

Ethics 2024: Questions from the Trenches

Timed Agenda

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February 15, 2024, 2:30-4:30 p.m. CST / 3:30-5:30 p.m. EST

The two-hour webinar program will be offered Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 2:30-4:30 p.m and will be moderated by Robert A. Clifford. Joining him will be the Hon. Mary Cay Marubio, Acting Presiding Judge of the Pretrial Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County and member of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee; Professor Kevin Hopkins, the Brody-O'Neill Professor Scholar who teaches professional responsibility at the UIC Law School; and Melissa Smart, Director of Education of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

For 17 years, Clifford Law Offices has sponsored free programs on professional responsibility on many subjects — from client communication and trial work to preparing witnesses and social media. For the 2024 program, we turned to practicing lawyers — the lawyers in the trenches — and we asked them what's on their minds in the area of lawyer ethics. What problems do they see day in and day out? And we listened. The 2024 all-star panel will address hypotheticals and ethical issues that came from you. They will discuss issues from the revised IOLTA account rules to double billing issues.

Hypo 1: 2:30-2:40 p.m. Management of IOLTA account funds

Hypo 2: 2:40-2:50 p.m. Determination of and interaction with a possibly mentally ill client

Hypo 3: 2:50-3:00 p.m. Attorney use of AI in preparation of legal documents, disclosure and billing

Hypo 4: 3:00-3:10 p.m. Unprofessional overheard conversation relating to matters in the courtroom

Hypo 5: 3:10-3:20 p.m. Attorney obligation in transitioning a case to replacement counsel

Hypo 6: 3:20-3:30 p.m. Conflict of interest

Hypo 7: 3:30-3:40 p.m. Casual legal advice in a non-representation situation

Hypo 8: 3:40-3:50 p.m. Attorney obligation to provide services when cost of same exceeds benefit

Hypo 9: 3:50-4:00 p.m. Social Media and discovery of a potential conflict in a mediation setting

Hypo 10: 4:00-4:10 p.m. Issues when a Judge is charged in a criminal action (DUI) and admits a problem with alcohol

Hypo 11: 4:10-4:20 p.m. The GAL for an adult adjudicated as disabled decides to change legal counsel

Hypo 12: 4:20-4:30 p.m. Duplication of documents testamentary, which prevails?