



NORTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION OF
DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

2024 Winter Workshop

An Online Live CLE

Friday, February 9, 2024

- 8:40 – 8:55 a.m. Coffee Chat Networking
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Case Law Update: Top Decisions of 2023**
Leslie Packer, Ellis & Winters LLP
A recap and in-depth discussion of the decisions of 2023 most important to your practice.
(1-hour General Credit)
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Ethics of AI, ChatGPT and LLMs for Lawyers**
Frank Ramos, Clarke Silverglate, Miami, FL
Artificial intelligence is taking hold in the practice. There is fear and trepidation about its use (and misuse). In this session, learn how to use AI, specifically chatbots, in your practice and claims departments ethically, appropriately, reasonably and effectively. Beyond giving an overview of AI in the practice, this session will provide hands on instructions on four large language models - ChatGPT 4, Claude, Bing and Bard.
(1-hour Technology Credit)
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **Stemming the Rising Tide: Preventing, Navigating, and Defending Digital Accessibility Lawsuits**
Derek Dittmar, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
Lawsuits alleging that websites, applications, and other online offerings are inaccessible for persons with disabilities have increased exponentially over the past six years. Given the low standard for standing under the ADA, our clients (and law firms) are subject to so-called drive-by litigation, where plaintiffs demand both remediation and settlement payment. This is a highly technical area, and unfortunately the question is when, not if, our clients will encounter one of these claims. Derek Dittmar will share how digital accessibility is achieved and measured, common tactics for responding to digital accessibility litigation, and best practices for decreasing the risk of litigation. In addition to being an attorney familiar with this field, Derek also holds an international certification in accessibility work and an LL.M from Nottingham-Trent in England where his dissertation focused on the intersection of digital accessibility and privacy. He has first-hand experience auditing websites for compliance and testing for compatibility with common assistive technology, and commonly advises on accessibility or accommodation best practices.
(1-hour Professionalism Credit)
Sponsored by NCADA Diversity Committee
- 12:30 – 1:10 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

How Recent Changes to UM/UIM Statutes Impact Your Auto Cases

Tiffany G. W. Frickey, McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC

This session will provide an overview of Senate Bill 452 which brings significant changes to automobile liability insurance in North Carolina in 2025. The new law raises the required minimum liability limits, minimum limits in uninsured coverage, and eliminates credits for UIM carriers on payments already made by liability carriers. SB 452 also aligns the statute of limitations with Rule 4 and modifies the medical provider lien statute.

(30 minutes General Credit)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Lifting The Curtain: An Open (And Sometimes Irreverent) Reflection on Anxiety & Depression

Will Jordan, Assistant United States Attorney, District of South Carolina

In what promises to be an engaging session, we will delve into the prevalent mental health challenges faced by legal professionals, including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. The primary objectives of this presentation are to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with these issues. Gain valuable insights as our speaker discusses the unique challenges professionals encounter, where maintaining a particular image is paramount. Sharing his personal story, from early career experiences to recognizing and managing depression, using the metaphor of a "black dog", you will discover practical advice on therapy, medication, and self-care for maintaining mental well-being.

(1-hour Mental Health Credit)

CLE Credit Hours: 4.5 Hours including 1 Hour Professionalism, 1 Hour Technology, 1 Hour Mental Health