



## ADR Speaker Series

# The Trauma Informed Lawyer

How Employing Trauma Informed Principles Can Transform the Attorney-Client Relationship

**Thursday  
November 13, 2025**

MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Virtual Program: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

## Speaker



### Myrna McCallum

The Trauma-Informed Lawyer

## Moderator



### Jared Fontenette

The Bar Association of San Francisco

This session addresses how trauma-informed approaches enhance attorney competency in client representation and support compliance with California Rules of Professional Conduct. Attorneys will learn to recognize trauma responses that impact client decision-making, testimony credibility, and case outcomes. The program covers practical strategies for avoiding re-traumatization during interviews and depositions, managing trauma-related client behaviors that may affect representation, and understanding how trauma impacts memory and disclosure - all critical for effective advocacy and risk management.

With her dynamic and engaging presentation style, Myrna will offer practical guidance on how trauma manifests in legal settings and how attorneys can adopt practices that foster safety, trust, and resilience—for both their clients and themselves.

## Topics

- Understand the impacts of trauma and how to recognize signs of trauma in clients
- Learn how trauma-informed legal practice can improve interactions with vulnerable clients and prevent further re-traumatization
- Learn how to move from a transactional approach to lawyering to a human-centered one
- Learn how to prioritize the psychological and emotional safety of clients while navigating the difficulties of the legal system

## MCLE: 30 Minutes

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## Pre-registration is required.

## Location

Virtual  
Zoom link will be provided prior to the program

## Cost

Free for BASF Law Student  
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