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SEPTEMBER 18

Next Level AI: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Live via Zoom only

Speaker: Nicholas Matlach, Esq.

12:30 - 1:30 pm | 1.0 credit hour

This fast-paced CLE program provides a foundation to understand and discuss the evolving landscape of AI in the legal profession.

Discover the benefits such as increased efficiency, enhanced legal research, and improved client service. Address the drawbacks like job displacement, ethical concerns, data privacy risks, and regulatory challenges. Explore the darker side, including AI's potential for weaponization, social manipulation, and the existential risks it poses.

SEPTEMBER 27

From Attorney to Judge: A Roadmap to the Bench

In-person at the RI Law Center

Breakfast & lunch included

9:00 am - 4:00 pm | 6.0 credits + 1.0 ethics

Embark on a journey from Attorney to Judge, guided by distinguished members of the Rhode Island Judiciary!

Throughout this program, gain a deep understanding of the state's judicial system, ethical standards, and appointment processes. Led by experienced moderators, explore the significance of diversity on the bench and the vital role judges play in fostering public trust.

From an introduction to the Judiciary and the importance of different perspectives to navigating judicial ethics and the appointment process for Rhode Island Judges, each session is designed to provide invaluable insights into the path towards the bench. Discover the intricacies of becoming a Municipal Judge and learn about the interview and selection process firsthand.

Join us as we delve into personal challenges, rewards, and growth opportunities on the journey to the bench. This new program promises to equip aspiring judges with the knowledge, insights, and inspiration needed to navigate their path to judicial excellence!

Panelists include:

Hon. Keith A. Cardoza
Hon. Kas R. DeCarvalho
Hon. Melissa R. DuBose
Hon. Francis X. Flaherty
Hon. Melissa A. Long

Hon. John J. McConnell Jr.
Hon. Linda Rekas Sloan
Hon. Christopher K. Smith
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Hon. Brian P. Stern

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Lammis Vargas

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OCTOBER 9

Common Ethical Issues & Problems in the Practice of Law

Live via Zoom only

Speaker: David Wollin, Esq.

12:30 - 1:30 pm | 1.0 credit hour

Dive into the current applications of AI in the legal profession, with a specific focus on criminal defense. Navigate the challenges, perils, and pitfalls associated with AI use, and gain insights into applicable Rhode Island law provisions and ethical considerations.

OCTOBER 17

Access to Justice: Bridging Language Barriers

In person at the RI Law Center with a Zoom option

Speaker: Tamera N. Rocha, Esq.

3:00 - 4:00 pm | 1.0 credit hour

This program delves into the Rhode Island Judiciary's efforts to ensure equal access to the courts for limited English proficient (LEP) users. Participants will explore how the judiciary provides services to help LEP individuals engage meaningfully in court proceedings and navigate the system. The program also covers best practices for attorneys representing LEP clients and compliance with language access laws. Learn to identify language access barriers, request services, and navigate litigation with LEP parties effectively.

OCTOBER 25

Trauma-Sensitive Lawyering: Best Practices for RI Attorneys

Live via Zoom only

Speaker: Lindsay Lieberman, Esq.

12:30 - 1:30 pm | 1.0 ethics

Trauma profoundly impacts individuals' ability to navigate legal processes. Many clients seeking legal assistance have experienced trauma, whether from personal injury, malpractice, assault, or arrest. This CLE seminar equips legal professionals with the knowledge and skills to adopt a trauma-informed approach. Participants will learn to define trauma, understand its impact on legal proceedings, explore trauma-informed principles, and integrate practical strategies into their practice.

OCTOBER 31

The Ethics of Case Withdrawal

In person at the RI Law Center with a Zoom option

Speaker: Maria R. Lenz, Esq.

12:30 - 1:30 pm | 1.0 ethics

This CLE aims to provide a roadmap under Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct for ethical case withdrawal, discussing the dos and don'ts of client termination. Upon completion of this program participants will understand how to best withdraw from client representations without running afoul of the Rules of Professional Conduct and harming their clients.

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT CLES

Save the date for these law practice management CLEs with Jared Correia, Esq., of Red Cave Law Firm Consulting. Each program is 1 credit hour.

September 23 | 1:00-2:00 pm

October 15 | 1:00-2:00 pm

November 12 | 1:00-2:00 pm

December 16 | 12:00-1:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN AHEAD

NOVEMBER 1

The Parental Estrangement Model: An Alternative to Parental Alienation Syndrome

12:30 - 2:00 pm | 1.5 credits + 0.5 ethics

NOVEMBER 15

Recent Developments in the Law 2024

9:00 am - 3:30 pm | 6.0 credits

DECEMBER 5

No Double-Dipping: Evolving Rules for Conflicts of Interest in Real Estate Transactions

2:00 - 4:00 pm | 2.0 ethics

JANUARY 15

Understanding & Addressing Microaggressions in the Legal Practice

5:00 - 6:00 pm | 1.0 ethics