NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

General Practice Section
&
Committee on Professional Discipline
Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013
Hilton New York
1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York City

MCLE Morning Program
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Nassau Hill West & East, 2nd Floor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for a total of 4.0 credit hours; 2.0 credits in areas of professional practice and 2.0 credits in Ethics. This program is not transitional and will not qualify for credit for newly-admitted attorneys.

Discounts and Scholarships: New York State Bar Association members and non-members may apply for a discount or scholarship to attend this program, based on financial hardship. ***This discount applies to the educational portion of the program only.*** Under this policy, any member of our Association or non-member who has a genuine basis for their hardship, if approved, can receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. Request for discounts or scholarships must be received by **Tuesday, January 8th, 2013**. For more details, please contact Adriana Favreau at New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207 or afavreau@nysba.org.

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Martin Minkowitz, Esq.
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Latest Updates in Traditional Areas of Practice Law

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
General Practice Section Welcome,
Nomination of Officers and Introduction of Program
Zachary J. Abella, Esq., Chair, General Practice Section

9:10 – 10:10 a.m.
Hot Tips From the Experts
Presentation of the latest issues in a variety of legal topics and updates on changes to law.

Moderator:
Willard H. DaSilva, Esq.
DaSilva, Hilowitz & McEvily LLP
Garden City

Panelists:

Frank G. D'Angelo, Esq.
Law Offices of Frank G. D'Angelo
Garden City

Laurence Keiser, Esq.
Stern Keiser & Panken LLP
White Plains

Gary R. Mund, Esq.
Law Office of Gary R. Mund
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Steven L. Kessler
The Law Offices of Steven L. Kessler
New York City

Dwayne Weissman, Esq.
Law Office of Dwayne Weissman
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10:10 – 10:20 a.m.
Committee on Professional Discipline Welcome
Sarah Jo Hamilton, Esq., Chair, Committee on Professional Discipline
Introduction of Topic
Martin Minkowitz, Esq., Program Chair, Committee on Professional Discipline

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The Ethics of Attorney Discipline in New York: Four Different Departments, Four Different Approaches -- Should Attorney Discipline Be Uniform?
In this program, a panel of experts, including Appellate Division justices, will engage in a moderated discussion of the ethics of New York's uniquely organized disciplinary system, with regard to its benefits and detriments.

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Among other topics, the panel will explore the different ways New York's four Appellate Divisions handle attorney discipline cases, highlighting substantive case law and court rules, and debate the relative merits of a uniform system granting every attorney substantively similar procedural rights.

Moderator: **J. Richard Supple, Jr., Esq.**
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP New York City

Panelists: **Hon. Luis A. Gonzalez**
Presiding Justice
Appellate Division, First Department
New York City

Hon. Mark C. Dillon
Appellate Division, Second Department
Brooklyn

Hon. Karen K. Peters
Presiding Justice
Appellate Division, Third Department
Albany

Hon. Eugene M. Fahey
Appellate Division, Fourth Department
Rochester

Prof. Roy D. Simon
Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics Emeritus
Hofstra University School of Law
Hempstead

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **CPLR Update**

Speaker: **David H. Rosen, Esq.**
Former Court Attorney/Referee
New York State Supreme Court, Queens County
Jamaica

1:00 p.m. **Program Concludes**

Pursuant to ARTICLE IV, section 1 of the Section's bylaws the General Practice Section Nominating Committee unanimously recommends for election at the Section's Annual Meeting, the following officers for the coming year:

Chair:	Lewis F. Tesser
Chair-Elect:	Richard A. Klass
Secretary:	Robert M. Fettman
Treasurer:	Joel E. Abramson

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For overnight room accommodations, please call the Hilton New York at 1-800-445-8667 and identify yourself as a member of the New York State Bar Association. Room rates are $239.00 for single/double occupancy. You also can reserve your overnight room on the web at www.nysba.org/13accomm.

For questions about this specific program, please contact Adriana Favreau at 518-487-5630. **For registration questions only, please call 518-487-5621. Fax registration form to 518-463-5993.**

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