Wayne County Probate Bar Association	Bruce Rice, Esq. <i>President Wayne County Probate Bar Association</i>
3:20 – 3:40 PM	Q&A for all presentations	<i>All presenters</i>
3:40 – 3:55 PM	Special Remarks for Judge Burton	Jennifer Parmalee, facilitator
3:55 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Hon. Freddie G. Burton Jr. <i>Chief Judge, Wayne County Probate Court</i>

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