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The Solo and Small Firm Section presents

Default Judgments in California

Avoiding the Pitfalls of Clerk's and Court Judgments

Wednesday
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MCLE Registration: 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Program: 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Speaker

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This session walks through five of the pitfalls that most often turn a default judgment into a motion to vacate, using real reported decisions (not hypotheticals) to show exactly how they happen and exactly how to prevent them. Attendees leave with more than theory: ready-to-use templates for a punitive damages statement, an interest accrual declaration, service declarations, a CMRA acknowledgment, and a warning letter to opposing counsel — plus a practice checklist to build these safeguards into every file before a defendant ever misses a deadline. Whether you handle collections, landlord-tenant, or general civil litigation, if you've ever requested a default judgment — or plan to — this is 55 minutes that will save you a much longer day in front of a judge explaining why yours shouldn't be vacated.

Topics

- Pitfall No. 1: Punitive Damages and the Section 425.115 Statement
- Pitfall No. 2: Prejudgment interest and the Declaration re: Accrual
- Pitfall No. 3: Service Declarations and Motions to Vacate
- Pitfall No. 4: when the Registered Agent's Address is a P.O. Box
- Pitfall no. 5: Failing to Warn Opposing Counsel before Seeking Default

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