

Bridging the Gap

August 2015

Thursday, August 27, 2015 &
Friday, August 28, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

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3.0 ethics credits

Special Program for Recent Graduates and Newly Admitted Attorneys

- Earn 16.0 MCLE Credits
- Satisfy your newly admitted annual MCLE requirement by attending this two-day program
- Approved for MCLE Credit in New York, New Jersey, California and Pennsylvania

**This popular program sells out.
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your seat!**

**\$295 for Newly Admitted
Attorneys***

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Newly admitted attorneys can satisfy all of their annual MCLE requirements by attending this two-day program which is ideal for “bridging the gap” between law school and the realities of practicing law in New York State. Experienced attorneys who have an interest in other areas of practice can also attend and benefit from this program by learning practical information from skilled and experienced practitioners.

Program faculty will speak from the New York City location and will be broadcast live to other locations in an interactive video conference format, allowing “real time” interaction between all locations. **This program is approved for MCLE credit for newly admitted attorneys in all locations, regardless of format.**

This two-day program will cover different topics in various areas of practice on each day and offers a total of 16.0 MCLE credits: 3.0 in ethics, 6.0 credits in skills, and 7.0 in areas of professional practice.

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ELECTRONIC COURSE MATERIALS

Course Materials for NYSBA CLE programs are now distributed electronically!

All program materials are distributed exclusively online in searchable PDF format, allowing attendees more flexibility in storing this information and allowing you to copy and paste relevant portions of the materials for specific use in your practice. A CLE NotePad® (paper) will be provided to all attendees at the live program site.

The CLE NotePad® includes lined pages for taking notes on each topic, as well as any PowerPoint presentations submitted prior to printing.

Prior to a scheduled program date, all registrants will receive an email message containing a hyperlink that when clicked will provide you with access to the complete course materials in a searchable PDF format which can be downloaded to your computer. Printing the complete materials is not required for attending the program. Online materials are updated periodically to reflect last minute submissions from program faculty, guaranteeing that you will always have the latest version of the materials.

16.0 TOTAL CREDITS: 7.0 areas of professional practice/ law practice management; 6.0 skills; 3.0 ethics

This course has been approved for MCLE credit in New York for all attorneys,
including newly admitted (less than 24 months).

This program has also been approved for MCLE credit by the **State Bar of California** and the **Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board** for 10.5 credit hours of substantive law and 2.5 credit hours of ethics. All inquiries regarding MCLE credits may be directed to (518) 487-5606.

This program has been approved by the **Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey** for 16.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 3.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, criminal trial law, workers compensation law and/ or matrimonial law. This course does not qualify under any of the nine specified new admit areas, in five of which New Jersey attorneys admitted in 2009 or thereafter, in their first full two-year compliance period, must take 15 of their 24 required credit hours (see BCLE Reg. 201:2).

The New York State Bar Association's Committee on Continuing Legal Education has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PARTIAL CREDIT FOR PROGRAM SEGMENTS NOT ALLOWED. Under the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board Regulations and Guidelines, attendees at CLE programs cannot receive MCLE credit for a program segment unless they are present for the entire segment. Persons who arrive late, depart early, or are absent for any portion of the segment will not receive credit for that segment.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, August 27, 2015

(3.5 areas of professional practice, 3.0 skills, 1.5 ethics)

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
Continental Breakfast Served Outside of Meeting Room
- 9:00 – 10:15 **Handling a DWI Case in New York State**
- Speaker: **Peter Gerstenzang, Esq.**
Gerstenzang, O’Hern, Sills & Gerstenzang
Albany, NY

(1.5 skills)
- 10:15 – 10:25 **Break**
- 10:25 – 11:15 **Reviewing a Lease Agreement |
Traps for the Unwary | Commercial Real Estate 101**
- Speaker: **Deborah Goldman, Esq.**
Joshua Stein PLLC
New York City

(1.0 areas of professional practice)
- 11:15 – 12:30 **The Attorney Grievance Process | Ethics Considerations
for Lawyers**
- Speaker: **Deborah A. Scalise, Esq.**
Scalise & Hamilton, LLP
Scarsdale, NY

(1.5 ethics)
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch Break** (on your own)
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **Special Education Law 101 | School Law**
- Speaker: **Jennifer Monthie, Esq.**
Disability Rights New York
Albany, NY

(1.0 areas of professional practice)
- 2:20 – 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Negotiating a Separation Agreement in a Matrimonial
Case in New York State**
- Speaker: **Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq.**
Gassman Baiamonte Betts PC
Garden City, NY

(1.5 skills)
- 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. **New York Civil Practice and Procedure Update**
- Speaker: **David L. Ferstendig, Esq.**
Law Offices of David L. Ferstendig, LLC
New York City

(1.5 areas of professional practice)

FRIDAY, August 28, 2015

(3.5 areas of professional practice, 3.0 skills, 1.5 ethics)

8:30 a.m.

Registration

Continental Breakfast Served Outside of Meeting Room

9:00 – 10:15

Estate Planning 101 | Drafting a Basic Will for a Client

Speaker:

Patricia J. Shevy, Esq.

The Shevy Law Firm, LLC
Albany, NY

(1.5 skills)

10:15 – 10:25

Break

10:25 – 11:15

Litigating a Slip, Trip and Fall Case in New York State

Speaker:

Jeff Anderson, Esq.

Anderson, Moschetti & Taffany, PLLC
Latham, NY

(1.0 areas of professional practice)

11:15 – 12:30 p.m.

Client Intake, Conflicts Checks, Letters of Engagement & Retainer Agreements | Ethics Considerations for Lawyers

Speaker:

Sean Ginty, Esq.

CNA
Chicago, IL

(1.5 ethics)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Automobile Litigation Cases | Mediation, Arbitration and Summary Jury Trials

Speaker:

Robert A. Glick, Esq.

Brand Glick & Brand, P.C.
Garden City, NY

(1.5 skills)

2:45 – 2:55 p.m.

Break

2:55 – 3:45 p.m.

Cybersecurity Concerns for Lawyers

Speaker:

Joseph V. DeMarco, Esq.

DeVore & DeMarco, LLP
New York City

(1.0 areas of professional practice)

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Suing or Defending a Municipality | An Overview of the Notice of Claim Form

Speaker:

Steven G. Leventhal, Esq.

Leventhal, Cursio, Mullaney & Spector, LLP
Roslyn, NY

(1.5 areas of professional practice)

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

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New York City | PC: 0DZ74

The Graduate Center, CUNY | 365 Fifth Avenue, Between 34th & 35th, New York, NY 10016 | (212) 817-7162

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The Conference Center Niagara Falls | 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 | (716) 278-2103

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New York State Bar Association | 1 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207 | (518) 463-3200

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INFORMATION AND POLICIES

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- Mail** New York State Bar Association, Member Resource Center, One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207
- Fax** **518.463.5993**
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- CLE seminar coupons and complimentary passes **CANNOT** be used for this program.
- Registration fees for live programs increase ten days prior to the program date.

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