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Program Agenda		1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	Risk Management: Client Intake, Letters of Engagement, Retainers and IOLA, Best Practices for Lawyers
8:30 a.m.	Registration		Lana James Moore
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction		USI Affinity  Marian C. Rice, Esq.
9:10 - 10:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>Creating Your Launch Plan</li> <li>Your Business Plan (Yes, You Need One)</li> <li>What Type of Law Will You Practice?</li> </ul>		L'Abbate Balkan Colavita & Contini, LLP (1.0 Ethics)
	<ul> <li>• Home Office or Rented Space?</li> <li>• Should You Form a Professional Corporation or LLC?</li> <li>• What Equipment and Technology Do You Need?</li> <li>• What are the Five Things Every Solo Law Practice Must Have to Be Successful?</li> </ul>	1:50 – 2:40 p.m.	<ul> <li>Understanding Your Malpractice Insurance Policy: Making Sure You Have the Right Amount and Right Coverage</li> <li>Applying Your Coverage: How to Fill Out the Application Form</li> <li>Defining Your "Practice Areas" the Right Way</li> <li>Do You Need "Prior Acts" Coverage?</li> <li>How Much Coverage Do You Need?</li> </ul>
	Clifford R. Ennico, Esq. Law Offices of Clifford R. Ennico		What Do You Do When Someone Threatens to Sue You?
	<b>Gary B. Fiebert, Esq.</b> Smock Law Firm Consultants		<b>Lana James Moore</b> USI Affinity
	(1.0 Areas of Professional Practice)		Marian C. Rice, Esq. L'Abbate Balkan Colavita & Contini, LLP (1.0 Ethics)
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	<ul> <li>Managing Your (Cyber) Practice</li> <li>Maximizing Efficiency: Hardware/Software/Cloud</li> <li>Cybersecurity: Preventing and Mitigating Risk</li> <li>Operational Issues: Data Management</li> </ul>	2:40 – 2:50 p.m. 2:50 – 3:40 p.m.	Break
	<ul> <li>Emergency Preparedness</li> <li>Jillian L. McNeil, Esq.</li> <li>Balestriere Fariello</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Human Resources Issues for the Solo or Small Practice</li> <li>What Types of Staff Members Should You Hire?</li> <li>When Is the Best Time to Hire?</li> <li>How Can You Create a Competitive Competition Structure You Can Afford?</li> <li>What Types of Incentive Programs Can You Put Into Place?</li> </ul>
	Marc M. Natale Balestriere Fariello		
10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	(1.0 Areas of Professional Practice)  Break		<ul> <li>How Will You Manage Your Team?</li> <li>Partner, Employee or Contractor – Which Is Best?</li> <li>What Legal and Tax Responsibilities Do You Have as an Employer?</li> <li>How Will You Deal with the Affordable Care Act?</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Get the Clients and Cases You Want: How to Build a Sophisticated Litigation Practice Outside the Big Firm		David DePietto NexFirm LLC
	<ul> <li>Finding Clients</li> <li>Exploiting Your Small Size to Get the Clients and Cases You Want</li> <li>Practice and Time Management: Do It Right or Die</li> </ul>		Carol Schiro Greenwald, Ph.D. MarketingPartners
	<ul> <li>Coordinating With Co-Counsel to Build Your Practice</li> <li>Special Pitfalls of Litigation to Avoid</li> </ul>		(1.0 Areas of Professional Practice)
	<b>Jillian L. McNeil, Esq.</b> Balastriere Fariello	3:40 – 4:30 p.m.	<ul> <li>Cutting Edge Ethical Considerations for the Solo Practitioner</li> <li>What Exactly Is the "Practice of Law" and When Is It "Unauthorized"?</li> <li>When Clients Cross State Lines: Doing Legal Work in Jurisdictions</li> </ul>
11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	(1.0 Areas of Professional Practice)  Lunch Buffet		Other Than New York  Current Ethics Opinions You Should Know  Reader, Advisor, Barista, Attorney at Law": Combining a Law  Practice with Other Sources of Income
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Maximize Your Marketing: Turn Basic Business Cards, Letterhead and Websites into Marketing Statements  • Define Your Target Niche		<ul> <li>Can You "Crowdfund" a Law Practice?</li> <li>Clifford R. Ennico, Esq.</li> <li>Law Offices of Clifford R. Ennico</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Craft Marketing Messages That Speak to That Audience</li> <li>Turn Basics – Business Card, Letterhead – Into Marketing Statements</li> <li>Incorporate Web Resources From the Beginning</li> <li>Select Comfortable Marketing Activities</li> <li>Use Social Media Resources Effectively and Ethically</li> </ul>	430 5.00	Carol Schiro Greenwald, Ph.D. MarketingPartners (1.0 Ethics)
	<ul> <li>Attorney Advertising and the New York Rules of Professional Conduct</li> <li>Clifford R. Ennico, Esq.</li> <li>Law Offices of Clifford R. Ennico</li> </ul>	4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Panel Discussion: Critical Issues for Solo Practitioners in New York
	Carol Schiro Greenwald, Ph.D. MarketingPartners	5:00 p.m.	Adjournment

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