



### 2026 Palm Springs Planning Committee Members

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### Thursday, April 30

**1:30 PM**

#### **Golf Tournament Registration**

*Location: Monterey Country Club, Palm Desert*

Separately ticketed event. Only 65 available spots. Purchase tickets with your seminar registration, or email [bjohnson@caoc.org](mailto:bjohnson@caoc.org) to add this on.

**2:30 - 5:00 PM**

#### **Golf Tournament**

**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

#### **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 1

**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**

**8:45 AM - 9:45 AM**

#### **MCLE Sessions**

**1.00 General Credit**

Lien on Me? Not Today: Strategic Lien Resolutions

Inside the Uber Initiative- What's New, What's Next

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**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**MCLE Sessions**

1.00 General Credit

Know Your Opponent: Insider Strategies on the Usual Defense Experts  
Make Your Move: MSAs as a Strategic Weapon

**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

**MCLE Sessions**

1.00 General Credit

Arbitration Unpacked: Challenging the Clause and Preparing to Prevail  
Med School for Lawyers: Understanding the Degrees of TBI

**12:15 - 1:30 PM**

**Lunch and Keynote Speaker**

**1:45 - 2:45 PM**

**MCLE Sessions**

1.00 General Credit

Exposing the Expert: Smart Cross and Strategic Report Attacks  
Rideshare Litigation Tactics

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

**MCLE Sessions**

1.00 General Credit

Holding Public Entities Accountable: What You Need to Know  
Precision & Persuasion: Courtroom Tech That Works

**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Poolside Welcome Reception**

Bring your crew to the Conchilla Pool (yellow umbrellas) to unwind after education on the first day.

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Evening on Your Own**

**9:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

**New Lawyers Division Party**

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**Saturday, May 2**

**8:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Registration and Check In  
Visit with Exhibitors**

**8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**Morning Refreshments**





**9:00 – 10:45 AM**

**MCLE Sessions**

**1.00 General Credit**

Voir Dire in Action: Plaintiff and Defense Experts at Work  
From Intake to Action: The Pre-Lit Playbook

**11:00 AM - 12:15 PM**

**MCLE Sessions**

**1.00 General Credit or 1.00 Ethics Credit**

How the Best Open: Real Courtroom Openings, Real Strategy  
Ethics Update: New Rules + Specialty Credit

**12:15 PM**

**Grab and Go Lunch**

**12:45 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Keynote: Dorothy Clay Sims**

**1.00 General Credit**

*Moderator:* Clare Lucich, Bentley & More, LLP

**2:15 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Closing Session**

**1.00 General Credit**

How the Best Close: Portions of Real Closings and What is Impactful

**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. Awards presented are for **Trial Lawyer of the Year** (Brian Panish), **Streetfighter of the Year** (Kenny Ramirez), and **Judge of the Year** (Hon. Harold Hopp).

**6:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Palm Springs Seminar Send-Off Bash**

Join seminar attendees for a farewell party, location to be disclosed at a future date. Bring your people! Partners, spouses, kids – everyone is invited. A fun night out is promised! Stay tuned for more details.

*Save the Date!*

**The 2027 Palm Springs Seminar by CAOIE/CAOC/OCTLA is  
April 29 (Golf) \* April 30 – May 1 (Seminar)**

