

Board of Professional Responsibility's
2025 Ethics Workshop
Friday, November 21, 2025

8:00 – 8:15		Registration
		<u>Presentation</u>
		<u>Speaker</u>
8:15 – 8:25	Welcome/Greeting	Justice Holly Kirby
8:25 – 9:25 1.0 (dual)	<i>Threats and Attacks on Judges, the Justice System, and Legal Institutions: Our Ethical Obligations</i> Justice Kirby will explore individual and collective ethical obligations in the face of threats and attacks on legal institutions, on our justice system, and on our judges.	Justice Holly Kirby
9:25 – 10:25 1.0 (dual)	<i>Longevity and Brain Health: How to Empower Cognitive Fitness</i> The brain is the lawyer's most important asset, and neuroscience research can help us understand how to empower cognitive fitness during all stages of life. This session will include information on brain function; stress and other risks to cognitive capacity; and a menu of science-based recommendations to protect brain health and enhance longevity.	Debra Austin
10:25 – 10:30	5 Minute Break	
10:30 – 12:00 1.5 (dual)	<i>The Changing Face of Technology and its Impact on the Practice of Law</i> Just when we thought we had a grip on the use of technology in the practice of law, along came AI DeepFakes, social engineering, and increasing privacy invasions. It is easy to get lost. This session will explore practical solutions and explore ways to avoid getting lost in the hype and technical jargon.	Bill Ramsey
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 – 2:00 1.0 (dual)	<i>Recent Developments in Lawyers Assistance Program</i> This program will highlight the following topics relating to recent developments by TLAP: Mental Health Challenges in the Legal Profession; Confidential TLAP Assistance Behind the Scenes; and, Best Practices in Monitoring Fitness to Practice.	Buddy Stockwell
2:00 – 2:05	5 Minute Break	
2:05 – 3:05 1.0 (dual)	<i>AI and Ethics</i> AI seems to be everywhere, in everything, including all sorts of tools for lawyers. Some are useful and cool; some maybe not so much. Some are dangerous; some are safer. How can lawyers use AI effectively, comply with the ethics rules ranging from competence to confidentiality, meet their obligations to clients, and not wind up as the next front-page example of lawyer stupidity? Find out.	Lucian Pera
3:05 – 3:10	5 Minute Break	

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3:10 – 4:10 1.0 (dual)	<i>Not so Secret an Agent</i> Lawyers are not spies, but they do serve as agents for a principal. This sixty-minute session provides a comprehensive overview of the obligations owed by a lawyer, as a fiduciary, to clients. There will be a focus on attorneys who represent clients with diminished capacity and a discussion of recent efforts to modify the ethics rules governing the representation of children, cognitively impaired adults, and others with certain challenges. A summary of significant recent trends in lawyer regulation will also be featured.	Jim Grogan
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