



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 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

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

MCLE Sessions

1.00 General Credit

Lien on Me? Not Today: Strategic Lien Resolutions

Session #2, To Be Determined

CALIFORNIA MCLE: This activity is approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 10.75 credit hours of which 1.25 hours may apply to Legal Ethics credits. CAOC certifies that this activity will conform to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulation of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education. CAOC will maintain your records on this seminar. Provider No. 00324.





9:45 AM - 10:45 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

11:00 AM - 12:00 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

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch, Keynote and Uber Initiative Update

Moderator: Kenny Ramirez, L/o of Kenny S. Ramirez *and* President, CAOIE

Keynote: Rahul Ravipudi, Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP

Speakers: Douglas S. Saeltzer, Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger *and* President, CAOC

Nancy Drabble, Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC)

1:45 - 2:45 PM

MCLE Sessions

1.00 General Credit

Exposing the Expert: Smart Cross and Strategic Report Attacks

Session #9, To Be Determined

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, Sponsored by Baldwin Settlements

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

1.75 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

1.25 General Credit or 1.25 Ethics Credit

How the Best Open: Real Courtroom Openings, Real Strategy

Ethics Update: New Rules + Specialty Credit

12:15 PM

Grab and Go Lunch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Keynote: Dorothy Clay Sims

1.00 General Credit

Moderator: Clare Lucich, Bentley & More *and* President, OCTLA

2:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Closing Session

1.75 General Credit

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

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CAOIE Awards Ceremony

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)**

