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4.0 HOURS OF LEGAL ETHICS CREDIT,  
1.0 HOUR OF COMPETENCE ISSUES,  
1.0 HOUR OF RECOGNITION AND ELIMINATION OF BIAS



# DONE IN A DAY—MCLE MARATHON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

Hyatt Newport Beach

1107 Jamboree

Newport Beach, CA

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The California State Bar requires all licensed attorneys to participate in 25 hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) every three years. Six of those hours must be in the following areas as follows:

- 4.0 Hours of Legal ethics
- 1.0 Hour of Mental or physical issues that impair professional competence
- 1.0 Hour of Elimination of bias in the Legal Profession and Society

In one day, attendees at this conference will receive CLE credit for all six of these “special” credit CLE hours. The speakers for each of the five panels in this conference have been carefully selected as noted experts in their field. Each will present an entertaining and educational session to enlighten the audience, as well as provide practical advice on how to address problems that arise in each of these categories. It is the intent of this conference to provide information, suggestions and tips that will hopefully serve to increase the level of competence for all attorneys practicing law in the State of California.

## REGISTRATION

7:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

## NUANCES OF THE NEW PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY CODE (1.50 HOURS LEGAL ETHICS)

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Your bar license is your livelihood. To keep that license you consistently have to comply with the California Rules of Professional Conduct, which just underwent its first major revision in almost thirty years. Do you know what’s changed and what hasn’t? Are there other rules that you need to know in order to avoid potential ethics problems? Get the latest information and a balanced view from an applicant’s attorney, defense attorney and from a Workers’ Compensation Judge. Ignorance of the law is no defense, especially for a lawyer.

**SPEAKERS:** **Judge Sharon Velzy**, California Department of Industrial Relations  
**Elizabeth Furlow**, Hartsuyker, Stratman & Williams-Abrego  
**John Hernandez**, John Hernandez, Esq. Workers’ Compensation Judge (Ret.)

## BEST PRACTICES FOR AVOIDING ETHICAL DILEMMAS (1.50 HOURS LEGAL ETHICS)

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Common legal issues in the workers’ compensation context, involving client interactions, Ex Parte communications and inappropriate courtroom behavior will be explored. The panel will also present various scenarios of ethical dilemmas related to these issues and how these situations should be handled, and preferably how to avoid them all together.

**SPEAKERS:** **Presiding Judge Jamie Spitzer**, Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board  
**Judge Steve Siemers**, Steven Siemers Dispute Resolution, LLC







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