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Diversity & Inclusion Committee presents

Breaking the Cycle of Incivility

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Uncivil behavior in the legal profession is often treated as an individual failing - a hot-tempered partner, an associate with bad social skills; however, uncivil behavior does not originate in a vacuum. Uncivil behavior is modeled, tolerated, and in some cases rewarded in the legal profession, passed from senior attorneys to young associates.

This panel examines how that cycle has perpetuated incivility in the legal profession, and how to stop it. Drawing on their experiences in both litigation and transactional work, panelists will engage in a candid discussion about why incivility persists in the legal profession and what individual lawyers and firms can do to break the cycle.

Topics

- How incivility is modeled and learned in the legal profession
- How individual accountability can curb the cycle of incivility
- How law firms can create cultures that no longer perpetuate uncivil behavior
- Why uncivil behavior does not serve your client's best interests

Committee Chairs

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MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Program: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

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