

Business Law Symposium: "Pandemic and the Law"

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Symposium Description

While COVID-19 is a public health crisis, society's response to the pandemic raises compelling legal and constitutional issues. How does the federal government, for example, have the power to mandate vaccination or masks in the workplace? Do vaccine and masking requirements violate personal liberty?

On February 10, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Business Law Section is hosting a series of webinars focused on legal issues arising from COVID-19 entitled Pandemics and the Law.

Our keynote speaker, Professor Matthew Coles, will examine the COVID-19 pandemic within the larger context of the rights and liberties granted by the Constitution.

Our second panel, consisting of Kate Bowles and Craig, will discuss potential effects of COVID-19 on the healthcare system including legislative efforts to address future public health emergencies and the shift to online care.

Finally, Michael Simkin will examine the various laws enacted by the State of California and several cities and counties that suspended the eviction process for residential and commercial tenants.

Moderator



Everett L. Green currently serves as a senior trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee and specializes in bankruptcy matters.

Mr. Green graduated with honors in history from U.C. Berkeley and received a juris doctorate from Stanford University, School of Law. Mr. Green currently serves as a senior trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee and specializes in bankruptcy matters. Mr. Green clerked for the Honorable

Jack B. Schmetterer in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Illinois.

He currently serves as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the California Lawyers' Association and previously served on the Small Business Reorganization Task Force of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

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Panel 1: The Constitution and The Pandemic

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

The constitution and the pandemic. The authority to respond to a public health crisis such as COVID-19 arises from the U.S. Constitution, state constitutions, regulations, and case law. These laws, however, often conflict. The plenary will address: 1) does the federal government have the power to mandate vaccination or masks in the workplace; 2) do vaccine and masking requirements violate personal liberty; 3) does the constitution require religious exceptions to vaccine requirements; and 4) can states prevent employers or businesses from requiring masks or vaccines?

Please join our keynote speaker, Professor Matthew A. Coles, for a discussion of these issues.

Speaker: Prof Matthew A. Coles, UC Hastings



Matthew A. Coles teaches Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Sexuality, Gender and Law, and Voting Rights at UC Hastings. He was Deputy National Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union from 2010 until 2016. Prior to that he ran the ACLU's National LGBT Project from 1995 to 2010. Before that he was an ACLU Staff Attorney in Northern California from 1987. After graduating Hastings in 1977, he opened his own law office in San Francisco, which eventually became Coles and Nakatani. He has been involved in the

LGBT civil rights movement since law school, when, as a legal advisor to Supervisor Harvey Milk, he drafted what became San Francisco's sexual orientation nondiscrimination law.

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Panel 2: Impact of COVID-19 On the Healthcare System

Time: 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Please join Kate Bowles and Craig Garner for a discussion on the anticipated effect of COVID on the healthcare system including anticipated legislation to address future public health emergencies and the shift to online care.

Speakers: Kates Bowles, hansonbridgett.com and Craig Garner



Katherine A. Bowles, RN, Esq. (Healthcare Attorney at Hanson Bridgett LLP): Kate has experience representing hospitals, surgery centers, group practices, telehealth companies and psychiatric health entities in transactional and regulatory matters. She has developed an expertise in understanding the implications of the flow of revenue and routinely performs compliance reviews for Stark and Anti-Kickback, Corporate Practice of Medicine, Billing/Pricing and related concerns. Kate has also represented numerous

healthcare clients in litigation from the beginning stages through trial and on appeal, and has successfully resolved allegations concerning violations of anti-kickback laws, fraud, breach of confidentiality, covenants not to compete, corporate practice of medicine violations, and unfair competition. Kate's litigation and trial experience includes Federal and California False Claims Act matters, California Insurance Fraud Prevention Act litigation as well as insurance reimbursement issues, including pre- and post-payment audits, offsetting and recoupment practices.



Craig Garner is an attorney and health care consultant, specializing in issues surrounding modern American health care and the ways in which it should be managed in its current climate of reform. Craig's law practice focuses on health care mergers and acquisitions, regulatory compliance and counseling for providers in all matters pertaining to contemporary health care in the United States. Craig is admitted as an attorney and counselor at law in the State of California, District of Columbia and the State of New York.

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Panel 3: Residential & Commercial Evictions: What You Need to Know When the Eviction Moratorium Ends

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of California and several cities and counties enacted eviction moratoriums, prohibited landlord from charging certain late fees to tenants who contract COVID, and imposed various measures to protect residential and commercial tenants. Panelist Michael Simkin will examine the various laws and highlight what you need to know as the eviction moratorium ends.

Speaker: Michael Simkin, Managing Partner, Simkin & Associates, Inc



Michael Simkin is a litigator and managing partner of Simkin & Associates, Inc. Mr. Simkin is licensed to practice law in California, New York, and the District of Columbia. His practice focuses on real estate and business law and immigration law for Canadians who want to live or work in the U.S. Simkin & Associates, Inc. prosecutes and defends breach of contract, fraud, negligence, misrepresentation, and many other types of cases. Typical cases involve property owners, construction, neighbor disputes, businesses, trustees, and realtors concerning purchase and sale agreements, leases, contracts, and all other matters of residential and commercial property and business disputes. The firm also handles employment, probate, and trust litigation.

Michael Simkin prides himself in guiding clients through the legal maze as if he were a member of your family or a personal friend. Mr. Simkin represents clients from beginning to end including jury trials, appeals, and collection of money judgments. Mr. Simkin provides his clients with creative solutions, personal attention, and cost-effective services.

Mr. Simkin has appeared on Fox TV in Los Angeles discussing legal issues involving homeowners and mortgages and has been a speaker for the Continuing Education of the State Bar of California at the annual CEB Real Property Conference in Monterey, CA. Mr. Simkin is also an article editor for the California State Bar Real Property Journal. Mr. Simkin recently had an article published in the CLA Real Property Journal explaining the new landlord tenant and rent control laws for 2020 and is a member of the Real Property Executive Committee for the California Lawyer's Association for the State Bar of California.

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