



Hot Legal Topics

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Registration and Lunch Pickup runs from 11:30 – 11:50 a.m.

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Immigration Law

Maria Schneider, Cincinnati, OH and April Nichols, Birmingham, AL

Given the current focus on both legal and illegal immigration to the U.S., this area of the law both affects your current clients and provides opportunities for new areas of practice for many firms. Learn key considerations for both businesses and individuals.

12:50 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Break

1:05 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

Personal Jurisdiction: Breaking Down *Bristol-Myers Squibb* and How to Handle *Hinrichs Stephanie Monplaisir*, Birmingham, AL and *Frank Wilson*, Montgomery, AL

Until 2011, the issue of personal jurisdiction was reserved for law school hypotheticals. Out-of-state defendants rarely raised the defense, and plaintiffs rarely needed to plead beyond generalities. In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions over the last six years, litigating the issue of personal jurisdiction has become as important as that of liability and damages. This fast-paced program will give you a quick overview of the topic as well as discuss the most important recent cases.

2:05 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

Cybersecurity: Lawyers *Must* Protect Themselves

India Vincent, Birmingham, AL

The thieves are at the door, but the door is virtual. The biggest single threat to lawyers' confidential client information is poor cybersecurity. Learn the challenges you face, and how to address them.

3:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

ESI: As Digital Information Increases, Discovery is a Whole New Ballgame

Starr Drum, Birmingham, AL

As the volume of ESI has increased exponentially, so have the complexity and costs of discovery on both side of the "v." Despite efforts to reign in the process, mass adoption of mobile and instant messaging, cloud storage, and numerous social media platforms have made discovery more complex and potentially more costly. Learn the latest on the sources of ESI, the rules that govern its preservation and production, and the products and services that can help.

Adjourn

4:15 p.m.



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Meet Your Speakers



Maria Schneider Maria is an Associate Attorney of Musillo Unkenholt in Cincinnati, Ohio. Maria's practice includes both business and family-based immigration. Prior to her work at MU, Maria was an International Services Advisor at the University of Cincinnati, where she advised students, scholars and faculty coming from abroad to study and work at UC. Maria graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2009. While attending law school, Maria served as President of the Immigrant Community Legal Advocacy Project and edited the Immigration Nationality Law Review. Additionally during law school, Maria worked in Washington, DC, advocating for comprehensive immigration reform.

April Nichols April is a co-founder and partner at Snow & Nichols, LLC, in Birmingham, Alabama, where she focuses on asylum, U-Visas, and criminal and unlawful presence waivers. The firm also handles deportation defense, family-based immigration issues, employment visas, student visas, EB-5 investment visas, criminal law, family law, workers compensation and personal injury. She received her J.D. from the Cumberland School of Law. She is admitted to practice before the Immigration Court (E.O.I.R).



Stephanie Monplaisir Stephanie is an associate at Beasley Allen in Montgomery, Alabama. After working as a law clerk in the firm's Personal Injury/Products Liability Section she moved to the Toxic Torts Section in April 2011, handling cases related to the BP Oil Spill litigation and settlement. She's now back in PI/PL where she handles complex litigation and appellate proceedings, and serving on trial teams that have won over \$30 million in verdicts and settlements. Stephanie graduated Summa Cum Laude from Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, where she served as a senior editor on the Faulkner Law Review and as a senior member of the Board of Advocates.

Frank Wilson is a partner with Copeland Franco Screws and Gill in Montgomery, Alabama. His practice includes a wide range of cases from commercial litigation to consumer class actions to product liability. He has prosecuted and defended major litigation matters in the fields of federal securities law, intellectual property, trucking litigation, road construction litigation and class actions. Of note, he obtained a unanimous decision for his client before the Supreme Court of the United States at the age of 32. Frank's practice includes defense work for businesses and professionals, appellate work, and personal injury and product liability litigation. Frank received his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.



India Vincent India is a partner at Burr Foreman in Birmingham, Alabama. Her practice is devoted to helping clients identify, protect and generate maximum value from their intellectual property, as well as helping clients develop and implement policies and procedures to protect their data. India is a member of the International Trademark Law Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the ABA Intellectual Property Law and Science and Technology sections. She received her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and she is admitted to practice in both Alabama and Georgia.

Starr Drum Starr is an associate at Maynard, Cooper & Gale in Birmingham, Alabama. She devotes her practice to assisting multinational clients with their privacy, information governance and e-discovery needs. Starr has extensive experience in developing globally compliant privacy programs, information governance plans, and records retention policies to manage the content and volume of data while protecting its safety and security. In her e-discovery practice, Starr offers strategic and legal advice to clients involved in complex litigation matters. She assists both plaintiff and defendant businesses and individuals in numerous fields navigate multifaceted discovery issues and reach successful resolutions in their antitrust, commercial, contract, fiduciary, and intellectual property disputes. She received her J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, was Senior Editor of the Law Review, and is admitted to practice in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

