



The Bar Association of San Francisco presents

Paralegal Conference - 2024

8:30 - 9:30 AM | MCLE Registration

9:30 Opening Remarks

9:30 - 10:00 AM | **Keynote Speaker**

Judge Elaine Hammond, United States Bankruptcy Court, Ninth Circuit

Friday, October 18, 2024

Location: BASF Conference Center

50 Fremont Street, Suite 1700

San Francisco, CA

Event Code: G243505

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | MCLE: 1 Hour of which 0.5 is Legal Ethics

Panel I: Reality Check - Protecting Record Integrity in the Age of AI

Speakers: Mary Pierce, CSR, Pantera Court Reporter

Jeff Cobb, CEO, Cobb and Company

Stefani Dawkins, Adjunct Professor, West Valley College

Stephanie Leslie, CSR, CCRR, Regal Court Reporting

The administration of justice hinges on the accuracy of the record. Learn about the risks of utilizing digital audio recordings and AI in lieu of a licensed court reporter and how they may impact the integrity of the record and affect your case.

1:15 - 2:30 PM | MCLE: 1 Hour

Panel II A: Breaching the Divide - Working Collaboratively During Trial Prep (Part I)

Speakers: Karin L. Buckley, Senior Paralegal, Van Voorhis & Sosna

Robert Rathmell, Hersh Family Law Practice

Family law trials can feel like a blend of civil procedure and pure chaos, but collaborating with your team and opposing counsel can benefit everyone. Learn effective strategies to work cooperatively with your team and the other side to make your trial prep silky smooth.

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Panel II B: The ABCs of ED Documentation and Discerning the Bias Within

Speaker: Marilyn McCullum, BSN, RN, CEN, Bilingual Emergency Nursing Expert
McCullum Legal

With nearly 140 million emergency department visits yearly, ED medical records are a critical component of the medical record. Learn the basics of ED documentation as well as how bias may be presented within the medical record.

3:00 - 4:15 PM | MCLE: 1 Hour

Panel III A: Breaching the Divide - Working Collaboratively During Trial Prep (Part II)

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Panel III B: Anatomy of Criminal Adjudication - New Developments

Speakers: Avanindar Singh, Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender for Santa Clara County

Daniel Portman, Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender for Santa Clara County

Criminal defense Attorneys Daniel Portman and Avi Singh will present on the different stages of a criminal trial from arraignment to verdict/sentencing with a focus on new developments, including Code of Civil Procedure 231.7 and Penal Code section 745 (the Racial Justice Act).

This training will provide an overview of the criminal trial process from beginning to end with an emphasis on several recent reforms that dramatically change the nature of the criminal practice. This includes pretrial release updates, new options for mitigation with mental health and judicial diversion, how instances of implicit bias are treated during criminal process, the jury selection process, and post-verdict mitigation. The training will include case law updates and a practical discussion of working within these reforms.

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