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Family Law Ethics 2024

CREDIT HOURS: 3.5 CLE credits, including 3.5 EPR credits

IN-PERSON SEMINAR: Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Madison

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Program dates start December 19.
Register today!

Family Law Ethics 2024

Endorsed by the Family Law Section
of the State Bar of Wisconsin



Your client did *what*?

While the Rules of Professional Conduct state that “a lawyer shall abide by a client’s decisions,” what happens when your client disagrees with your strategy? What about when you believe your client is behaving unethically or unlawfully, especially regarding the truthfulness of their evidence or testimony?

At **Family Law Ethics 2024**, ethics authorities and family lawyers will provide specific guidance on dealing with unruly clients. Learn how much is too much when it comes to online snooping and what to do when a conflict check reveals personal relationships with parties, family members, friends, or court officials.

HOW YOU’LL BENEFIT

- Learn how to manage unethical clients
- Discover best practices for communicating with pro se parties
- Understand the ethical limits of using social media
- Examine conflict of interest concerns and waivable conflicts

Gain the knowledge and skills to navigate these ethical challenges and protect your practice at **Family Law Ethics 2024**.

Register now!

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Dealing with Unethical Clients

- Recordings
- Access to other party’s records and accounts
- How to talk to and what to do with clients who can’t/won’t/don’t do right
- What if I already know about it?
- What the court will do

Issues Arising in Conflict Checks

- What is a conflict
- Personal relationships with parties, family members, friends, court officials
- Waivable conflicts

Social Media in the Courtroom

- To what extent can I snoop online?
- Appropriate personal use of social media for lawyers
- Ethics of using social media in court proceedings
- Privacy considerations

9:45 AM Break

10:00 AM Dealing with Pro Se Parties

- How to structure communication
- Legal advice vs. procedural guidance
- Mediating disputes
- As guardian ad litem
- How to tell the court about it

Socio-political Ideology and Client Representation

- What if my client is a horrible person?
- What if my client and I fundamentally disagree?
- What can I tell the court?

How to Be “Professional”

- Local court rules
- The other lawyer is a jerk
- Requirements vs. preferences
- Reporting to OLR

11:40 AM Program Concludes

Following start time, schedule will vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.

FACULTY

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DATES & LOCATION

IN-PERSON SEMINAR — MADISON

Thursday, December 19, 2024

State Bar Center

5302 Eastpark Blvd., Madison, WI
(608) 257-3838

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