

2025 Ethics in Civil Litigation



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DESCRIPTION

This seminar focuses on ethics issues that may arise in civil litigation. Esteemed faculty present a lively and important refresher of ethical topics including withdrawing from a case, clients who misrepresent, employment cases, settlement and negotiation.

AGENDA

1 Common Ethical Issues that Arise in Settlement, Negotiations, and Communication

Learn how to navigate ethical dilemmas with your moral compass intact!

Edward Le - Le & Kittleson, Renton, WA

Alena Wooldridge - Le & Kittleson, Renton, WA

2 Ethical Issues that Arise in Employment Cases

During this session, Ms. Hanley will discuss ethical issues that may arise in employment cases, including relating to ex parte communications by plaintiff's counsel with defendant's current and former employees, inadvertently disclosed or purloined documents, records issues, and litigation-related dual representation of corporate and individual defendants.

Elizabeth Hanley - Schroeter Goldmark and Bender, Seattle, WA

3 Common Ethical Issues that Arise in Client Communications

This presentation will explore the ethical implications of lying or misrepresenting clients, relevant Rules of Professional Conduct (RPCs), and associated duties, using hypotheticals for discussion.

Rolf Gardner Toren - AKW Law, Seattle, WA

4 When to Stay, When to Go: Navigating Withdrawal and Fee Agreements Ethically

This CLE explores the ethical challenges attorneys face when withdrawing from representation and how to handle attorney fee disputes.

Melanie Nguyen - Stritmatter Law, Seattle, WA

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5 Hot Topics in Ethics for 2025 Panel Discussion

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