

Palm Springs

SEMINAR SCHEDULE OUTLINE

2024-25 Palm Springs Planning Committee Members

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Paul Matiasic, Kenny Ramirez
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Thursday, May 1

1:30 PM

CAOIE Golf Tournament Registration

Omni Rancho Las Palmas Golf Course

Separately ticketed event. 10 spots still open! Email jmorgan.caoie@caoc.org

2:30 - 5:00 PM

CAOIE Golf Tournament

Omni Rancho Las Palmas Golf Course

5:00 - 6:00 PM

CAOIE Golf Tournament Awards

Omni Rancho Las Palmas Golf Clubhouse

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

Las Palmas Ballroom, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Visit with Exhibitors

Las Palmas Ballroom, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Morning Refreshments

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

MCLE Sessions

Las Palmas Ballroom, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

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Friday, May 2

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

Room: A-C

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

Room: F-H

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

Room: A-C

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

Room: F-H

Balancing Accountability and Immunity: The Complex World of Government Liabilities

1 General Credit

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

Speaker: Megan Demshki, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn
Allegra Rineer, Herman Law
Tracy Hughes, Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.

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11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

MCLE Sessions

1 General Credit

Room: A-C

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

Room: F-H

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

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

Grab and Go Lunch

Las Palmas Ballroom, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

MCLE Sessions

1.25 General Credit

Room: A-C

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

Moderator: Anthony Modarelli, DiMarco | Araujo | Montevideo

Speakers: Siannah Collado, Stalwart Law Group
Danica Crittenden, Shernoff Bidart Echeverria
Ben Ikuta, Ikuta Hemesath, LLP
Hon. Khymberli S. Apaloo, San Bernardino Justice Center

Room: F-H

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 Sessions

1.25 General Credit

Room: A-C

Mini Openings, Major Impact: A Live Interactive Session

Moderator: Jason Argos, Argos Law, APC

Speakers: Greyson Goody, Goody Law Group
Michael Jeandron, Roberts Jeandron
Patricia Law, Law Offices of Patricia A. Law
Jason Sanchez, The Simon Law Group

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2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

MCLE Session (cont.)

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Room: **F-H**

Laying the Foundation: Prelitigation Strategies for Building a Strong Case

Moderator: Kate Doherty, Esq.

Speakers: Cynthia Craig, Kubota Craig
Neil Gehlawat, Taylor & Ring
Brian Shapiro, William D. Shapiro Law, Inc.
Farnaz Salessi, Callahan & Blaine

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

MCLE Session

1 General Credit

Room: **A-C**

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

Room: **F-H**

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

Sunset Terrace, located outside by BlueEmber

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

New Lawyers Division Party

Thank you to our sponsor!

R-Bar, Near the lobby at Omni Las Palmas

All are welcome to attend.



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Saturday, May 3

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Morning Refreshments

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

MCLE Sessions

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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

Room: F-H

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

1.25 General Credit

Moderator: Tom Antunovich, Dominguez Firm

Speakers: Jennifer Johnson, Law Office of Jennifer R. Johnson, APLC.

Dan Hodes, Hodes Milman

Larry Eisenberg, Lawrence S. Eisenberg & Associates

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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

Room: F-H

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

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Saturday, May 3

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

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Closing Keynote

Las Palmas Ballroom, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

1.00 General Credit

Moderator: Lauren Vogt, Rizio Lipinsky Heiting

Speaker: Cynthia McGuinn, Rouda Feder Tietjen & McGuinn

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Poolside Cabana Mixer

Conchilla Pool, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

Bring your crew to the Cabana Mixer at the Conchilla Pool (yellow umbrellas) to unwind after education.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CAOIE Awards Ceremony and Seminar Farewell Reception

Salon DE, Las Palmas Ballroom, Omni Rancho Las Palmas

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. Hosted bar and nibbles.

Save the Date!

The 2026 Palm Springs Seminar by CAOIE/CAOC/OCTLA is
April 30 (Golf) * May 1-2 (Seminar)

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