

Palm Springs

SEMINAR SCHEDULE OUTLINE

2024-25 Palm Springs Planning Committee Members

Co-Chairs: Megan Demshki, Greg Rizio
Vice Chairs: Aaron Hicks, Lauren Vogt
Committee: Michael Jeandron, Abbas Kazerounian, Clare Lucich,
Paul Matiasic, Kenny Ramierz
Committee Staff: Jennifer Lopez, Jessilyn Morgan, Katie Pebler

Thursday, May 1

- 1:30 PM** **CAOIE Golf Tournament Registration**
Separately ticked event.
- 2:30 - 5:00 PM** **CAOIE Golf Tournament**
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM** **CAOIE Golf Tournament Awards Reception**
Enjoy an open bar, refreshments, and celebrate the colleagues who won!
Open to all.
- 6:00 PM** **Evening on Your Own**

Friday, May 2

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Registration and Check In**
- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM** **Visit with Exhibitors**
- 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM** **Morning Refreshments**
- 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM** **MCLE Sessions**
Discovery Essentials: Practical Tips to Obtain Meaningful Written Discovery
1 General Credit
Moderator: Nolan Kistler, Law Offices of Harlan B. Kistler
Speakers: Benjamin Berkley, Carpenter & Zuckerman
Scott Saunders, Walter Clark
Puneet Toor, Toor Law
Kimberly Wong, Coopers

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8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

MCLE Sessions (cont.)

Up Your Game with AI Technology in Your Legal Practice

1 Technology Specialty Credit

Moderator: Brynna Popka, McCune Law Group

Speakers: Sharon Ramirez, Law Office of Kenny S. Ramirez
Edie Mermelstein, FEM Law Group
Kelsie Russell, The Simon Law Group

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

MCLE Sessions

A Noble Profession: Preserving Civility in a Virtual World

1 Civility Specialty Credit

Moderator: Geoff Wells, Greene Broillet & Wheeler

Speakers: Deborah Tropp-Thompson, McNeil, Tropp & Braun LLP
Anne Marie Murphy, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy
Scott Hengesbach, Murchison & Cumming
Judge Chad Firetag, Riverside County

Balancing Accountability and Immunity: The Complex World of Government Liabilities

1 General Credit

Moderator: Jon Lewis, J. Lewis & Associates, APLC

Speaker: Paul Matiasic, The Matiasic Firm
Allegra Rineer, Herman Law
Megan Demshki, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

MCLE Sessions

1 General Credit

Unlocking Deposition Power: Tactics for Attorneys in the Trenches

Moderator: Michael Johnson, The Law Office of Michael S. Johnson

Speakers: Keith More, Bentley & More
Kristy Arevalo, McCune Law Group
Kelly Weil, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP

Safe Roads Ahead: Legal Insights on Product Defects and Collision Avoidance

Moderator: Justin King, Law Offices of Justin H King

Speakers: Brian Chase, Bisnar | Chase Personal Injury Attorneys
Chris Spagnoli, Greene Broillet & Wheeler
Craig Peters, Altair Law

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12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

Grab and Go Lunch

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

MCLE Sessions

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Mastering the Motion: Effective Strategies For Motion in Limine Oral Arguments

Moderator: Anthony Modarelli, DiMarco | Araujo | Montevideo

Speakers: Siannah Collado, Stalwart Law Group

Greyson Goody, Goody Law Group

Danica Crittenden, Shernoff Bidart Echeverria

Ben Ikuta, Ikuta Hemesath, LLP

Hon. Khymberli S. Apaloo, San Bernardino Justice Center

Mediation Mastery: The Latest Strategies for Successful Negotiations

Moderator: Casey Johnson, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn

Speakers: Marina Pacheco Kabateck LLP

Abbas Kazerounian, Kazerouni Law Group

Bryan McNally, McNally Law Firm

Michelle West, Robinson Calcagnie

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

MCLE Session

1.25 General Credit

Mini Openings, Major Impact: A Live Interactive Session

Moderator: Jason Argos, Argos Law, APC

Speakers: Michael Jeandron, Roberts Jeandron

Patricia Law, Law Offices of Patricia A. Law

Jason Sanchez, The Simon Law Group

Laying the Foundation: Prelitigation Strategies for Building a Strong Case

Moderator: Kate Doherty, Esq.

Speakers: Brian Shapiro, William D. Shapiro Law, Inc.

Dan Robinson, Robinson Calcagnie

Cynthia Craig, Kubota Craig

Farnaz Salessi, Callahan & Blaine

Save the Date!

The 2026 Palm Springs Seminar by CAOIE/CAOC/OCTLA is

April 30 (Golf) * May 1-2 (Seminar)

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3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

MCLE Session

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From Evidence to Impact: Building Damages with Trial Expertise

Moderator: Aaron Hicks, Hicks Law Firm PC

Speakers: Ricardo Echeverria, Shernoff Bidart Echeverria
Molly McKibben, Greene Broillet & Wheeler
Cory Weck, McCune Law Group

Winning with Experts: Strategic Approaches to Expert Witness Testimony

Moderator: Geraldine Ly, Law Offices of Geraldine Ly

Speakers: Eric Traut, Traut Injury Law
Deborah Dixon, The Dixon Firm, APC
Rich Cohn, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Welcome Reception

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Evening on Your Own

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

New Lawyers Division Party

All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, May 3

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Registration and Check In Visit with Exhibitors

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Morning Refreshments

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

MCLE Sessions

Navigating Ethical Considerations in Trial

1.25 Legal Ethics

Moderator: Kenny Ramirez, Kenny Ramirez Law

Speakers: Bill Shapiro, William D. Shapiro Law, Inc.
Yoshi Kubota, Kubota Craig
Sarah Havens, Havens Injury Law
Evan Garcia, The Simon Law Group

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Saturday, May 3

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

MCLE Sessions (cont.)

Exploring New Opportunities to Enhance Recovery: Adapting to Changes in the Law

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Moderator: Tom Antunovich, Dominguez Firm

Speakers: Jennifer Johnson, Law Office of Jennifer R. Johnson, APLC.
Dan Hodes, Hodes Milman
Eric Ryanen, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

MCLE Sessions

1.25 General Credit

Voir Dire Live: Real-Time Tactics for Jury Selection

Moderator: James Perry, Atticus Injury Law

Speakers: Greg Bentley, Bentley Moore
Kim Valentine, Valentine Law Group
Greg Rizio, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting
John Carpenter, Carpenter & Zuckerman

Don't be Afraid of Arbitrations (UM/UIM, Employment, Kaiser)

Moderator: Whit Bertch, The Bertch Firm

Speakers: Brian Hannemann, Hannemann Law Firm
Michelle Hemesath, Ikuta • Hemesath
Rob Gibson, Gibson & Hughes
Darren Campell, Aitken Campbell Heikaus Weaver

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

Grab and Go Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Closing Keynote

1.00 General Credit

Moderator: Lauren Vogt, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Poolside Cabana Mixer

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CAOIE Awards Ceremony and Seminar Farewell Reception

Celebrate your CAOIE colleagues and join in honoring the exceptional accomplishments of attorneys and judges who have made a profound impact on the legal community and beyond. Then, take a moment to bid farewell to old friends and new ones you have united with at this year's seminar.