



47th Annual Meeting & 2024 Judicial Candidates' Forum Advance Agenda & Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 13, 2024

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Early Arrivals Registration
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm	1st Time Attendee & New Member Meet & Greet
6:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception
7:15 pm – 10:00 pm	President's Dinner: An Evening with the Judiciary (ticketed event)
9:30 pm – 11:30 pm	After Hours Meetup & Informal Networking

Friday, June 14, 2024

7:15 am	Continental Breakfast & Visit with Exhibitors
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Welcome and Announcements
8:30 am – 9:30 am (Technology Credit)	AI In Litigation: Practical Applications and Ethical Considerations <i>Robert J. Ambrogi, Esq.</i>
9:30 am – 9:35 am	<i>Quick 5 Break</i>
9:35 am – 10:35 am (Professional Wellbeing Credit)	Embracing Mindset: Thriving in the Legal Profession and Beyond Discover the transformative power of SELFISH. Stephanie Szostak, an accomplished actress and mental health advocate, presents a dynamic approach to empowerment and mental fitness. SELFISH's unique approach involves creating Your Personal Playbook—a versatile and evolving tool that accompanies your journey of learning and growth. Gain insights and guidance to navigate adversity with resilience and endurance, fostering lasting transformation in both professional and personal spheres. Embrace your mental well-being and thrive as a legal professional with the SELFISH approach. <i>Stephanie Szostak</i> <i>Actress, author, and an ambassador for the mental health organization Give an Hour</i>
10:35 – 10:55 am	Networking Break & Visit with Exhibitors
10:55 – 11:15 am	Professionalism Awards Presentations
11:20 – 12:20 pm (General credit)	2024 Judicial Candidates' Forum
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Women Litigators Networking Lunch
2:00 pm	Afternoon free
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Beer Bash Reception
9:30 pm – 11:30 pm	After Hours Meetup & Informal Networking

Saturday, June 18, 2022

7:15 am	Continental Breakfast & Visit with Exhibitors
8:10 – 8:55 am	Annual Business Meeting
8:55 – 9:00 am	<i>Quick 5 Break</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am (General Credit)	<p>Recent Decisions of Relevance The bi-annual overview and analysis of important appellate decisions. <i>Dixie Wells, Ellis & Winters, LLP</i></p>
10:00 – 10:45 am (Ethics Credit)	<p>Ethics in the Digital Age: Navigating AI and Social Media in a Rapidly Changing World <i>Will Graebe, Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina</i></p>
10:45 – 10:55 am	Networking Break & Visit with Exhibitors
11:00 – 11:45 am	Practice Group Concurrent Sessions
General Liability	TBA
Government	<p>Breaking Down State and Local Entities' Online Obligations Under the Americans with Disabilities Act Title II of the ADA prohibits state and local entities from discriminating based on disability. Over the past five years and across the nation there has been extensive litigation regarding covered entities' alleged failure to make their websites and mobile applications accessible. The Department of Justice recently released groundbreaking regulations reinforcing covered entities' obligations and identifying specific testable accessibility standards. Covered entities have between two and three years to comply.</p> <p>This session will explore the requirements and exceptions in the DOJ's new guidance and provide practical steps our clients can take to comply with their legal obligations and accommodate persons with disabilities. In addition to practicing law in this area, Derek Dittmar, who is blind, has real-world experience navigating digital offerings with assistive technology and approaches the realm of digital accessibility with a practical perspective. Knowledge of code or product development is not required.</p> <p><i>Derek J. Dittmar, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith</i></p>
Medical Malpractice	TBA
11:50 am – 12:35 pm	Practice Group Concurrent Sessions
Construction	<p>Independent Contractor or Employee: How to Decide and Why it Matters Recent studies estimate that up to 2.1 Million construction workers in the US are misclassified or paid off the books. We will look at recent North Carolina court decisions that provide a guideline for determining whether a worker is an independent contractor or an employee, and the impacts that potential misclassification can have on liability analysis in the construction setting. <i>Brian Manikowski, Hall Booth Smith, P.A.</i></p>
Product Liability	<p>The MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD World of Products: Silly Patents and Hot Coffee to AI Recent lawsuits involving meritless claims demand a tour-de-force exploration of the wacky world of products liability from design to courtroom and beyond including a raucous review of silly patents, silly lawsuits, and the wild future of autonomous and AI designed products. <i>Kirk G. Warner, Smith Anderson</i></p>
Commercial	TBA
	Total Est CLE Hours: 6.25 hours including 1 hour Technology; 1 hour Mental Health; .75 hour Ethics
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Casual Networking Social for those staying over on Saturday evening