

Annual Meeting

VIRTUAL TRACK AGENDA

Thursday, June 23

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. - *Cryptocurrency* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Howard Neiswender

Cryptocurrency is one of the hottest topics for investors. This session will provide attendees with the knowledge they need to address the major legal issues relating to investing cryptocurrency. Topics will include a brief introduction to cryptocurrency; the tax treatment of cryptocurrency; rules regarding its custody, security and management; and strategies and structures to use in planning with cryptocurrency.

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. - *Ethics Update: What do the Reported Cases in Alabama Tell Us?* (1.0 hour MCLE credit - Ethics Hour)

Speaker: Roman Shaul, General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. - *Don't Be That Lawyer: Ways to Stay out of Malpractice Trouble* (1.0 hour MCLE credit - Ethics Hour)

Speaker: Sharon Stuart, Attorneys insurance Mutual

Sometimes, lawyers intentionally behave badly. More often, however, we momentarily fail to live up to our normal standards. This program will present real-life examples of attorney malpractice and ethical lapses from actual cases around the country and will provide helpful strategies and advice for staying out of malpractice trouble.

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. - *Generations in the Legal Profession* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: Stan Blanton, Melody Eagen, Shalyn McKitt and Catherine Milling

Generational differences have always existed in the legal profession, but for the first time in over thirty years, a new generation- Generation Z- has joined the profession. This new age of the practice of law will impact firm recruitment, retention and management. The panel, composed of attorneys from four generations in the profession, will discuss these issues and what we can do to address them.

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - *Bench & Bar Luncheon: Living a Life That Counts* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Andy Andrews, Author

Did you know that every action you take- and every move you make-matters forever? In this keynote address created specifically for service organizations, Andy Andrews proves just how much a difference one person can make. Andrews weaves wisdom, stories, laughter and emotion into an unforgettable audience experience that includes a climax taken from PBS television special.

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. - *Redemption Earned: A Calling for All Lawyers* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Retired Chief Justice, Sue Bell Cobb

Have you always wanted to do pro bono work but not sure if you know how or have the time? For thousands of worthy, elderly, parole-eligible individuals incarcerated in Alabama prisons, Redemption Earned, Inc. is “it” because it fills a critical gap in representation and access for those seeking parole in a system that presently paroles only 11% of those eligible. Can you imagine a hearing regarding your freedom and you are not even allowed to be present? By providing free legal representation, free pre-release reentry case management, coordination of volunteer law students and lawyers, and significant advocacy efforts, Redemption Earned offers the State of Alabama an opportunity to end the unfair, costly, and unnecessary incarceration of individuals who do not pose a risk to public.

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. - *Choosing the Right Financial Option for a Minor’s Settlement* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Moderator: Felicia Long | Speakers: Anne Dalton, Johnna Ingalls, Kristin Smith, and Chris Tomlinson

Lawyers often settle claims of plaintiffs who have not yet reached the age of majority. Once the amount of the settlement is agreed upon, the minor’s attorney will need to make a recommendation as to whom the settlement proceeds should be paid and how the settlement will be structured. During the CLE, we will explore four different options for you to consider the next time you settle a minor’s claim and to help you recommend a settlement that is in the minor’s best interest.

Friday, June 24

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. - *All Rise: Supreme Court of Alabama Panel Discussion* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. - *Nonverbal Intelligence in the Legal Setting: Control the Conversation, Command Attention and Convey the Right Message Without Saying a Word* (1.0 hour MCLE credit) | Speaker: Jan Hargrave

What does it mean when the person you are talking with points his feet away from you? Where is the best place to stand in a room if you want people to notice you? How do you make nonverbal communication work for you to portray confidence and exude trust? Which nonverbal gestures are associated with deception? What's the secret to making a good first impression? How do you bring passion to your communication during voir dire, during opening and closing statements, and during witness direct and cross examinations? The answers to these questions and many more body language secrets will be revealed in Jan Hargrave's session. Since the silent messages of the body reveal more than the spoken word in conveying true feelings and attitudes, understanding this valuable science is imperative for successful conversations. Author of *Let Me See Your Body Talk*, *Judge the Jury*, *Freeway of Love*, *Strictly Business Body Language* and *Poker Face*, Jan Hargrave's fascinating presentation gives you the advantages you need to make in-depth character assessments and zone in on what others are saying to you through their unspoken words.

10:00 a.m.- 10:50 a.m. - *Alabama Constitution of 2022: A (Not Too) Short History of How It Came to Be Proposed* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: Greg Butrus, Representative Danny Garrett, Othni Lathram and Representative Rodger Smitherman

In November 2022, the people of Alabama will have an opportunity to vote for a newly compiled constitution. This document brings to fruition decades of past effort and work to improve, modernize, and make our governing document more user friendly. This final effort also finally removes the vestiges of racist language in the document. This program will feature a panel of lawmakers and lawyers involved in the process to explain not only what the new constitution consists of, but also how it came into being.

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. - *Standing in the Schoolhouse Door: A First Amendment Defense of Critical Race Theory* - (1.0 hour MCLE credit) | Speaker: Dr. Bryan Fair

Professor Fair will discuss the first amendment implications of various state laws which restrict how teachers and professors can discuss race. This session will focus on the tenets of Critical Race theory not as a diversity and inclusion “mandate” but as a method of interrogating the role of race and racism in society that emerged in the legal academy and spread to other fields of scholarship. You will explore how critical race theory recognizes that race intersects with other identities, including gender, sexuality, gender identity, and others.

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. - *Think You Know College Sports? A Visit with Paul Finebaum* (1.0 hour MCLE credit) | Speaker: Paul Finebaum