

**FREE ONLINE CLE FOR ALL BERKS BAR MEMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13th - 12:00 PM VIA ZOOM
1 ETHICS CREDIT**



Looking to make a significant and lasting difference in the lives of individuals eager to improve themselves, their families, and their communities? The Berks County Bar Association, Berks Connections/Pre-Trial Services, state Sen. Judy Schwank and other community organizations are working to create the Berks County Pardon Project. Pennsylvania has streamlined the procedure for obtaining pardons, recognizing that a pardon can help non-violent ex-offenders who have “paid their debt to society” find better jobs and provide an economic boost for the entire Commonwealth.

This seminar will help prepare attorneys and volunteers to become Pardon Coaches. Serving as a Pardon Coach means helping clients with obtaining court documents, filling out their pardon application and providing tips on writing persuasive narratives, and giving applicants the best chance possible for earning a hearing before the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons. Attorneys who complete this seminar and then volunteer as a Pardon Coach may be able to fulfill their annual Bar Association pro bono service requirement. Leading this seminar will be Carl “Tobey” Oxholm III, Esq., director of The Pardon Project, an initiative of Philadelphia Lawyers For Social Equity. Mr. Oxholm will discuss the Rules of Professional Conduct as they relate to pro bono work, review the pardon process, and explain the role of Pardon Coaches.

PRESENTER: After receiving his JD cum laude from Harvard Law School, Mr. Oxholm began a legal career spanning 40 years, including 22 years in private practice as a commercial litigator, Chief Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Philadelphia, and General Counsel of Drexel University. In 2008 he began a decade of leadership and innovation in higher education, including service as the President or Executive Vice President of three universities (Arcadia, Drexel and Rowan). He began with PLSE as a volunteer Staff Attorney in 2017, and has served as its Executive Director since January 2018. He has received many national, state and local awards for exemplary pro bono service, including the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award and the American Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Award.

PRICE: Free for Berks County Bar Association members, community volunteers and paralegals. \$35 for non-members for CLE credit. Register online on the Berks County Bar Association website.

[Click here to register.](#)