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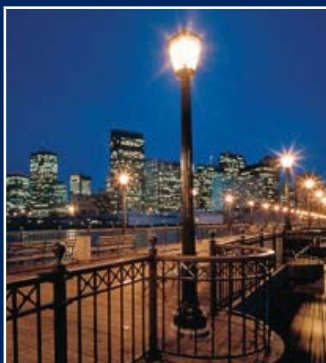
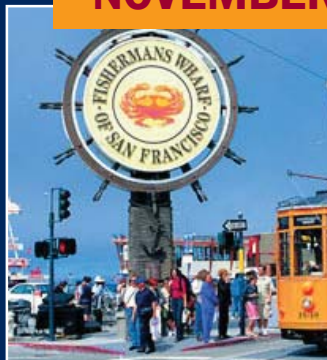
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MCLE: 15.5 General / 1.0 Substance Abuse / 1.0 Ethics

Program



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

REGISTRATION AND EXHIBIT HALL 8:00 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(BREAK 10:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.)

TRACK I—MCLE 3.0 GENERAL

Handling The Auto Case From Bumper To Bumper, Part I

MODERATOR: ANTONY STUART

Stuart Law Firm, Los Angeles

Important Considerations At The Outset Of A Car Crash Case

- Dee Yarnall, Glendale
The Law Office of Dee Yarnall

Dealing With Juror Bias In The Auto Case

- Christopher B. Dolan, San Francisco
The Dolan Law Firm

Discovery Considerations In The Auto Case

- Maryann P. Gallagher, Los Angeles
Law Offices of Maryann P. Gallagher

Principles of Accident Reconstruction And Vehicle Dynamics

- Michael Varat, Camarillo
Keva Engineering

Cross Examination: How You Do It – How You Handle It When It's Done To You

- Doris Cheng, San Francisco
Walkup, Melodia, Kelly, Wecht & Schoenberger

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TRACK II—MCLE 3.0 GENERAL

Employees Are Consumers Too: Sharpen Your Skills With A New Set Of Tools

MODERATOR: LISA L. MAKI

Law Offices of Lisa L. Maki, Santa Monica

“Working 9-5” Wage And Hour Class Actions “Food, Glorious Food!” It’s A Wage, Not A Penalty

- Todd M. Schneider, San Francisco
Schneider & Wallace

“Who Are You?” Pre-Certification Discovery Of Class Members

- Michael D. Singer, San Diego
Cohelan & Khoury

“Master Mind” Certification Strategies And FSLA Actions

- Eve Cervantez, San Francisco
Altshuler Berzon LLP

I’d Rather Be A Hammer Than A Nail “Get Up, Stand Up, Stand Up For Your Rights!”

“Killing Me Softly With His Song” Defamation Claims

- Christopher H. Whelan, Gold River
Christopher H. Whelan, Inc.

“Lies, Lies, Lies, Yeah” Gathering Evidence Outside Discovery

- Jeremy D. Pasternak, San Francisco
Law Office of Jeremy Pasternak

“Who Let The Dogs Out?” And, What Happened After They Fed Alpo To The Fire Fighter?

- Genie E. Harrison, Los Angeles
Litt Estuar Harrison & Kitson LLP

“Know When To Hold Em, Know When To Fold Em” Settlement Issues For The FEHA Plaintiff

- Christina M. Coleman, Santa Monica
Law Offices of Lisa L. Maki

“Working On The Chain Gang?”

Accommodating The Disabled Worker

“I Will Survive” Update On Recent Case Law, Accommodations/Interactive Process

- Beverly Pine, Sherman Oaks
Pine & Pine

“I Had A Dream” Case Themes And Jury Instructions In Disability Cases

- David H. Greenberg, Beverly Hills
Law Offices of David H. Greenberg

“We’re Not Going To Take It” The Effective Use Of Experts In Disability Cases

- Michael A. Robbins, Bell Canyon
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12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch with the Vendors

(Exhibit Area)

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

(Elections will be held)

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(BREAK 3:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.)

TRACK I—MCLE 3.0 GENERAL

Handling The Auto Case From Bumper To Bumper, Part II

MODERATOR: JOHN M. FEDER

Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & Zanobini, San Francisco

Deposition Strategies And Trial Tactics For Medical Experts

- Michael C. Alder, Beverly Hills
Law Offices of C. Michael Alder

Dealing with Biomechanics And Biomechanical Experts

- Albert G. Stoll, Jr., San Francisco
Albert G. Stoll, Jr., A Law Corporation

Developing Winning Themes In Auto Cases

- Thomas J. Brandi, San Francisco
Law Offices of Thomas J. Brandi

Identifying The Products Case

- Brian D. Chase, Newport Beach
Bisnar Chase

Mediating The Auto Case (Roundtable Discussion)

- Rene L. Sample, Fresno
Cornwell & Sample
- Jerry Spolter, San Francisco
JAMS

TRACK II—MCLE 3.0 GENERAL

Discovery: Cutting Edge Deposition Strategies

MODERATOR: ROBERT J. FRANCAVILLA

Casey, Gerry, Schenk, Francavilla, et al, San Diego

Identifying And Deposing The Corporate Witness

- Timothy G. Tietjen, San Francisco
Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & Zanobini

How To Pick Your Expert – What To Do To Theirs

- Robert E. Cartwright, Jr., San Francisco
The Cartwright Law Firm, Inc.

Defense Psych Exam: Don’t Let The Defense Pick Your Client’s Brain

- Karen Barth Menzies, Los Angeles
Baum Hedlund, A Professional Corporation

Don’t Let The Obstructionist Defense Counsel Get In Your Way

- Kathleen Flynn Peterson, Minneapolis, Minn.
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P.

Written Discovery: Let’s Be Efficient

- Lawrence Alan Strick, San Rafael
Law Offices of Lawrence A. Strick

Preparing The Plaintiff For Deposition: Don’t Assume They Know What A Depo Is And Know Your Client’s Medical Records

- Wendy C. York, Sacramento
York Law Corporation

Case Evaluation: How To Pick A Winner

- Julie Colson

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Public Justice Reception

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception (Exhibit Area)

Program

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M. — EXHIBIT HALL 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

MCLE 1.0 GENERAL

**Invited Plenary Session Speaker
MONTANA GOVERNOR
BRIAN SCHWEITZER**

(BREAK 9:30 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

TRACK I—MCLE 2.0 GENERAL

**New Strategies For Conservative
Juries**

(Only Plaintiff Attorneys May Attend This Session)

MODERATOR: GAYLE MERYL BLATT

Casey, Gerry, Schenk, Francavilla, et al, San Diego

- J. Jude Basile, San Luis Obispo
Basile Law Firm
- Don A. Ernst, San Luis Obispo
Ernst & Mattison, APC
- Brian J. Panish, Los Angeles
Panish Shea & Boyle LLP
- R. Rex Parris, Lancaster
R. Rex Parris Law Firm

TRACK II—MCLE 2.0 GENERAL

Bad Faith Back On the Front Burner

MODERATOR: STEVEN J. BRADY

Brady Law Group, San Rafael

Major Developments In First Party Bad Faith

- Arnold R. Levinson, San Francisco
Pillsbury & Levinson, LLP

**How To Use The Fair Claims Settlement Practice
Regulations To Settle Your First And Third Party
Auto And Premises Liability Claims**

- Hon. Rex Heeseman, Los Angeles
Superior Court of California

Old Dogs, New Tricks

- E. Gerard Mannion, San Francisco
Mannion & Lowe

HMOs: ERISA, Arbitration and Bad Faith – Oh My!

- Sharon J. Arkin, Lake Forest
Arkin & Glovsky

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MCLE 1.0 GENERAL

**Invited Keynote Lunch Speaker
SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM**

(BREAK 1:00 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.)

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(BREAK 2:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.)

TRACK I—MCLE 3.5 GENERAL

**Masters Program: Tips From
Top Trial Lawyers**

From voir dire to closing argument and beyond, these trial legends will offer trial strategy and inspiration to trial lawyers of all levels of experience.

MODERATOR: CHRISTINE D. SPAGNOLI

Greene, Broillet & Wheeler LLP, Santa Monica

- Robert A. Buccola, Sacramento
Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callahan, LLP
- Carl E. Douglas, Beverly Hills
Law Office of Carl E. Douglas
- Thomas V. Girardi, Los Angeles
Girardi & Keese
- Browne Greene, Santa Monica
Greene, Broillet & Wheeler LLP
- Peter J. Hinton, Walnut Creek
Hinton, Alfert & Sumner
- Mary E. Alexander, San Francisco
Mary Alexander & Associates
- Ronald H. Rouda, San Francisco
Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & Zanobini

TRACK II—MCLE 3.5 GENERAL MCLE

**Mastering Class Action In Complex
Cases**

MODERATOR: DAVID M. ARBOGAST

Spiro Moss Barness LLP, Los Angeles

**Understanding The Class Action Fairness Act Of
2005**

- Gerson H. Smoger, Dallas, Tex.
Smoger & Associates

National Class Actions After CAFA

- Elizabeth J. Cabraser, San Francisco
Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP
- Joseph W. Cotchett, Burlingame
Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy

**The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 - What Has
It Done To The Federal Bench?**

- Hon. Susan Y. Illston, San Francisco
U.S. District Court, Northern District Of California
- Hon. Marsha Berzon, Phoenix, Ariz.
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

**Recent Developments In State And Federal Class
Actions**

- Hon. Ronald Sabraw, San Francisco
JAMS

**Computer Technology & Consumer Products
Class Actions**

- Jonathan Shub, Philadelphia, Penn.
Seeger Weiss LLP

**Anticipating, Avoiding and Overcoming Problems
With Class Representatives**

- Jonathan E. Gertler, Mill Valley
Chavez & Gertler

Dealing With Objectors

- Brian S. Kabateck, Los Angeles
Kabateck Brown Kellner

**Dealing With Bankruptcy In The Class Action
Arena**

- David J. Molton, New York
Brown Rudnick

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Annual Installation and
Awards Dinner**

(Ticketed Event)

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No Host Cocktails
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Awards Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

Session Co-sponsor:
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9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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MCLE 2.0 GENERAL, 1.0 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, 1.0
ETHICS

**Inconvenient Truths, Medical
Liens, Ethics and Substance Abuse**

MODERATOR: KATHRYN STEBNER

Stebner & Associates, San Francisco

**Weathering The Storm: How To Overcome The
Challenges Of Substance And Alcohol Abuse**

- J. Gary Gwilliam, Oakland
Gwilliam, Ivary, Chiosso, Cavalli & Brewer

**ERISA Liens: A Survey Of The Current Issues and
Approaches To Resolution**

- Daniel E. Wilcoxon, Sacramento
Wilcoxon, Callahan, Montgomery & Deacon

**Pre-Trial Maneuvers To Ensure Admissibility Of
Full Medical Specials**

- Scott H.Z. Sumner, Walnut Creek
Hinton, Alfert & Sumner

**Even More Creative Suggestions For Handling
Those Ubiquitous Workers' Compensation Liens**

- James G. Butler, Jr., San Francisco
The Veen Firm, PC

New Tactics For Trimming Medical Liens

- Steven B. Stevens, Los Angeles
Michels & Watkins

**Ethical Considerations In The Handling Of Lien
Claims**

- David E. Smith, Sacramento
Kershaw, Cutter & Ratinoff



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November 6-9, 2008

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November 11-15, 2009

San Francisco

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\$ 150 pp x _____ Saturday Annual Installation and Awards Dinner

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