

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

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

**TITLE IX: CHANGES UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR WOMEN (1.0 HOURS)**

This presentation will focus on Title IX, beginning with a brief overview of its history reviewing some of the seminal legal cases involved in its formation. The presenters will cover the evolution of Title IX, discussing the Dear Colleague Letters of 2011 and 2015 and the passage of Enough is Enough in New York. The presenters will also examine the Department of Education's recent revocation of the Dear Colleague letter under Betsy DeVos, its proposed revisions including but not limited to use of cross examination during Title IX hearings, limitations on schools' authority to investigate Title IX complaints, the new definition of sexual harassment, the option of using a higher standard of proof, and changes in mandatory reporting. Finally, the presenters will talk about the future of Title IX, the implications of the proposed revisions if they are to be adopted, and what we as attorneys can do.

*Speakers: Elizabeth M. Walker, Esq., Alexandra M. Santo, Esq.*

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

**VETERAN AFFAIRS SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATION CLAIMS (1.0 HOUR)**

Veterans Law is a growing area where attorneys represent veterans and/or their families as they seek compensation from Veterans Benefits Administration. The presenter will discuss what it means to qualify for services, will provide an overview of the various services and compensations available, and an overview of the application process. Learn how you may be able to help veterans who qualify for benefits and/or services, access various programs. Come understand why there is a growing need for attorneys to help veterans and how you can advocate for those who need it.

*Speaker: Danielle E. Bernard, Esq.*

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**9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF RELIGIOUS DIVORCE (1.5 HOURS)**

Religious Divorce is a topic that for many is shrouded in mystery and unfamiliar rituals. The speaker will explain how stigma, family honor, and religious doctrines create considerable one sided leverage which impedes divorce negotiations and settlements. Marital dissolution contracts, including the Jewish Gett and Islamic Mahr agreements are enforceable in Court. There is a trend of support in the community and among religious leaders in favor of domestic violence victims and against those that breach religious contracts. It is important for lawyers to understand their clients' perspective with respect to the cultural and religious context of their lives and their disputes. As a society, we should all want to build bridges, increase tolerance, and to be culturally competent and inclusive.

*Speaker: Jacqueline Harounian, Esq.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**ETHICS UPDATE 2019: BEWARE – YOU CAN'T BE EVERYTHING TO EVERY CLIENT! A REVIEW OF CONFLICTS AND OTHER PRACTICE ISSUES(2.0 HOURS)**

This program is based on a transactional scenario involving, *inter alia*: the formation of a small business entity, real estate transactions, and leasing issues. The materials and interactive discussion will involve the best practices and the relevant Rules of Professional Conduct when using “forms” such as the Retainer, Conflict Waivers, By-Laws, Broker, and Loan Agreements. Some of the ethical issues to be discussed are conflicts, competence, scope of representation, diligence, communication, client confidences, legal fees, recordkeeping, and reporting misconduct.

*Speakers: Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, Delores Gebhardt, Esq., Stephen D. Hoffman, Esq., Randi Proukou, Esq., Deborah A. Scalise, Esq., Edwina Frances Martin, Esq.*

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**UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE (2.0 HOURS)**

Curious how Medicare is comparable to an a la carte or priced fixed dinner? *Understanding Medicare* provides an informative and entertaining look at how Medicare can benefit your clients as well as your family and yourself. Grasp the different parts of Medicare, along with basic insurance concepts such as co-insurance v. co-pays, and formularies. Learn how to choose Medicare plans and coordinate Medicare benefits with other health insurance to obtain the most cost-effective and comprehensive coverage.

*Speaker: Marcia M. Schiff, Esq.*

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**10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**DEVELOPING YOUR CULTURAL CONFIDENCE TO IMPROVE CLIENT RELATIONS (1.5 HOURS)**

“You can’t say that anymore.” Black or African-American. “My pronouns are they/them.” LGBT or GSRM. “I’m a cripple.” Illegal alien or undocumented American. “I’m fat.” Have you ever found yourself at a loss when trying to discuss an integral part of your client’s identity? Have you ever sensed a client’s discomfort without being able to pinpoint the source? We mean well, but our knowledge is limited largely by our own experiences and exposures – we need to walk a mile in another’s shoes, that is become culturally competent. This CLE will help you identify your own implicit biases using examples from the media we consume every day. You will walk away with a baseline from which to grow your cultural competence and tips for working with specific marginalized groups.

*Speakers: Heather Neu, Esq.*

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**WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE: CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS IN NEW YORK (1.5 HOURS)**

The U.S. Supreme Court’s 2010 decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* opened up spending by organizations in federal political campaigns. Since then, states across the country have adjusted how campaigns within their borders are regulated and legal and ethical campaign finance questions abound. Attendees will receive an understanding of how to navigate current election law campaign finance requirements for campaigns in New York, with an eye to exceeding current ethical standards. Topics will include who may give and receive political contributions, limits for different persons and organizations, limits for participation at different levels of government, financial filing requirements for political campaigns, committees, and PACs, current and proposed ethical standards, and a brief exploration of the relationship between money in politics and voter engagement.

*Speaker: Leslie Danks Burke, Esq.*

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