

Transitioning from law school to practice is a steep learning curve. This collection is designed to ease that transition by breaking down the essential skills you'll need to hit the ground running, created by California attorneys who have been in your shoes. This collection covers basic lawyering skills, navigating legal technology, beginning your legal career, and legal ethics for new attorneys.

The Academic & Essential Skills Collection is perfect for law students who plan to practice in California and recent graduates who are brand-new California attorneys.

Featured Programs



Starting Strong: Essential Skills for Your First Deposition

New to depositions? Make sure you're prepared for unexpected situations and feel confident that you can respond to objections, manage exhibits, prepare witnesses, and use exhibits to support testimony. Learn the essentials for your first deposition, covering both taking and defending depositions, in this engaging program with attorney Evan W. Walker as he shares the fundamentals of depositions, key steps in the deposition process, rights and responsibilities of the deponent and attorneys, crafting effective questions, and the use of open-ended and closed questions. This program provides valuable insights as well as tips for conducting depositions effectively and even includes video clips of actual depositions to provide practical examples and insights.



Technology Ethics Lessons Learned from Fictional Characters

Have you ever watched a scene from the latest legal drama and wondered how you'd handle a similar scenario? Joanna Storey and Carl Chamberlin explore legal ethics topics, including technology competence, data security breaches, and attorney misconduct, through the lens of fictional attorneys in TV shows. The speakers analyze specific scenarios, discuss the professional rules of conduct, and offer practical tips for real-world scenarios.



Ethical Considerations for Young Lawyers

Young lawyers face many ethical dilemmas when they first start in the practice of law, especially when putting out their own shingles. Emil Ali covers everything from understanding marketing and branding rules to conflicts of interest and confidentiality and providing "free legal advice." He also goes over in detail what young lawyers should be aware of as they enter a competitive field and how best to avoid ethical issues as you grow your practice.





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Legal Ethics

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- Guarding the Flame: Essential Techniques to Prevent Professional Burnout
- Lawyer Competence and Communication in Our Diverse World
- Technology Ethics Lessons Learned from Fictional Characters

Elimination of Bias

- Dealing with Juror Implicit Bias
- Understanding Implicit Bias in the Legal Profession

Litigation

- It's a Virtual World: Preparing Clients and Expert Witnesses
- Local Rules: Regional and Practical Considerations
- Starting Strong: Essential Skills for your First Deposition

Law Practice Management

- Avoiding Professional Burnout: Practical Solutions
- Depression and Anxiety: The Personal Story of a Lawyer's Journey
- Economics of Excellence: Rethinking How to Set Your Legal Rates
- Ethical Considerations for Young Lawyers
- Formation and Operation of a Solo Law Firm
- Hang Your Shingle: Attracting Clients
- Journeys in the Law: Tracy Miller
- Language Matters Gender Equality in Language
- Lawyer Mistakes Ethical Duties and Risk Management
- Local Practice Program Panel
- Vicarious Trauma: Solutions for Self-Care and Trauma-Informed Practice
- What to Do if You Become the Target of a State Bar Complaint

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