



MCBA Bay Area MCLE Conference

EVENT SCHEDULE

Partnering Bar Associations: BASF, ACBA, SCCBA, Sonoma County, SFTLA, MTLA, and MCWL

Hosted by Marin County Bar Association

Day 1

Monday, November 16

Menu of Zoom registration links sent each day to access the individual programs for that day.

9:30 - 10:30 am	Celebrating 100 Year Anniversary of Suffragists <i>Elimination of Bias Specialty Credit 1 CLE</i> A deep dive on the Suffragists work for the 19th amendment. Introduction: Ahtossa Fullerton Sister Pat Dougherty, Dominican University
Noon - 1:00 pm	Criminal Law Reform Panel Moderator: Karthik Raju, Marin County Public Defender Elimination of Bias Specialty Credit 1 CLE Speakers: Marin County District Attorney Lori Frugoli, Former San Francisco Assistant District Attorney Cristine Deberry, Marin County Public Defender Jose Varela
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Ethical Issues in the COVID19 Era <i>Ethics Specialty Credit 1 CLE</i> Becoming an attorney in California is no easy task. You must demonstrate good moral character and operate within the ethical framework established by the State Bar. Failure to meet these requirements could make it impossible to practice law in California. The pandemic can create ethical issues in unchartered areas. How does a lawyer navigate these scenarios and adhere to the Rules of Professional Conduct. Speaker: Samuel Bellicini
3:30 - 4:30 pm	The Struggle for Racial Justice and Civil Rights During a Time of Crisis <i>Elimination of Bias Specialty Credit 1 CLE</i> 2020 has been marked by civil unrest, peaceful protests that were met with aggressive federal backlash, and calls for racial justice spurred by the tragic killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and others. In this panel, we will explore how the legal community can be effective in the pursuit of racial and economic justice during a period of crisis. How do we dissolve the barriers to gain advances in diversity and equity in our profession? How do we create sustainable policies to eliminate systemic racism? Speakers: Toussaint Bailey, Otis Bruce, and Ruthe Catolico Ashley

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Day 2

Tuesday, November 17

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9:30 - 10:30 am	Intellectual Property Law Bootcamp <i>General Credit 1 CLE Intellectual Property/Business Sections</i> Lawyers whose practices are not focused on intellectual property can find themselves presented with IP issues on a regular basis. Knowing IP basics can be invaluable in spotting issues and finding outside expertise to help clients navigate the world of IP law. This presentation will provide an overview of copyright, trademark and patent law, for non-specialists looking for a better understanding of the key principles. Speakers: Naomi Jane Gray, Steven Nielsen and Jeffrey Knowles
Noon - 1:00 pm	Keynote Speaker : SCOTUS Update with Professor Rory Little <i>General Credit 1 CLE</i> U.C. Hastings Constitutional Law Professor, Rory Little continues his popular update on SCOTUS cases for the upcoming term. A frequent NPR commentator on the Supreme Court, Rory will provide perspective on the composition of the Court after the death of Justice Ginsberg, the new administration (whichever way the election goes), and the major cases that will be heard during the 2021 term.
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Competency Issues: Having the "Talk" <i>Substance Abuse Competency Specialty Credit 1 CLE</i> Data confirms that licensed attorneys and law students suffer from mental health and substance use problems at greater rates than the general population. But after recognizing potential issues of competency or substance abuse, how do we start the process of intervention? What are the steps in having the "talk" and getting help for a colleague, friend or client? Attendees will hear advice from the Lawyer Assistance Program and a clinical therapist on processes, expectations and how to respond to denial. They will discuss the resources available before the situation escalates to an issue before the Office of Chief Trial Counsel. Michelle Harmon is a licensed clinical social worker and Program Supervisor for Lawyer Assistance Program, State Bar of CA. Starr Kelton-Locke is a psychologist with a practice in treating substance abuse and other mental health issues. Speakers: Michelle Harmon LCSW, and Starr Kelton-Locke Ph.D, PsyD.

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Day 3

Wednesday, November 18

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9:30 - 11:00 am	<p>Real Property Update</p> <p><i>General Credit 1.5 CLE Real Property Section</i></p> <p>Moderator: Derek Weller</p> <p>This program will address recent developments in real estate and discuss what's next, focusing on how attorneys can navigate commercial and residential leasing issues on behalf of their clients through the changing leasing landscape, including a discussion of lease negotiations and re-negotiations, pandemic related defenses and evictions during these times. Additionally, the program will cover recent developments in real estate brokerage and the impact of the pandemic on brokerage and other issues.</p> <p>Speakers: Elva Harding, Len Rifkind, and Sean Ponist</p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Chief Justice of California Supreme Court, Tani Cantil - Sakauye in conversation with KQED reporter Marisa Lagos</p> <p>Chief Justice Cantil - Sakauye will discuss the most pressing issues facing the Court during this challenging year, including access to the courts.</p>
3:30 - 4:30 pm	<p>Rethinking the Jury Trial Experience in the COVID19 Era.</p> <p><i>General Credit 1 CLE : Litigation & ADR Sections</i></p> <p>Moderated by Susan Feder, 2020 MCBA President</p> <p>In this program, you will hear from two attorneys who recently obtained a \$10.5 M jury verdict in the conclusion of a trial conducted in the COVID19 era in Yolo County. The panelists will address the unique challenges of conducting an in person trial with pandemic protocols. Joined by a Jury Consultant, you will learn about connecting with your jury in a socially distant manner, and how the current jury pool may differ from a typical pool in pre-Covid days. The panel will share what they have learned from speaking with jurors about the reality of socially distanced and masked jury deliberations. They will also provide tips on best practices for communicating with jurors during in-person as well as virtual trials. Finally, there will be a discussion of how jury awards may be affected by pandemic concerns in the population.</p> <p>Speakers: Carol Bauss, Stuart Chandler and Ricardo Echeverria</p>

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Day 4

Thursday, November 19

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9:30 - 10:30 am	Family Law and Estate Planning Crossover Issues Malpractice Pitfalls Moderated by Valerie Fenchel <i>Estate Planning & Probate Specialization Credit 1 CLE</i> The panel will discuss prenups, divorce planning and reimbursement rights and how these issues play out in the event of divorce and death. The panel will share their experience and best practices when preparing estate plans, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements. Speakers: Renee Chernus and Michelle Lerman
Noon - 1:00 pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of UC Berkeley School of Law In Conversation with J. Timothy Nardell, 2021 MCBA President <i>General Credit 1 CLE</i> For decades, Dean Chemerinsky has been a leading voice on controversial issues of constitutional law and legal education. He will discuss pressing constitutional questions in the aftermath of the elections and in the COVID-19 era; his outlook for the Supreme Court; and challenges in preparing lawyers for the legal profession, including the responsibility of law schools to address systemic racism in the legal profession.
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Employment Law Updates Moderated by Thomas McInerney <i>General Credit 1 CLE</i> Into the midst of this pandemic has stepped the state legislature, Governor Newsom, and the courts to help address vexing legal questions confronted by all employers and employees, including: What actions can employers lawfully take if you suspect an employee has COVID-19? What are an employer's obligations regarding sick leave and PTO for employees forced to stay at home? What is the government doing to assist employers and employees? In this interactive presentation, experienced employment practitioners will provide an overview of recent changes to employment labor and employment statutes in California and new court cases impacting all employees and employers in the state. In addition, they will lead an interactive discussion of key legal issues affecting all employers implicated by the ongoing pandemic. Speakers: Therese Lawless and Donna Rutter
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Wrap Up Social Program A Sonoma Winery will be pairing your festive Thanksgiving menu with an array of offerings. Not sure what to serve with your roasted turkey? Need a novel stuffing recipe? Join us for some gourmet tips and more. Winery pairing suggestions with Thirty Seven Winery.

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