

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

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

GENERATIVE AI IN PRACTICE 2.0: CLIENTS ARE USING GAI. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR THEIR ATTORNEYS? (1.0 HOURS)

This presentation will provide recent developments in Generative AI, including uses in the practice of law. We will examine uses of AI assistants and their potential for enhancing a practitioner's work, and explore ethical issues surrounding the use of Generative AI. We will conclude by addressing questions related to working with clients who themselves use generative AI for work traditionally performed by attorneys.

Speaker: Douglas E. Gerhardt, Esq.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING CONFLICT TO MEET ATTORNEY ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS (1.0 HOURS)

This CLE presentation provides attorneys with strategies to navigate conflicts while upholding ethical standards under the New York Rules of Professional Conduct. It explores the neuroscience of conflict, particularly how stress impacts decision-making, and offers practical tools for internal and external conflict resolution. Key takeaways include understanding the SCARF Model and Amygdala Hijacking, recognizing ethical risks linked to mismanaged conflicts, and applying proactive strategies such as mindfulness and active listening. Attorneys will gain a structured approach to assess, de-escalate, and reflect on conflicts, ensuring compliance with ethical rules while maintaining professionalism and client trust.

Speakers: H el ene Biandudi Hofer, Esq., Chenoa Maye, Esq.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

HOW TO HANDLE THE HOSTILE ADVERSARY (1.0 HOURS)

Why is opposing counsel so hostile, so belligerent, so rude? Is it personality? Bias/prejudice? What can I do about it? Why doesn't the Judge stop it? What do I do if the Judge is belligerent? That is what we will uncover in the seminar.

Speaker: Hon. Eileen N. Nadelson (Ret.)

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UNDER WRAPS: MANAGING YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT (1.0 HOURS)

An incredible amount of personal information can be found for free online, which can be dangerous for you and your clients. In this CLE, Tasha Kates will explain why this personal information is out there, where it is located, and how to remove it.

Speaker: Tasha Kates, Esq.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

ETHICALLY REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN A RADICALLY CHANGING WORLD (1.0 HOURS)

Our social bonds are disintegrating, and we are increasingly seeing clients in criminal and family law proceedings who believe negative behavior, including violence, and self-help are the only answer. How does an attorney ethically represent clients who identify fewer options to responding to and resolving their grievances? If every disagreement is zero sum and clients are unwilling to compromise, how does an attorney balance the duty of loyalty to the client and the obligation to engage in committed (a/k/a/ zealous) representation with the attorney's role as "an officer of the legal system with special responsibility for the quality of justice".

Speaker: Veronica Reed, Esq.

UPDATES ON ADR IN THE NEW YORK COURTS (1.0 HOURS)

Through dynamic discussion and skill-building, presenting ADR Coordinators will empower participants with knowledge and tools to confidently engage in the growing number of ADR opportunities within the New York State Courts. The session will cover Part 160 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge and the expansion of ADR options across various courts and case types. Presenters will also share best practices for introducing ADR to clients and provide valuable skills that both ADR participants and providers can use.

Speakers: Amy DiFranco, Esq., Bridget M. O'Connell, Esq., Jamie L. Smith, Esq.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

EMERGING TREND: MAY A CHILD HAVE MORE THAN TWO PARENTS (1.0 HOURS)

Domestic Relations Law Section 70 authorizes the Court to award custody to 'either' parent. Section 240 authorizes the Court to award child support to 'either' parent. Both statutes presume parentage is limited to two. Has New York grown out of this statutory framework?

This program will explore the current pathways to parentage in New York which does not yet include recognizing the parentage of the de facto parent. Many states now recognize that a child may have more than two parents. We will discuss whether the statutory framework in New York should be modified.

Speakers: Susan L. Bender, Esq., Amy Baldwin Littman, Esq.
