The AIDS Legal Referral Panel
FREE Spring 2020
MCLE Training Programs

Trial Presentations

Seeing is Believing: Showing the Story in Courtroom Presentations

- Thursday, March 26th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Russell Goodrow, Esq. – Goodrow Law
- Bar Association of San Francisco, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** This training will discuss demonstrative evidence at trial and describe the two categories of demonstrative exhibits under the law (demonstrative exhibits and substantive exhibits) and the basic rules for creating a memorable courtroom presentation to compel juror attention. We will also go over the hardware and software we use in court and provide a brief demonstration of the equipment so that you possess the tools you need to walk into a courtroom and show a compelling story of your case.

Immigration

Citizenship for Disabled Clients: Understanding the N-648 Medical Waiver

- Thursday, April 2nd, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Presented by Brett Snider, Esq. – Jewish Family and Children's Services
- Bar Association of San Francisco, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** One of the biggest roadblocks to becoming a U.S. citizen can be demonstrating knowledge of the English language and U.S. history and civics. Learning a new language such as English is difficult under normal circumstances, and it can be near impossible for clients living with certain disabilities. Luckily, clients seeking to naturalize can apply for a medical waiver from these requirements, using Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions. When prepared properly, this N-648 medical waiver can excuse an impaired citizenship applicant from the requirement to speak, read, and/or write in English or to answer questions about U.S. history and civics. However, this form can only be prepared by certain medical and mental health professionals, creating a unique challenge for attorneys who assist clients with these waivers. USCIS has also increased its scrutiny in adjudicating these waivers, making it essential for experienced attorneys to know how to advocate for these waivers at their clients' naturalization interviews. In this training, we will cover the basics that will allow you to screen for, file, and advocate for medical waivers for your eligible clients who wish to become U.S. citizens.

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Housing

- Thursday, April 30th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Jaime Rush, Esq. and Jeff Dulgar, Esq. – AIDS Legal Referral Panel
- Bar Association of San Francisco, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** *Coming soon!*

Ethics and Pro Bono/Modest Means Practices

- Tuesday, May 5th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Presented by Tiela Chalmers, Esq. – Alameda County Bar Association
- Bar Association of San Francisco, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 *Legal Ethics* CLE Credits
- **Overview:** How do the Rules of Professional Conduct apply to attorneys doing pro bono work? What about attorneys taking cases for lower income clients at a reduced fee? What do you need to know? Come to an interactive session to learn and discuss these questions with Tiela Chalmers, CEO and General Counsel of the Alameda County Bar Association and Legal Access Alameda.

Preparing Simple Wills and Powers of Attorney

Tuesday, May 12th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

- Presented by Mark Senick, Esq. – Law Office of Mark A. Senick
- Bar Association of San Francisco, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** This training will establish what you need to know from your client in order to prepare simple wills, powers of attorney, and advance health care directives. We will also cover the capacity of the client to execute these documents, what happens after death, and how to prepare the documents.

Severance Negotiations & Agreements

- Tuesday, May 19th, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Presented by Emily Thiagaraj, Esq. – Kosinski and Thiagaraj, LLP
- Bar Association of San Francisco, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
- 1.5 General CLE Credits
- **Overview:** So many employees encounter severances when terminated. Join us at this MCLE training to go over an employee's rights regarding severances, what they generally entail, how to negotiate them, and what to look out for.

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Please RSVP

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All are welcome to attend the MCLE trainings. Following the training, we hope that non-Panel attorneys will sign up and support ALRP's mission. There are many benefits to being a Panel attorney and we only ask that Panel members accept two ALRP referrals a year.

The BASF Board Room (and all alternate meeting rooms) is accessible to people with disabilities. Attendees who might require a reasonable accommodation (including alternative-to-print formats of materials) are invited to contact Faron Stalker in advance of the training (contact information below).

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