



New Media Legal Publishing Announces Upcoming Winter Webcast Series on West LegalEdcenter

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November 16, 2009 – New Media Legal Publishing will present three live webcasts this winter for continuing legal education (CLE) credit on West LegalEdcenter (westlegaledcenter.com). The programs will be held as live webcasts in December on the dates specified below, and thereafter, will be available for viewing on demand through West LegalEdcenter.

“Multijurisdictional Practice and Ethics Spotlight: Avoiding the Unauthorized Practice of Law” (live webcast date: December 2, 2009)

Advising clients outside your home state has become a routine part of practicing law in the 21st century. But how well do you know the rules that govern your ability to perform legal services for a client located in a state where you are not licensed? Do you know what sanctions may be imposed if you are found to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law?

Zach McGee – an attorney with extensive law firm and in-house litigation and transactional experience – will review the ethics rules that govern lawyers when they engage in multijurisdictional practice, and provide concrete advice for avoiding the unauthorized practice of law and the severe sanctions that can follow such a finding. The presentation will cover advising clients in both transactional and litigation matters, as well as the special rules governing in-house and legal services attorneys.

Topics will include:

- Introduction to multijurisdictional practice and unauthorized practice of law – *Birbrower v. Super. Ct.*, 70 Cal. 4th 119, 949 P.2d 1 (Cal. 1998);
- The ABA and majority state approach – ABA Model Rules 5.5 and 8.5;
- The California approach – California Rules of Court 9.45–9.48;

- Your responsibilities when acting as local, associated and/or sponsoring *pro hac vice* counsel for out-of-state attorneys; and
- Criticisms of the current system and the future of multijurisdictional practice.

To view this program, please click here:

http://westlegaledcenter.com/program_guide/course_detail.jsf?courseId=25002085&sc_cid=NMLP_ws

“Health Care Law and Ethics Spotlight: Current Legal Ethics Issues for In-House Attorneys” (live webcast date: December 9, 2009)

In-house attorneys face a number of challenges navigating the shifting sands of today’s health care industry. While much attention rightfully is paid to business issues – the pace of health care reform, the rising tide of fraud and abuse, and the endless quest to reduce frivolous litigation – legal ethics deserves more time in the spotlight.

Bob Fabrikant and Andrew Struve, experienced trial lawyers who focus on complex civil and criminal litigation in the health care industry, will identify, analyze and debate current legal ethics issues affecting in-house attorneys practicing in the industry. Some of these issues are caused by recent changes in the business, while others have been confronting lawyers for decades.

Topics will include:

- Maintaining client confidences and preserving the attorney-client privilege when representing the company, and not individual doctors or other employees.
- Determining when reporting “up the chain” is required by Sarbanes Oxley and/or the rules of professional responsibility in non- and for-profit corporations.
- Communicating with third parties who may or may not be represented by counsel.

This program will benefit in-house transactional and litigation attorneys who represent hospitals, insurance companies and other players in the health care industry. To view this program, please click here:

http://westlegaledcenter.com/program_guide/course_detail.jsf?courseId=24845917&sc_cid=NMLP_ws

“Substance Abuse: A Lawyer-to-Lawyer Conversation” (live webcast date: December 16, 2009)

Jim Heiting, President of the California State Bar (2005-2006), and Greg Dorst, an attorney who overcame addiction and now counsel other lawyers confronting substance abuse issues, share their true experiences, strength and hope to highlight the journey from chemical dependency to a life in recovery. Jim and Greg will explain and expose substance abuse as a real life problem experienced in many different forms by many attorneys.

Topics will include:

- The nature of chemical dependency;

- Battling addiction and its effects on the practice of law;
- Potential disciplinary consequences for attorneys; and
- Resources available to California attorneys for assessment, referral, treatment and support for substance abuse problems.

This program is co-presented by The Other Bar. The Other Bar is a network of recovering lawyers and judges throughout California, dedicated to assisting others within the profession who are suffering from alcohol and substance abuse problems. The Other Bar is a private, non-profit corporation, was founded on the principle of anonymity and provides services in strict confidentiality. Participation in programs sponsored by The Other Bar is voluntary and open to all California lawyers, judges and law students. For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.theotherbar.org

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