EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LABOR ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

November 3, 2017
Newport Marriott Hotel
25 America’s Cup Avenue, Newport, RI

WHERE
Newport Marriott Hotel
25 America’s Cup Avenue
Newport, RI

FREE PARKING
Gateway Center Lot
Next door to the Newport Marriott Hotel

WHEN
November 3, 2017
8:30 am — 3:30 pm

COST
$165 registration fee*
Includes lunch, coffee, and conference materials
*If received before September 30, fee is $150

REGISTRATION
Register online at:
web.uri.edu/lrc
by October 30, 2017

PAYMENT
Credit Cards Accepted
or pay by check (after registering online) made payable to:
URI Labor Research Center Conferences
and mail to:
Schmidt Labor Research Center
36 Upper College Road
Kingston, RI 02881

QUESTIONS?
Call: 401-874-2239
or email: lrc@etal.uri.edu

2018 SAVE THE DATES
April 27
Employment Law Conference

November 2
Labor Arbitration Conference
8:30 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:45 am Welcome
Mark M. Grossman, Esq.
Assistant Professor, Schmidt Labor Research Center, URI, Kingston, RI

9:00-10:00 am Labor/Management Relations—How Are We Doing Now and Where Are We Going?
MODERATOR: William E. O’Gara, Esq.
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara
Johnston, RI

SPEAKERS:
George Nee, President
RI AFL-CIO
Providence, RI

Cheryl Perry, VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Providence Community Health Centers
Providence, RI

Jennifer Reagan, Executive Director of Human Resources
Twin River Casino
Lincoln, RI

Michael F. Sabintoni, President
RI Building and Construction Trades Council
Providence, RI

10:00-11:00 am Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

1. Arbitration Cases Where the Grievant is Accused of Criminal Conduct
SPEAKERS: Marc B. Gursky, Esq.
Gursky Wiens Attorneys at Law
North Kingstown, RI

Anna Nesterova, Labor Counsel, East FirstGroup America, Inc.
Boston, MA

2. Practical Techniques for Direct and Cross-Examination
SPEAKERS: Vincent F. Ragosta, Esq.
Law Offices of Vincent F. Ragosta Jr.
Providence, RI

Mike Colucci, Esq.
Olenn & Penza, LLP
Warwick, RI

3. The Future of Labor Dispute Resolution in the US and Elsewhere
SPEAKERS: Thomas A. Kochan, Arbitrator
Chestnut Hill, MA

Arnold M. Zack, Arbitrator
Boston, MA

11:15 am -12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

1. The Use of Recordings, Such as Those Made by Cell Phones, as Evidence in Arbitrations
SPEAKERS: Joseph D. Whelan, Esq.
Whelan, Corrente, Flanders, Kinder & Sikut LLP
Providence, RI

Carly B. Iafrate, Esq.
Law Office of Carly B. Iafrate
Providence, RI

2. Drug Testing Under RI and MA Law and Before Arbitrators
SPEAKERS: John D. Doran, Esq.
Littler Mendelson P.C.
Providence, RI

Christopher Callaci, General Counsel
UNAP
Providence, RI

3. What You Always Wanted to Know About Arbitration and Were Afraid to Ask
SPEAKERS: Eileen A. Cenci, Arbitrator
Hyannis, MA

Gerard Gomez, Arbitrator
Norwell, MA

12:15-1:15 pm Lunch

1:15-2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

1. The Scope of an Arbitrator’s Authority in Public Sector Arbitration
SPEAKERS: Vicki J. Bejma, Esq.
Robinson & Clapham
Providence, RI

Elizabeth A. Wiens, Esq.
Gursky Wiens Attorneys at Law
North Kingstown, RI

2. Off-Duty Misconduct
SPEAKERS: Thomas Landry, Esq.
Krakow & Souris
Boston, MA

Michael D. Chittick, Esq.
Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.
Providence, RI

3. Case Presentation Blunders and Strokes of Genius—How to Avoid Costly Mistakes and Strive for the Result You Want
SPEAKERS: Joseph Daly, Arbitrator
Wamer, NH

James Cooper, Arbitrator
Boston, MA

2:30-3:30 pm Rhode Island Labor and Employment Law Update
SPEAKERS: Robert P. Brooks, Esq.
Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.
Providence, RI

Joseph F. Penza, Jr., Esq.
Olenn & Penza, LLP
Warwick, RI

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the Labor Arbitration Conference is $165 and includes lunch, coffee, and conference materials. If payment is received before September 30, 2017, the fee is $150. Space is limited to 150 participants. All registrations must be done online at web.uri.edu/lrc/.

Credits cards are accepted. You may also pay by check (after registering online), which should be made payable to URI Labor Research Center Conferences and mailed to: Schmidt Labor Research Center, University of Rhode Island, 36 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881.

The conference site at the Newport Marriott is accessible to individuals with disabilities. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities, the sponsors will make reasonable accommodations to ensure program access. Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations should indicate so on their registration form or call the Schmidt Labor Research Center (401-874-2239) at least 3 days before the conference.

For TTY assistance, please call RI Relay Service at: 1-800-745-5555.

Special Note for Attorneys:
This program has been approved for 6 MCLE credits with zero ethics credits. The provider name is URI Schmidt Labor Research Center on the Rhode Island Supreme Court attorney portal.

Directions:
For directions, call the Newport Marriott Hotel at 401-849-1000 or visit their website: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvdlw-newport-marriott