

**Palm Springs Program • FRIDAY, MAY 3**

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ROBINSON CALCAGNIE, INC.

8:15 AM - 5:30 PM • Registration / Visit with Exhibitors  
Las Palmas Ballroom

8:45 - 9:45 AM • Strategies for Lien Negotiations

Room: Las Palmas A-C

MCLE 1.0 General

Jean-Simon Serrano, Rizio Lipinski Heiting,  
Moderator

**ERISA Liens**

Amanda Greenburg, Esq

**Workers Compensation Liens**

Anthony Modarelli, DiMarco | Araujo |  
Montevideo

**Recent Changes to the Rules of  
Professional Conduct and How they  
Affect Your Liens**

John J. Rice, Esq

Hanging Your Shingle

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Steve Geeting, L/O of Steven C. Geeting,  
Moderator

**Starting and Sustaining a Practice – Do it  
Right the First Time**

Aaron Todd Hicks, Hicks Law Firm

**Tools and Resources to Level Up Your  
Brand and Create High Quality Social  
Media Content**

Sharon P. Ramirez, L/O of Kenny S. Ramirez

**The Importance of Building and**

**Maintaining a Network**

Michael Johnson, L/O of Michael S. Johnson

10 - 11 AM • Prefiling: Building Your Case from Day One

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James G. Perry, ACTS Law, Moderator

**Effective Client Communication &  
Successful Story Telling**

Amber Esposito, Esposito Law

**Crafting Your Demand Letter, Popping  
the Policy and Negotiating With  
Adjusters**

Brynna Popka, McCune Law Group

**Get Up & Over Those Liability Hurdles**

Brian Shapiro, William D. Shapiro Law

Don't Be Afraid of Arbitrations

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Chris Heikau Weaver, Aitken Campbell  
Heikau Weaver, Moderator

**Pros and Cons of Arbitration in Med Mal  
Cases**

Benjamin Ikuta, Ikuta & Hemesath

Jennifer R. Johnson, L/O of Jennifer R.  
Johnson

**Presenting to an Audience of One**

Daren H. Lipinsky, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM • Tackle Your Next Government Case

Room: Las Palmas A-C

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Geoffrey S. Wells, Greene Broillet &  
Wheeler, Moderator

**Overcoming Government Defenses and  
Establishing a Duty to Warn**

Lauren Michelle Vogt, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

**Government Torts Claim Act:**

**Presentation, Late Apps & Petitions**

Denisse O. Gastélum, Gastélum Law

**How to Obtain Accident History, and  
Information About a Roadway, From the  
Internet and Other Publicly Available  
Sources**

Douglas S. Saeltzer, Walkup, Melodia, Kelly  
& Schoenberger

Effective Legal Writing Skills

Room: Las Palmas F-H

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Brooke L. Bove, Bove Law Group, Moderator

**Do's and Don'ts for Effective Legal  
Writing**

Cynthia A. Craig, Kubota & Craig

**Complaint/Demurrer**

Edie Mermelstein, FEM Law Group

**If I had more time...**

Scott E. Saunders, Walter Clark Legal Group

12:15 - 12:45 PM • Lunch

12:45 - 1:45 PM • Written Discovery Tips

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Amanda Robinson, Robinson Calcagnie,  
Moderator

**Thinking Outside the Box: Obtaining and  
Admitting Gold**

Sarah A. Havens, Havens Injury Law

**Understanding RFP's: What is required in  
a response/Subpoena and How to Quash  
them**

Lakshmi Odedra, Nguyen Theam

The Ins and Outs of Premises Liability

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Whitney D. Bertch, The Bertch Firm,  
Moderator

**Presenting Premises Cases In Opening**

Daniel Kramer, Kramer Trial Lawyers

**Overcoming Common Obstacles in Your**

**Premises Case**

Clare Lucich, Bentley & More

**Overcoming Third Party Criminal Conduct**

Marina Pacheco, Kabateck

12:45 - 1:45 PM • **Written Discovery Tips**

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**Streamline Discovery (Using AI; Demands; getting summaries)"**

Kenny S. Ramirez, L/O of Kenny S. Ramirez

**IDCs: Informal Discovery Conferences**

Hon. John Pacheco, Superior Court, County of San Bernardino

2 - 3 PM • **Tips and Tricks: Depositions**

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Tom G. Antunovich, Bisnar | Chase Personal Injury Attorneys, Moderator

**Crossover from Depos to Trial**

Kimberly Valentine, Valentine Law Group

**TBD**

Darren M. Pirozzi, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

**Tips & Tricks: Using CA Evid. Code § 801.1 to Prove Your Case**

Jason R. Sanchez, The Simon Law Group

**Medical School for Lawyers**

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Michelle B. Hemesath, Ikuta | Hemesath, Moderator

**The Vicious Circle of Spine Injuries, Chronic Pain, and Mental Health**

Evan Garcia, The Simon Law Group

**The Opioid Epidemic: Prescription Overdose Cases against Overprescribing Doctors, Drug Rehab Facilities and the Drug Manufacturers; and How to Analyze Toxicology Results in Autopsy Reports**

Larry Eisenberg, L/O of Eisenberg & Associates

**New Diagnostic Criteria for Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries**

Molly McKibben, Greene Broillet & Wheeler

**Locating and Prepping Experts, and Effectively Preparing Your Client for a DME**

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Michael J. Huber, Hafif-Stonehouse Law Group, Moderator

**Preparing Your Client For a DME**

Kelly Hanker, Trial Lawyers For Justice

**Creating the Relationship**

Chris E. Purcell, Purcell Law

**TBD**

John C. Carpenter, Carpenter & Zuckerman

3:15 - 4:15 PM • **Mediations and Negotiation Strategies**

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Kristin Hobbs, Hobbs Law Group, Moderator

**Preparing for Mediation**

Robyn A. Lewis, J. Lewis & Associates

**This Might Be Your Only Chance: Mediate Your Case Like You're Going Try It**

Paul Matiasic, The Matiasic Firm

**Tips For Getting the Most Out of Mediation**

**Mediation**

Thomas S. Feher, Feher Law

**I Rarely Mediate. Here's Why**

Minh T. Nguyen, Nguyen Theam Lawyers

4:30 - 5:30 PM • **The Road Less Traveled: Various Specialties**

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John Michael Montevideo, Montevideo Law, PC dba Dog Bite Law Group, Moderator

**IVF/Fertility Litigation: Negligence and Product Liability**

Tiseme Zegeye, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein

**Know your Cross-over Alphabets: PI, WC, UM, UIM, C&R, 3rd-Party C&R, WXYZ!**

Geraldine G. Ly, L/O of Geraldine Ly

**Software: The New Frontier of Care**

Kathryn Stebner, Stebner Gertler Guadagni & Kawamoto

**Win Your Case With Expert Depositions**

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Jonathan J. Lewis, J. Lewis & Associates, Moderator

**The Power of Common Sense in your Expert Deposition**

Michelle Marie West, Robinson Calcagnie

**Make 'em Commit and Get the Cuts**

William David Shapiro, William D. Shapiro Law

**Winning with Experts - Employment Litigation**

Brian G. Hannemann, Hannemann Law Firm

**TBD**

Lexi J. Hazam, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein

5:30 - 6:30 PM • **Welcome Reception**

Sunrise Terrace, Ouside near BluEmber

9 PM • **New Lawyers Division Party**

Sunrise Terrace



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# Palm Springs Program • SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:30 AM - 2 PM • Registration / Visit with Exhibitors  
Las Palmas Ballroom

9 - 10:15 AM • Interactive Jury Selection

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Jason Argos, Kohan & Bablove, Moderator  
Arash Homampour, The Homampour Law Firm  
Michael Jeandron, Roberts | Jeandron Law  
Patricia A. Law, L/O of Patricia A. Law  
Rahul Ravipudi, Panish Shea Ravipudi

Masterful Pre-Trial Preparation

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Bruce Brusavich, ACTS Law  
Maryann P. Gallagher, L/O Of Maryann P. Gallagher  
Greyson M. Goody, Goody Law Group  
Cory R. Weck, McCune Law Group, Moderator  
Atticus N. Wegman, Atticus Injury Law

10:30 - 11:45 AM • Lessons from My Losses: How I Levelled Up

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Kristy M. Arevalo, McCune Law Group, Moderator

**When Things Go Wrong During Trial (Overcoming the Fear of Making Mistakes)**

Yoshiaki C. Kubota, Kubota & Craig

**"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes" and with apologies to Oscar Wilde a short talk on learning in public - the good, the bad, and the ugly.**

Gretchen M. Nelson, Nelson & Fraenkel

**Turning a Loss into a Win: When Your PI Client Dies**

Mark P. Robinson, Robinson Calcagnie

**The Gambler: Developing Your Poker Face at Trial**

Christine D. Spagnoli, Greene Broillet & Wheeler

Tips for Attorneys: Elevate Your Trial Skills

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Brian D. Chase, Bisnar | Chase Personal Injury Attorneys

Cynthia Chihak, Chihak + Associates

Ricardo Echeverria, Shernoff Bidart Echeverria

Garrett Ryan Chambers, Chambers &

Noronha, Moderator

Ibiere Seck, Seck Law

11:45 - 12:15 PM • Lunch

12:15 - 1:15 PM • Closing Keynote: Become the Leader Juries Will Follow

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Justin H. King, L/O of Justin H. King,

Moderator

Gregory L. Bentley, Bentley & More

1:15 - 4 PM • Cabana Mixer

Conchilla Pool, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

5 - 6 PM • CAOIE Awards Reception

Starlight Terrace, located on the 2nd level.

Entrance near the Las Palmas Ballroom.

Open to all

Hon. Donald R. Alvarez

Lifetime Achievement

Hon. Salvatore T. Sirna

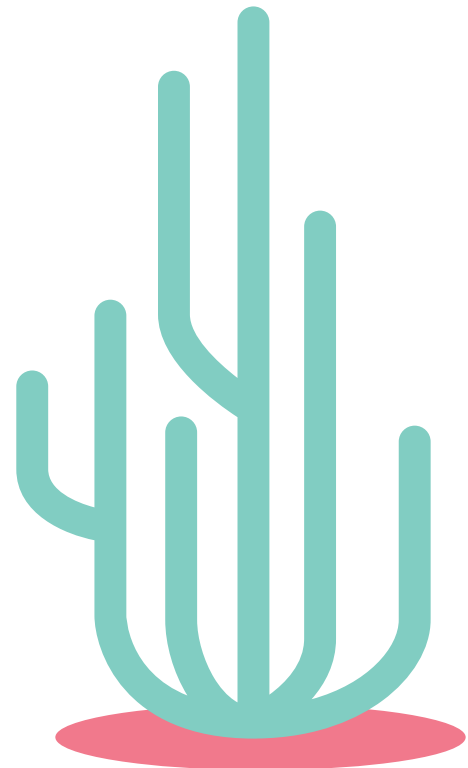
Judge of the Year

Patricia Law, Law Offices of Patricia A. Law

Trial Lawyer of the Year

Lauren Vogt, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

Street Fighter of the Year



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