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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

Register Online: CALAWYERS.ORG/WORKERS-COMPENSATION

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

NETWORKING LUNCH PROVIDED

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ETHICS CASE LAW UPDATE

(1.0 HOUR LEGAL ETHICS)

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

What should you do if you receive inadvertent disclosures of privileged information? What ethical responsibility do you have to represent an uncooperative client? When is it appropriate to withhold information? What circumstances will trigger an ethical investigation? These and other questions have been addressed in recent case law, sometimes with surprising and devastating results for counsel. This panel will review the facts of these cases, the legal basis for the holding, and provide tips for how to handle situations like this in the future.

SPEAKERS: **Saro Kerkonian**, Hartsuyker, Stratman & Williams-Abrego
Judge Robert Rassp, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board

DETECTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE WORKPLACE

(1.0 HOUR OF COMPETENCY ISSUES)

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Although still illegal on a Federal basis, California has legalized the use of marijuana in limited circumstances. Medical and legal Experts on this issue will discuss the ramifications of these recent laws on the practice of law, including workplace management, performing legal services with competence and warning signs all employers should be monitoring. Don't miss this informative program.

SPEAKERS: **Tiffany Boyland**, Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP
Dr. Allen Miller, Doctors Cannabis Consulting
Michael Sullivan, Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP

ELIMINATION OF BIAS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

(1.0 HOUR ELIMINATION OF BIAS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION)

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Bias is evident in all aspects of the legal profession; in the courtroom, the law office, and even in attorney-client relationships. However, recognizing and addressing these issues are not quite as easy. This panel will bring to light some of the harmful impacts of discrimination and bias, and will provide insight and solutions as to how these problems may be ameliorated, and even eliminated, on a global basis. It's a "must see" program for all members of the bar.

SPEAKERS: **Yvonne Lang**, Pearlman, Brown & Wax
Nikki Mehrpoo Jacobson, The Jacobson Law Firm, LLP
Chief Judge Paige Levy, Division of Workers' Compensation

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than Wednesday, January 8, 2020 and are subject to a \$50 service charge. Refunds will not be available after January 8, 2020.

QUESTIONS:

For registration information call 916-516-1757. Telephone registrations will not be accepted. For program content and/or Section information call 916-516-1756.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:

For special assistance, please call 916-516-1756.

ON-SITE:

On-site registration will be on a space available basis. Call to confirm space availability.

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This event may be recorded. By attending this event, you consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded, and to any use, by the CLA, of your likeness, voice, and name in any and all media including social media. If you do not want your name or photo to be used, please let us know in advance. We cannot, however, honor requests to opt out of the use of your image or voice if you choose to ask a question during one of the event sessions.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Note: One registrant per form. Photocopies may be used.

Bar Number: _____

Name: _____

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City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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(Required for email confirmation)

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Program package includes 4.0 Hours of Legal Ethics Credit, 1.0 Hour of Competence Issues, 1.0 Hour of Recognition and Elimination of Bias, program materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

☐ Check here if you do not want your information released.

PRE-REGISTRATION FEES (check the appropriate circle)

- ☐ **\$295** Current Workers' Compensation Section Members
☐ **\$390** Non-Section Members
(includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2020)
☐ **\$195** Claims Specialist

AMOUNT ENCLOSED OR TO BE CHARGED

\$ _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DEADLINE: In order to pre-register, your form and payment to the California Lawyers Association must be received no later than January 4, 2020.

REGISTER ONLINE: CALAWYERS.ORG/WORKERS-COMPENSATION

MAIL TO: Program Registrations, California Lawyers Association
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 650, Sacramento, CA 95814

EMAIL TO: Program Registrations at ProgramRegistrations@calawyers.org. In order to email your registration, credit card information is MANDATORY.
(Photocopies of checks will NOT be accepted.)

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