

# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## **CLEAR IS NOT COLD: DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS & BOUNDARIED COMMUNICATION FOR FEMALE ATTORNEYS** (1.0 HOUR)

This skills-based CLE is designed for female attorneys seeking to navigate difficult conversations with clarity, confidence and professionalism, while managing the unique challenges of trauma bonding, compassion fatigue and boundary-setting. Female attorneys are often expected to balance authority with likability, clarity with warmth and zealous advocacy with significant emotional labor - especially in high-stakes or high-conflict situations. Presented by an attorney (JD/MSW) and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker/Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional (LCSWR/CCFP), this one-hour program provides practical, trauma-informed strategies to address how gendered communication norms, trauma bonding and compassion fatigue impact workplace dynamics and client interactions. Through real-world examples and actionable language tools, participants will learn techniques for assertive communication, effective de-escalation and maintaining professional boundaries without over-explaining or self-silencing, ultimately supporting both effective advocacy and long-term career well-being.

*Speakers: Katherine Courtney, Esq., Kara Juszczak, LCSWR, CCFP*

3:30- p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **IMMIGRATION LAW FOR NON-IMMIGRATION LAWYERS: HOW TRUMP-ERA IMMIGRATION POLICIES IMPACT EVERY PRACTICE AREA** (1.0 HOUR)

Immigration Law isn't just for immigration lawyers anymore. The Trump administration's sweeping changes to employment-based visa programs, humanitarian protections, enforcement priorities and agency funding have created legal landmines across virtually every practice area — from corporate M&A to family law, labor and employment to criminal defense. This presentation gives non-immigration attorneys a practical overview of today's shifting immigration landscape from employment visa changes and workplace enforcement surges to asylum restrictions, birthright citizenship challenges, denaturalization efforts and the multibillion-dollar ICE expansion now funded through recent legislation. More importantly, it translates that knowledge into practical issue-spotting frameworks you can use immediately. Whether your clients are Fortune 500 companies managing international workforces, small businesses in immigrant-heavy industries, individuals facing family separation or institutions navigating compliance obligations, this presentation will equip you to spot issues early, ask the right questions and know when to bring in specialized immigration counsel.

*Speaker: Jennifer Behm, Esq.*

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

## **EFFECTIVE LEGAL WRITING: A PANEL DISCUSSION** (1.0 HOUR)

Join us for an engaging panel discussion on effective legal writing that will explore strategies for creating clear, precise and persuasive legal arguments. Panelists will share practical insights and effective approaches for refining legal writing.

*Speakers: Pamila Gudkov, Esq., Brittany Jones, Esq., Meghan Mueller, Esq., Kristie Stromecki, Esq., Erin Tresmond, Esq.*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026**

**9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

**NAVIGATING THE AFTERMATH: LIABILITIES FOR LAW FIRMS AFTER A DATA BREACH (1.0 HOUR)**

This program examines the legal, ethical and professional responsibility obligations law firms face following a data breach. The program addresses post-incident response, litigation, privilege considerations, regulatory exposure, and potential malpractice and disciplinary risks. Attendees will gain practical guidance on mitigating liability, advising firm leadership, and implementing governance and compliance strategies to protect client relationships after a cybersecurity incident.

*Speaker: Nicole E. Osborne, Esq.*

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MEDICAL AID IN DYING LAW (1.5 HOURS)**

This in-depth educational workshop on New York's newly enacted Medical Aid in Dying law will provide participants with a clear understanding of the legal framework underlying this significant reform. The program will review the law's effective date, core safeguards and eligibility criteria, and will walk through the step-by-step process by which qualified individuals may request and access medical aid in dying. Panelists will also examine the roles, obligations and professional responsibilities of healthcare providers, including compliance requirements and considerations related to informed decision-making. Designed for legal professionals, advocates and community leaders, this session will offer both a practical understanding of the statute's implementation and insight into its real-world application, equipping attendees to effectively advise and support clients, patients and families navigating the law.

*Speakers: Corinne Carey, JD, Hon. Rachel Kretser, David Leven, JD*

**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**ESTABLISHING, OPERATING, GROWING, AND THRIVING THROUGH LAW PARTNERSHIPS (1.5 HOURS)**

This presentation is designed for women attorneys who want to start or grow their own practice through law partnerships while nurturing their own personal growth and priorities. This program examines best practices for building and sustaining an effective law partnership from formation through long term growth. While running a law firm as a small business is demanding, a law partnership can ease that burden. The participants will walk away with a list of strategies and best practices to utilize before starting and while operating the partnership, including: assessing level of motivation and hunger; working out financial and business alignment; establishing firm operations, culture and conflict planning; prioritizing communications and decision making; identifying roles, strengths and leadership styles; and prioritizing and working on relationship building and trust.

*Speakers: D. Jenny Kim, Esq., Megan Rha, Esq.*

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**UNDERSTANDING AS STRATEGY: AN UNDERSTANDING-BASED APPROACH TO NEGOTIATION AND CLIENT DECISION-MAKING (1.5 HOURS)**

This 90-minute workshop, presented by Katherine Miller, invites Convention attendees to explore a practical, client-centered framework for negotiation that moves beyond pressure, positional bargaining and reactive conflict patterns. Drawing on the understanding-based model, the workshop examines how lawyers can help clients clarify what matters most, better understand the perspectives and realities shaping a dispute, and make informed decisions that are legally sound and strategically effective. Participants will gain practical tools for supporting client autonomy, working more effectively with conflict, and integrating a deeper understanding into negotiation, counseling and decision-making.

*Speaker: Katherine Eisold Miller, Esq.*

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