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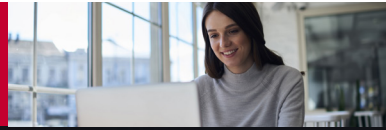
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It is less painful to learn from others' mistakes than our own. This CLE event is presented through the lens of three highly experienced attorneys with unique perspectives in helping lawyers and law firms extricate themselves from ethical mine fields, disciplinary proceedings and ugly malpractice claims. Attendees will learn important lessons in how to maintain successful practices, while avoiding the mistakes of others and will be brought current on important ethical considerations, malpractice trends and recent amendments to the Ohio Civil and Criminal Rules and Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct. Moreover, attendees will receive practical advice on ways to take full advantage of extensive resources available to assist their day-to-day practice of law.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Monica A. Sansalone, Esq.; Gallagher Sharp LLP; Cleveland

Monica Sansalone is the practice group manager of Gallagher Sharp's professional liability group in Cleveland and a member of the firm's executive committee. She represents lawyers in grievance proceedings at the state level and before federal administrative agencies, such as the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Department of Justice. She also defends lawyers against malpractice claims, in contempt and sanctions proceedings and in their fiduciary capacity. She provides representation in trial courts and on appeal, including matters before the Supreme Court of Ohio. Sansalone provides ethical consulting and counseling for risk management matters. She routinely lectures on ethics, malpractice and professionalism. She has been a partner at Gallagher Sharp since 2003 and also is a member of the firm's appellate practice group.

George D. Jonson, Esq.; Montgomery Jonson LLP; Cincinnati

George Jonson is a partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Montgomery Jonson. He represents individuals and businesses in a wide range of civil litigation. He defends lawyers in professional liability claims, represents attorneys and judges in disciplinary proceedings, advocates for candidates seeking admission to the Ohio bar in character and fitness proceedings and counsels law firm/partner separations. Jonson also defends Ohio state court judges in a variety of civil matters, provides ethics advice to lawyers and judges, mediates professional liability cases and has served as an expert witness on legal ethics and standard-of-care issues. As an experienced trial lawyer and appellate counsel, Jonson regularly practices before the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court's Board of Professional Conduct and Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and numerous state and federal trial courts. In 2014, the Ohio State Bar Association honored Jonson with the Eugene R. Weir Award for Ethics and Professionalism. For more than 20 years, he has served as a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Ethics & Professional Responsibility Committee and Fee Arbitration Committee. Jonson speaks regularly on ethics, professional responsibility and legal malpractice prevention.

Steven C. Couch, Esq.; Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company; Columbus

Steve Couch is the president and CEO of the Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company (OBLIC), a professional liability insurance carrier wholly-owned by the Ohio State Bar Association. OBLIC has dedicated itself for more than 40 years to protecting Ohio's lawyers and law firms. Couch began his career as a civil trial attorney in insurance defense litigation for approximately nine years and over the past 23 years has worked in lawyers' professional liability insurance, first in the claims side of this unique business and for the last eight plus years leading OBLIC.

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:30 Amendments to the Ohio Civil and Criminal Rules

(Gov. Bar R. IV, Prof. Cond. R. 1.1, 1.3)

8:45 Amendment to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct Regarding Trade Names

(Gov. Bar. R. IV, Prof. Cond. R. 7.5)

9:00 Recent Advisory Opinions

(Gov. Bar R. IV, Prof. Cond. R. 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.15., 1.16, 3.7, 7.1, 7.3, 7.5)

- Opinion 20-05 - Law Director Acting as an Advocate in a Trial in Which Another Lawyer in the Same Office is a Witness
- Opinion 20-06 - Lawyer Departing Law Firm
- Opinion 20-07 - Use of Surname of Retiring or Inactive Lawyer in Law Firm Name and Letterhead
- Other important opinions

9:30 Ethical Considerations in Attorney-Client Communications: Whether to Record or Not?

(Gov. Bar. R. IV, Prof. Cond. R. 1.4, 1.6)

- Raise on use of recordings by clients
 - o Malpractice
 - o Discipline

10:00 Ethical Considerations at the Intersection of Social Media and Advertising

(Gov. Bar. R. IV, Prof. Cond. R. 1.4, 1.6, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 7.1-7.4)

10:15 Break

10:30 Current Trends

(Gov. Bar R. V, Prof. Cond. R. 1.1-1.6, 1.14, 1.15, 8.4)

- Legal Malpractice
 - o Probate/trust
 - o Cyber liability
- Discipline
 - o IOLTA
 - o Other trends
- Impact of COVID-19

11:00 Know Your Coverage: The Ins and Outs of a Professional Liability Policy

(Gov. Bar. R. II, Prof. Cond. R. 1.4)

11:30 Taking Full Advantage of Your Available Resources

(Gov. Bar. R. IV, Prof. Cond. R. 1.1, 1.2)

11:45 Closing Remarks

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