Legal Ethics Refresh

Continuing legal education seminar with 2.5 hours of Attorney Professional Conduct hours available

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:50 a.m. Light breakfast refreshments

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Comments

Casey Krell, President, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley

9:10 a.m. Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Mark C. Vopat, Director, Dr. James Dale Ethics Center at Youngstown State

University

9:15 a.m. Part I: The Lawyer's Duty of Candor: Cases and capers leading to fines and

failures (1.0 hour professional conduct credit)

This program will focus on lawyer professionalism and civility and the duty of candor to the tribunal under the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct and the

State and Federal Rules of Procedure.

Presenter: Heather Zirke, Director of the Miller Becker Center for Professional Responsibility and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Akron School of

Law

10:15 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. Part II: Choose Your Own Ethics Adventure: Spring Break 2025 Edition (1.5

hours professional conduct credit)

Using a travel theme, this program will focus on the most practical areas of legal ethics to help lawyers and legal professionals serve their clients better and avoid grievances. Content will include a discussion of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, Rules for the Government of the Bar, Board of Professional Conduct Advisory Opinions, recent disciplinary cases and essential rule changes. Other

topics will include AI ethics and lawyer mental health.

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11:55 a.m. Wrap-Up and Evaluation

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and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Akron School of Law

12:10 p.m. Closing Comments