

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 a.m.

BE CYBER AWARE. BE CYBER SECURE. KNOW YOUR OBLIGATIONS AND REDUCE THE RISK FOR YOUR CLIENTS (1.0 HOUR)

This program will provide a comprehensive overview of the New York Stop Hacks and Improve Electronic Data Security (SHIELD) Act. The program will answer the following questions: who is affected, what is involved in complying with the Act and what employers need to know to safeguard data. The speaker will also discuss attorneys' ethical obligations regarding cyber security and will provide practical takeaways for implementation of the mandatory security protocols.

Speaker: Amy B. Goldsmith, Esq.

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

THE GUARDIANSHIP DILEMMA - ARE YOUR CLIENTS AT RISK (1.0 HOUR)

Recent high publicity cases have heightened the public's awareness of the potential pitfalls of adult guardianship proceedings. While there are many misconceptions that surround the guardianship process in New York, it is certainly true that many of our clients are highly susceptible to becoming the subject of such a proceeding. As a greater number of clients age into a state of diminished capacity, it is more essential than ever before that practitioners are aware of best practices for counseling clients who might be susceptible to this type of proceeding. This program will help to separate fact from fiction in the guardianship arena and will provide practical tips for attorneys to utilize as they confront these issues in their practices.

Speaker: Laura M. Brancato, Esq.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (2.0 HOURS)

The terrifying reality of domestic violence is that it is concealed behind closed doors where only the occupants know of its existence-- where victims, perpetrators and even their children carefully curate a persona that is far different from the reality of their lives. "Behind Closed Doors" examines the complex dynamics behind domestic and family violence, and the tragic cases that spurred us to change the way we, as a community, respond.

Speakers: Fredric Green, Esq., Darlene Reda, Esq., Robin Schlaff, Esq., Marissa Reese

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS (2.0 HOURS)

Students with special education needs from underserved communities are at greater risk of not obtaining appropriate special education services. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) includes a fee shifting provision in an effort to allow families to recoup reasonable attorney fees if the family prevails at an impartial hearing or in court on a special education matter. This presentation will include a discussion of the fee shifting provision and the many challenges families and practitioners face in representing underserved populations. The presentation will also include a discussion of the process of challenging special education decisions under the IDEA and state regulations.

Speakers: Adrienne Arkontaky, Esq., Allison Morris, Esq.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A HAPPY LAWYER? ALLEVIATING STRESS THROUGH THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS(1.5 HOURS)

In this challenging world of multi-tasking to balance the obligations of an active legal career and a fulfilling personal life, it is easy to get "stressed out." The speaker will offer thought provoking suggestions and simple useful activities on how to use your mind to manage stress. Based on the science of neuroplasticity, she will discuss and apply techniques to retrain your brain to let go of old habits which maintain stress and create new habits that can help relieve daily stress and make room for calmness and tranquility. Attend with an open mind and, through discussion and audience participation, leave with a new, fresh outlook on your professional and personal life. This presentation will include a brief meditation to close out the session.

Speaker: Diane C. Gianturco, Esq.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WHOSE DOG (AND CAT, AND BIRD, AND TURTLE) IS IT ANYWAY? (1.5 HOURS)

You will learn how our recent New York Pet Custody Law evolved; how New York law compares to other states and countries in this area; and how to incorporate this law into your matrimonial practice. You will learn practical tips and strategies from a seasoned attorney, described by The Titans to be a "Bad-Ass Divorce Lawyer" and from a humble former judge, as they discuss ways to achieve positive results for your client in the advent of a custody dispute about animal children. You will hear enlightening, engaging and amusing tales from actual cases, and learn how to carefully draft a 'Pre-Pup' or even a Joint Custody/Shared Parenting Pet Plan.

Speakers: Steven J. Mandel, Esq., Hon. Jane Pearl

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

IMMIGRATION LAW FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER (1.5 HOURS)

While immigration law is a specialized area, it is helpful for general practitioners or non-immigration law attorneys to have at least a basic understanding of immigration concepts that one may expect to encounter. The speaker will explain the range of issues that may arise in the areas of family law, employment law, estate planning, criminal defense and others. This program will cover basic immigration concepts such as legal immigration status, immigrant (or permanent) and non-immigrant (or temporary) visas and dual citizenship. The goal of this program is to aid the general practitioner and navigate the immigration landscape.

Speaker: Khandikile Mvunga Sokoni, Esq.

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

THE LEGAL STATUS OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS(2.0 HOURS)

This CLE program will present information on the current (and likely future) status of important aspects of reproductive rights and reproductive health care in New York State and around the country. There will be a review of court decisions and legislative activity that restrict and burden access to abortion services; legal problems faced by women when their right to bodily integrity and to make informed health care decisions are overridden by medical personnel; and the progress of reducing the disparity in maternal mortality between non-white and white women.

Speakers: Camille A. Clare, MD, MPH, Dana Sussman, JD, MPH, Patricia Hennessey, Esq.