

## October 27th – New Government Lawyer Series—Eminent Domain and *Kelo*'s Legacy- NGLS3

### SPEAKER BIO

**Wesley Horton**, a partner at Horton, Shields & Knox in Hartford, has appeared as appellate counsel, either at argument or on the brief, in hundreds of cases over a span of 45 years. He has participated in some of the most notable cases in the state, including the landmark condemnation case he successfully argued to the United States Supreme Court, *Kelo v. New London*, 545 U.S. 469 (2005), and the de facto school desegregation case he successfully argued to the Connecticut Supreme Court, *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996).

From 1997 to 2007 he was the Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Professional Ethics Committee. He wrote a book on the Connecticut Constitution, published by Oxford University Press in 2012, and also a book on the history of the Connecticut Supreme Court, published by Thomsen/West in 2008. Since its founding in 2005, Horton has been the President of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society. In 2008-09, he was President of the American Counsel Association, an international legal organization, and has spoken at A.C.A. conferences in Paris, Zagreb, Warsaw, Brussels, Luxembourg, and New Britain on the differences between the American and European legal systems. He is also a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

**Brendon P. Levesque** is a partner at Horton, Shields & Knox, P.C. in Hartford, Connecticut. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut state courts as well as in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Federal Circuits. Attorney Levesque joined Horton, Shields & Knox in August 2004 after serving as a law clerk for now Chief Judge DiPentima of the Connecticut Appellate Court. Attorney Levesque was made a principal of the firm on January 1, 2009.

Attorney Levesque represents clients in civil, family and criminal appeals before the Connecticut appellate courts and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He also represents attorneys before grievance panels, in public hearings before the Statewide Grievance Committee and in presentments and appeals and candidates for bar admission before the Bar Examining Committee. Attorney Levesque counsels clients as to compliance with the State of Connecticut Code of Ethics, and represents clients regarding complaints, investigations and evaluations by the Office of State Ethics and before the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board. Attorney Levesque presents seminars on risk management and ethics to law firms. Attorney Levesque is a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

Attorney Levesque is co-author of *The Wheeler Court* with Attorney Wesley Horton for the Quinnipiac University Law Review, an article focusing on the Connecticut Supreme Court from

1910 through 1930. With Attorney Horton, he co-authored *The Maltbie Court* for the University of Connecticut Law Review (Vol. 39, No. 5, July, 2007). Attorney Levesque authored *Preparing for your first Appellate Argument* which was published in the Connecticut Lawyer, Vol. 18, No. 12 and co-authored two chapters of Attorney Horton's book, THE HISTORY OF THE CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT, Thomson/West, 2008. In January of 2008, Attorney Levesque was an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law, co-teaching the Moot Court Interterm. He has co-taught Appellate Advocacy at UCONN School of Law with Attorney Horton since 2014.

Attorney Levesque co-authors the CONNECTICUT PRACTICE BOOK ANNOTATED providing authors comments to the chapters on the Code of Judicial Conduct, motions, and pleadings; the annual *Ethics Review* in the Bar Journal with Attorney Knox, and has done so since 2009; and CONNECTICUT JUVENILE LAW published by Thomson/West. He also co-authored *Connecticut Insurance Law*, a publication of the Connecticut Law Tribune with Attorney Dowd.