



The State Bar of California

25TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE ETHICS SYMPOSIUM LIVE VIA ZOOM

Presented by
The Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct

Friday, April 15, 2022
9:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.

Register by April 13, 2022
www.calbar.ca.gov/ethics-symposium

Total of 5.0 Hours of Participatory MCLE Credit as follows:
4.0 Hours of Legal Ethics and 1.0 Hour of Elimination of Bias
Approved for Legal Malpractice Legal Specialization credit
by the State Bar of California

*This course is being offered as a live stream via Zoom.
Registration is free and is limited to 1000 participants.*

9:30–9:45 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Justin J. Fields: Chair, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct

Ruben Duran: Chair, Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California

9:45–11:00 a.m.

Recent Developments in Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct—What You Need to Know

This panel will discuss important developments in legal ethics, centering on recent and developing advisory ethics opinions prepared by COPRAC and other professional conduct developments.

Topics will include client file release and retention duties, ethics of in-house counsel, cryptocurrency, and civility and professionalism.

Justin J. Fields: Moderato; Chair, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct; Partner, Duane Morris LLP, San Francisco

Sarah J. Banola: Vice-Chair, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct; Partner, BRB Law LLP, Oakland

Dena M. Roche: Advisor, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct; Partner, O’Rielly & Roche LLP, San Francisco

11:00–11:10 a.m. **BREAK**

11:10 a.m.–12:25 p.m.

Entry Into the Practice of Law

This panel will address significant issues, impediments, and developments related to entry into the practice of law. These will include barriers to admission related to legal education and bar pass rates, the level of ethics education new lawyers receive and ethical pitfalls new lawyers face, as well as proposals to expand access to legal services.

Brandon N. Krueger: Moderator; Member, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct; Shareholder, Sall Spencer Callas & Krueger, A Law Corporation, Laguna Beach

Carole J. Buckner: Partner and General Counsel, Procopio, San Diego

Erin M. Joyce: Shareholder, Erin Joyce Law P.C., Pasadena

Toby J. Rothschild: Of Counsel, OneJustice, Westminster

12:25–1:30 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:30–2:45 p.m.

Ethical Issues – Attorney Fees and Billing

This panel will address ethics issues and recent developments regarding attorney fees and billing practices. The panel will discuss proposed COPRAC opinions regarding flat fees and conversion clauses in contingent fee agreements and the impact of the current Rules of Professional Conduct, recent cases and developments in the field of attorney fees, billing, mandatory fee arbitration, suspect billing practices and other fee and billing ethics issues.

Kenneth E. Bacon: Moderator; Member, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct; Senior Counsel, Mastagni Holstedt, A.P.C., Sacramento

Joel Mark: Attorney, Joel Mark, Esq., Palm Desert

Lorraine M. Walsh: Attorney, Law Office Lorraine M Walsh, Walnut Creek

2:45–2:55 p.m. BREAK

2:55–4:10 p.m.

Eliminating Bias in the Courtroom

This panel will discuss eliminating bias in the litigation arena with a focus on the courtroom. This panel will cover recent studies in bias on the bench, new laws governing jury selection in criminal cases, and guidance on how to eliminate conscious and unconscious bias from trial work in the context of ethical requirements.

Hunter E. Starr: Moderator; Member, Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct; Deputy District Attorney, Kern County District Attorney, Bakersfield

Terrance J. Evans: Partner, Duane Morris LLP, San Francisco

Ivy B. Fitzpatrick: Managing Deputy District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney, Riverside

Jeanine E. Kraybill, PhD: Associate Professor of Political Science and Pre-Law Program Director, California State University Bakersfield, Bakersfield

Tehanita T. Taylor: Chief Deputy Public Defender, Solano County Office of the Public Defender, Fairfield

Please visit the Ethics Symposium [webpage](#) for more information.

DEADLINE TO [REGISTER](#) IS APRIL 13, 2022.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

This year the Ethics Symposium is being offered for **free** and is limited to 1000 registrants. Register [online](#) by **April 13, 2022**.

NOTE: When registering for the event, provide the email address associated with your Zoom account. You will use this email address to log into the event and this will allow us to verify your attendance. All registrants will receive a confirmation email with the link and password to the Zoom webinar. Only those who attend will receive an email following the event, containing a link to their MCLE certificate.

MCLE CREDIT: This program offers up to 5 hours of participatory MCLE credit (4.0 hours of legal ethics and 1.0 hour of elimination of bias). This program has also been approved for legal malpractice legal specialization credit by the State Bar. The State Bar and the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct are approved State Bar of California MCLE providers.

QUESTIONS: For questions regarding registration, program content or requests for special assistance, please call 415-538-2116.

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