



## Ethical Dilemmas for Practicing Attorneys

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### DESCRIPTION

Ethical dilemmas aren't just for law school exams. In this lively, hypothetical-driven session, our panel will tackle the trickiest—and timeliest—ethics questions lawyers face today, from managing client relationships to navigating new technology and using generative AI. The panel will debate, dissect, and try to eventually agree about what the right call really is.

### AGENDA

#### 1 Ethical Dilemmas for the Practicing Lawyer - Part 1: The Plot Thickens

This first session has new hypotheticals straight from the trenches of your practice. We'll wrestle with A.I. tools that overpromise, clients who overshare (or ghost you entirely), and negotiation tactics that make you wonder, "Is this brilliant lawyering or an RPC violation?" We'll also talk about when to pull the plug on a client relationship—and when to call your carrier if things go sideways.

#### 2 Ethical Dilemmas for the Practicing Lawyer - Part 2: The Sequel Nobody Saw Coming

The second installment dives even deeper into the gray areas we all pretend are black and white. Who's really the client? How far does confidentiality go when candor to the tribunal is on the line? What do you do when your colleague is slipping—or when social media drags your firm into the spotlight? From law firm succession headaches to burnout and bias, no hypothetical is off-limits.

### PRESENTERS

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