

PRACTICE OF LAW C.L.E. PRESENTS
12 Hr. OHIO NEW LAWYER TRAINING SEMINAR
12.0 NLT Credit Hours Total-Includes 3.0 Specialty Credit Hours-
Professionalism, Client Fund Mgt. & Fundamental Law Office Mgt.
December 22 & 23, 2025
LIVE WEBCAST

DAY ONE

- 7:45am-8:00a.m.** **Kristen Ayers**
IMPORTANT – Overview & Requirements of Seminar
(Video Replay)
- 8:00-9:00a.m.** **John Li, Esq.**
Transitioning to In-House Counsel and Human Resource/Employment Issues to Consider for Ohio New Lawyer Training
An introduction to in-house counsel differences will be discussed including transitioning, social differences, employment litigation tactics as well as the different laws and expectations regarding anti-discrimination. The statutes discussed will be the Family Medical Leave Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Also dissected will be *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Green*, 411 U.S. 792 (1973).
- 9:00-10:00a.m.** **Robert Barga, Esq.**
Family Law for Ohio New Lawyer Training
Lecture will give an overview of domestic relations and how it is different from juvenile matters. Topics also to be discussed: navigating the *ex parte* custody temporary orders, domestic violence civil protection orders, the difference between separate and marital property as well as an attorney’s role in protecting parties’ emotional and mental well-being during a contentious divorce. Cases are *Middendorf v. Middendorf*, *Eikleberry v Eikleberry* and *Munroe v Munroe*. Statutes are ORC 3127.18, ORC 3113.31, ORC 3105.171 and Franklin County Domestic Relations Court LR 13(E).
- 10:00-11:00a.m.** **Carla Cannon, Esq.**
Ohio Workers’ Compensation Law-Hearing Process for Ohio New Lawyer Training
In-depth overview of Ohio Workers’ Compensation Law regarding specifically the administrative hearing process. We will briefly discuss the entire workers’ compensation system in Ohio from the injury allowance to medical and compensatory benefits to the claims processing structure at the MCO/ADR level, Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Industrial Commission of Ohio, and further litigation in the Ohio courts will be discussed. Necessary filing forms, such as C-86, C-9, C-11, R-2, etc. as well as Ohio Revised Statute 4123 will be examined. *State ex rel. Dillon v. Indus. Comm.*, 2024-Ohio-744 will be discussed.

- 11:00-11:10a.m.** **Break**
- 11:10-12:40p.m.** **Nadeem Schwen, Esq.**
Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Law for Ohio New Lawyer Training
Topics discussed will include new state data privacy legislation, proposed federal privacy legislation, and data breaches and recovery. Applicable statutes include Ohio Data Protection Act of 2018. Pertinent cases discussed will be *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins*, 578 U.S. 330 (2016).
- 12:40-2:10p.m.** **John Sullivan, Esq.**
Ohio LLC Usage for Ohio New Lawyer Training
A thorough lecture will be given on corporate counsel’s use of LLCs for business planning, asset protection, trust structure including the Ohio Legacy Trust, and waivable duties. The following will be discussed: O.R.C. Chapter 1705.01, 5816.01, *Klabacka v. Nelson*, 394 P.3d 940 (Nev. 2017), *Wells Fargo Equip. Fin. Inc. v. Retterath*, 928 N.W.2d 1 (Iowa 2019), *JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. McClure*, 393 P.3d 955 (Colo. 2017), *Peach REO, LLC v. Rice*, 2017 WL 2963511.

DAY TWO

- 7:45-8:00a.m.** **Kristen Ayers-IMPORTANT – Overview & Requirements of Seminar**
- 8:00-9:00a.m.** **Phillip Eckenrode, Esq.**
Professionalism for Ohio New Lawyer Training
An analysis of the behavior of new attorneys based on A Lawyer’s Creed and A Lawyer’s Aspirational Ideals as adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Specific topics will be discussed as to various obligations and proper conduct of new attorneys towards their client and profession. Workshop format with scenarios will be completed by new lawyer attendees.
- 9:00-10:00a.m.** **Heidi Wagner Dorn, Esq.**
Client Fund Management for Ohio New Lawyer Training
Lecture will be given on how to correctly set up and manage IOLTA accounts. Necessary forms will be provided and interpreted.
- 10:00-11:00a.m.** **Ashley Rutherford Starling, Esq.**
Fundamental Law Office Management for Ohio New Lawyer Training
Law office management techniques and responsibilities will be discussed, such as effectively utilizing staff, maintaining healthy client relationships, cost-effective alternatives to office software, and how to avoid common pitfalls that new attorneys may encounter. In addition, this seminar will provide tips on how to use social media to further your business, the advantages of having a website,

and the importance of technology as it relates to billing, organization, file retention, and e-discovery.

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Katy Wolfe, Esq.

Ohio Local Civil Rules for Ohio New Lawyer Training

Topics discussed will include Why local rules are important and where to find them, applying local rules to practice, and how not following local and state civil rules can end your case. Applicable statutes include Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2505.02. Pertinent case discussed will be *Bumpus v. Lloyd Ward*, 2014 Ohio 267.

12:10-1:10pm

Robert Barga, Esq.

Ohio Life Planning/Basic Estate Planning for Ohio New Lawyer Training

Topics discussed will include How-to probate an estate, helping a client decide on a will, a life plan and a trust, and details in drafting a will. Applicable statutes include Ohio Revised Code Chapters 2105.06, 2103.02, 2106.10, 2106.13, 2107.15, 2107.24 as well as Licking County Probate LR. A pertinent case discussed will be *In Re. Estate of Shaffer*, Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-6672.

1:10-2:10pm

Peter C. Faerber, LtCol, USMCR, (Retired) Esq.

An Introduction to Military Legal Assistance Programs for the Civilian Practitioner for Ohio New Lawyer Training

This lecture will provide the civilian practitioner with a (brief) overview of the military's Legal Assistance Program, specifically the Marine Corps' program, including how military or Veteran legal matters intersect in some areas of civilian law. Among the cases reviewed will be:

Butler County Bar Association v. Minamy, 124 Ohio St.3d 1528 (2010); In re ADOPTION OF W.C., N.K.A.W.B. 189 Ohio App.3d 386 (2010); and Fifth Third Bank v. Schoessler's Supply Room, L.L.C., 190 Ohio App.3d 1 (2010). Various chapters of the Ohio Revised Code, Title LIX, will be discussed including (but not limited to) Chapter 5903 "Veterans Rights."