

## 2021 Ethics in Civil Litigation



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**ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATE**

September 14, 2021

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**AVAILABLE MEDIA TYPES**

Video & Audio MP3

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### REPORTING YOUR CREDIT

This on-demand seminar was originally presented as a live webinar on September 14, 2021, in Seattle, WA. If you attended the live webinar and reported CLE credits, you cannot also report credits from watching or listening to this recording if repeated within your three year reporting period.

### DESCRIPTION

This on-demand seminar focuses on ethics issues that arise in civil litigation and provides an extensive refresher on ethics in a civil litigation practice.

### AGENDA

#### 1 Ethical Duties in Representing Multiple Clients

Topics Include:

- How to Navigate the Pitfalls of Conflicts between Existing Clients
- Conflicts between Current and Potential Clients
- Conflicts between Current and Former Clients

*Michael Kittleson - Edward K. Le PLLC, Renton, WA*

#### 2 Ethics and Diversity

This CLE segment addresses diversity and inclusion, stereotypes, implicit bias, cultural competency, objective of D&I and updates on attorney reporting requirements.

*Linda Tran - Law Offices of Linda D. Tran, PLLC, Renton, WA*

*Maria Williams - Cedar Law Group PLLC, Burien, WA*

#### 3 Ethical Issues in Discovery

Discovery is often the battle that needs to be won in order to win the war. Understand your ethical duties and obligations to shield disclosure of damaging information that could harm your client's case, and how to use your sword to ensure you obtain complete discovery information that will support it.

*Jean Jorgensen - Wilkerson Law Group, Ammon, ID*

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### 4 Ethical Issues Dealing with Clients During Litigation

What ethical duties does an attorney owe when reaching out and communicating with prospective clients? What ethical duties does an attorney owe when dealing with confidential information? What ethical duties does an attorney owe when a client wants to misrepresent the facts? How does an attorney comply with the diligence requirement? What ethical duties does an attorney owe when asked to ghostwrite for someone who is not their client?

*Scott Ugelstad - Law Offices of Jason A. Baker, Seattle, WA*

### 5 Ethical Issues Representing Multiple Claimants

This session will cover conflicts of interest that can arise when representing two or more claimants in a tort action. Specifically, liability conflicts, confidentiality conflicts, and finite resource settlement conflicts. We will discuss how to identify these conflicts and how to navigate them when possible.

*Jeffrey R. Caffee - Caffee Accident & Injury Lawyers, Seattle, WA*

### 6 Ethics Surrounding Legal Marketing and Advertising

Rick Park will discuss RPC 7, the changes in the newly adopted model rules in January 2021, and how they affect your practice.

*Rick Park - Park Chenaur & Associates Inc., Federal Way, WA*

### 7 Ethical Issues in Handling Employment Law Cases

Covering the more common ethical issues that crop up in employment law cases. These include ex parte communication with current and former employees (WRPC 4.2, RPC 4.3, and *Wright v. Group Health Hospital*, 103 Wn.2d 192, 691 P.2d 564 (1984)), immigration status (RPC 4.4), and what to do with employees obtaining "self discovery" from their employer (RPC 1.6, RPC 3.4). Time permitting, we will also cover scope of representation issues (RPC 1.2(a)) and ethical issues in employment class actions (RPC 4.1, RPC 4.2, RPC 4.3, RPC 4.4).

*Daniel Cairns - Vashon Law Firm PLLC, Vashon, WA*

### 8 Ethics of Representing Brain Injured Clients or Persons with Disability

This session will discuss the unique ethical considerations attorneys should be aware of while dealing with brain injured clients. It will help attorneys navigate the ways they need to protect their clients as well as themselves.

*Adam Urra - Brain Injury Law of Seattle, Seattle, WA*