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**2013 Telephone CLE /CPD Descriptions and Dates offered**

Seminar Times unless otherwise noted next to date - 1-3 PM EASTERN 12-2 PM CENTRAL 11-1 MOUNTAIN 10-12 PACIFIC

***Legal Ethics/Substance Abuse/Elimination of Bias /Professionalism***

**1. Dissemblance, Alcohol Abuse and Crossing the Ethical Line**

*Ethics, Substance Abuse, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

May 1, May 23, Jun 7, Jun 21, Jul 1, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 2, Nov 1, Dec 2, Dec 28

This seminar explores options and avenues available to lawyers who might see dissemblance as an additional tool at their disposal, particularly when defense counsel relies on ruses. What role does ethics and professionalism play in creating a line for dissemblance? How does the role of ethics and professionalism apply to the distinction between camaraderie and Happy Hours and the indicators for alcohol abuse and dependence. The seminar examines alcohol abuse from the perspective of detection, prevention and treatment options.

**2. Not for Prime Time – Avoiding Pitfalls and Learning from Lawyer Indiscretions**

*Ethics, Dual, Professionalism, Elimination of Bias, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

May 3, Jun 10, Jun 20, Jul 8, Aug 8, Sep 10, Oct 11, Nov 5, Dec 9, Dec 31

Though professionals are not alone in committing sexual indiscretions, such violations can extract an exceptionally high toll on an attorney’s practice and reputation. Empathy, transference and counter-transference are common as professionals reach out to serve clients but can prove costly to both clients and professionals. Examining and learning from others’ mistakes are invaluable to avoiding pitfalls that have been ruinous to too many practitioners. This seminar focuses on lawyer and client vulnerability –and its compromise of professional responsibility – to provide a framework for maintaining requisite high standards.

**3. Examining Prosecutorial Conduct: Department of Justice or Injustice?**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

May 6, May 29, Jun 13, Jun 28 (4-6pmET), Jul 11, Aug 9, Sep 12, Oct 15, Nov 7, Dec 30

The Ted Stevens case has become a template for examining prosecutorial misconduct. This seminar examines what happens when MR 3.8 (Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor) is misunderstood or overlooked and whether it is the duty of the courts to remind prosecutors that they must adhere to the rules. Cases reviewing egregious DOJ attorney misconduct and evidence of concealment of discovery are additional references in discussing how attorneys can avoid similar missteps by recognizing the path to this type of misconduct.

#### **4. Sidestepping Ethical Landmines**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

April 26, May 9, May 30, Jun 14, Jun 27, Jul 18, Aug 13, Sep 16, Oct 17, Nov 8, Dec 17, Dec 28 (4-6pmET)

This seminar offers an overview of lawyer misconduct and considered rule changes as well as analysis of situations involving either disbarment or permanent disbarment. Included in the course are drawing new lines for client confidentiality, misconduct in working with the elderly, non-lawyers ownership of a law firm and the DC Court of Appeals disbarring a federal prosecutor.

#### **5. Pro Bono Service and Its Impact on the Billable Hour**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

Apr 29, May 21, Jun 17, Jun 27, Jul 19, Aug 14, Sep 17, Oct 3, Oct 24, Nov 19, Dec 6, Dec 19

Pro Bono – should it be made mandatory or remain aspirational? The issue is unique for in-house counsel and has vaulted to the forefront for all attorneys as New York now requires 50 hours of service prior to admission. How does this affect attorneys in other jurisdictions whose presumable billable hour ceilings don't differ much from many New York attorneys? What is the impact of higher billable hours on pro bono work? Interesting case law examines where pro bono intersects with the billable hour and the impact of this crossroads on the attorney.

#### **6. Helping the Client or Buying the Case? (When Lawyers Pay Client's Expenses)**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

Apr 16, May 16, May 31, Jun 21 (4-6pmET), Jul 25, Aug 19, Sep 26, Oct 7, Oct 29, Nov 21, Dec 27

The debate in legal ethics circles regarding lawyers rendering financial assistance to clients in need is not new, but in recent years shifts have occurred in several states where jurisdictions once banned such activity. Does aiding a client invariably violate conflict rules MR 1.8(e) or MR 1.7? How do gifts, class actions, third party funding and champerty factor in the ethical arena? How do attorneys in the current financial climate navigate the ensuing ethics and boundaries of this issue?

#### **7. Inadvertent Disclosure, an Ethics Challenge**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

Apr 18, May 20, Jun 26, Jul 26, Aug 23, Sep 27, Oct 31, Nov 22, Dec 26, Dec 30 (4-6pmET)

How best to manage inadvertent disclosure has long been a legal ethics contention in light of conflicts among MR 4.4(b), ABA Formal Opinions 92-368 and 11-460 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). Will evidentiary privilege be lost in the process of revisiting MR 4.4(b)? What is the correct response when an opponent's confidential information originates from an anonymous source? Should the burden be placed on senders or recipients? This seminar demonstrates how remedies and consequences of inadvertent disclosure are ethical challenges impacting attorneys in any practice area.

#### **8. Legal Ethics and Courtroom Decorum**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

Apr 25, May 22, Jun 6, Jun 28, Jul 30, Aug 29, Sep 30, Oct 18, Oct 31 (4-6pmET), Nov 27, Dec 31 (4-6pmET)

Courtroom decorum is essential to both the appearance and the reality of the propriety of the profession. This seminar examines behavior inside and outside the courtroom using Model Rules, professional civility, and past cases as a

framework for potential recurring issues and practical solutions. Should lawyers be punished summarily – and by the judge at whom the misconduct was directed? Do the rules apply to prosecutors and defence counsel in hallways outside the courtroom?

#### **9. Digital-Age Ethics and Pre-Digital Paradigms**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

May 7, Jun 4, Jul 9, Aug 6, Sep 3, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 3, Dec 20

This seminar focuses on legal ethics issues arising in the digital age and considers pre-digital-age paradigms as being among the types of analytical tools useful in deriving and applying suitable ethics standards to digital-age issues.

#### **10. Attorney Fees – Ethics Issues**

*Ethics, Dual, General, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

Apr 23, May 14, Jun 18, Jul 23, Aug 20, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 12, Dec 23

This seminar focuses on legal-fee issues among hourly, fixed, contingent, awarded and quantum merit. Topics include how the legal fee evolved and how it raises ethical/professional issues for attorneys today.

#### **11. Problem Witnesses and Problematic Lawyers: Managing Deposition Misconduct**

*Ethics, (CPD 2 hrs Prof)*

Jun 11, Jul 2, Aug 27, Sep 9, Oct 21, Nov 11, Dec 10

Depositions are difficult enough to do effectively, but sometimes lawyers additionally have to deal with the misconduct or difficult behavior of opposing lawyers and opposing counsel. This seminar looks at different ways lawyers and witnesses can be out of line and considers various deposition rules, ethical rules and practical strategies that can effectively counter the ethical challenges of such situations.

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#### **2013 General CLE / CPD Seminars**

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#### **12. Arbitration - Basics and Strategy - \*note all Arbitration courses are 4-6pmET**

*General, (CPD 2 hrs Substantive)*

May 1, Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4

Arbitration, the hiring of a "private judge" to resolve a dispute, is often elected as a method of alternative dispute resolution when the parties desire a binding decision. Understanding the theory of arbitration enhances your ability to plan the strategy of your arbitration session. This seminar will examine the theory of arbitration and discuss your obligation to advise your clients as to the availability of arbitration. The strategy of arbitration includes issues to address in the pre-hearing conference, structuring pre-hearing discovery, arbitrating with or without a transcript, requesting a reasoned award, and possible challenges to the arbitrator's award.

#### **13. Mediation - Basics and Strategy - \*note all Mediation courses are 4-6pmET**

*General, (CPD 2 hrs Substantive)*

Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19, Jul 24, Aug 28, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18

Mediation has become the preferable method of alternative dispute resolution. Understanding the theory of mediation enhances your ability to plan the strategy of your mediation session. This seminar will examine the theory of mediation and discuss your obligation to advise your clients as to the availability of mediation. The strategy of mediation includes

choosing methodology, defining the mediator's role, and understanding how the attorney and client interact in the mediation process.

**14. Consultants and Experts – Issues with Discovery and Testimony** - \*note all Consultants courses are 4-6pmET

*General, (CPD 2 hrs Substantive)*

May 8, Jun 12, Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11

This seminar discusses the use of consultants and experts for pre-trial advise and as witnesses at trial, and will focus on how their work product may be subject to production in discovery depending on their role. Various issues evidentiary issues arising during trial testimony of experts are also discussed.

**15. Social Media and E-Mail: Discovery Tactics Dos & Don'ts**

*General, (CPD 2 hrs Substantive)*

May 2, Jun 6 (11am-1pm), Jul 15, Aug 1 (11am-1pm), Sep 6, Sep 19, Oct 1, Nov 6 (11am-1pm), Dec 5

What are some the problems and obstacles (including ethical issues) in obtaining e-mail in today's world of electronic mail and online social media sites and the relevant discovery climate? What is the Stored Communications Act and how does it impact discovery and e-mail? Can you get discovery from Facebook? How practically can one obtain discovery from social media sites? How about Twitter? This course explores recent cases and issues facing practitioners, gives practical advice on where and how to take discovery and examines some ethical pitfalls and quandaries facing attorneys in this environment.

**16. Common Torts & Legal Claims through the Prism of Small Business**

*General, (CPD 2 hrs Substantive)*

May 28, Jun 25, Jul 31, Aug 22, Sep 25 (11am-1pm), Oct 30, Nov 20 (11am-1pm), Dec 11 (11am-1pm)

This useful and practical course focuses on common torts and legal claims and issues faced by most small businesses. What is respondeat superior and when might an employer be held liable for an agent's tortious conduct? What issues might arise when terminating employees and what statutes require particular attention to protect against claims of discrimination? What happens if you do not use written confidentiality agreements with your employees or consultants? What are dram shop rules and how do they affect businesses?

**17. Animal Law**

*General, (CPD 2 hrs Substantive)*

Apr 30, May 17, June 24, Oct 28, Nov 14, Dec 13

This seminar will consider the law encompassing human-animal interactions, the current status of animals as living property, and balancing of competing interests within the context of traditional areas of the law. Beyond traditional areas of law, we will explore and debate whether the current legal status of animals as living property is antiquated and needs re-evaluation and modification to reflect evolving societal beliefs and values. In this regard, we will explore theories and proposals to grant limited rights and advance the legal status of animals, including proposals for granting limited personhood status.

This course will focus on Canadian and United States law and briefly review the constitutions of other countries, as well as international law affecting animals.

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