

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT FOR CLE/CPE

2021 Termination of Parental Rights Case Law Update

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Summary: Child welfare cases involve a specialized body of caselaw. This session will identify and discuss termination of parental rights and related opinions published by North Carolina's appellate courts between 2020 and 2021. The presentation will also address how those cases affect relevant trends in child welfare law.

(1 hour)

Interpretation of Lab Test Results in Court Cases

Michael Tew, Carolina DNA, LLC

Paternity and drug testing is always in high demand in many court cases. Understanding how to interpret lab test results is extremely important for lawyers. This session will provide education on the topic of paternity and drug testing awareness. Attendees will learn to be able to identify if the chain of custody for the testing is accurate and secure. The goal of the session is to ensure lawyers are able to improve their strategies, questioning skills and the interpretation of lab test results.

(1 hour)

Cybersecurity for Lawyers and Paralegals:

Protecting Client Information and Securing Your Operations

Shannon Tufts, NC School of Government

Cybersecurity attacks are at an all-time high, with threats coming daily in the forms of phishing attempts, data harvesting, and malware downloads. Understanding how to identify and prevent such attacks, which target your enterprise data, your confidential client data, as well as your personal and professional data, is paramount for lawyers. This session will provide requisite education on the topic of essential cybersecurity strategies and approaches for lawyers. Attendees will learn to identify potential attacks or attempts to compromise organizational systems, how to mitigate those potential attacks, and learn about the various breaches that have occurred across the state, impacting organizations at every level. The goal of the session is to ensure lawyers are able to improve their detection and defenses against breaches, while protecting confidential client data, as part of their daily law practice operations.

(1 hour)

THE PRICE WE PAY AS PROBLEM SOLVERS

Candace Hoffman, NCLAP

Compassion fatigue has been widely studied in social workers and first responders to crisis situations. New ground-breaking research has revealed the impact of this condition on those working in the legal profession. Given that compassion fatigue is akin to burn out, this program resonates deeply for lawyers from all practice areas. This program focuses on the condition itself, the brain science behind it, why and how lawyers may find themselves vulnerable to it, and how to mitigate it.

(1 hour)

STORIES OF RENEWAL AND RECOVERY (NCLAP)

Lanée Borsman and Rupen Fofaria

A recent national landmark ABA study confirmed that lawyers are at the highest risk of any profession for issues like depression and alcoholism. Anywhere from a quarter to a third of the profession is encountering these issues at a given time. Lawyers are high functioning individuals with tremendous capacity to "never let them see you sweat." This skill is often the downfall for many who may be dealing with these hidden issues. Typically, colleagues are too busy with their own lives and law practices to notice when one of our own may be struggling. In this CLE, volunteers from the NC Lawyer Assistance Program share their experience and personal insight into the specific mental health issues they encountered, the consequences that resulted from those issues, how they began recovery, and what life is like today "on the other side." The speakers will also share helpful resources and explain how the

Lawyer Assistance Program works. These personal stories illuminate hidden symptoms and more obvious behavior patterns that any lawyer can use to identify issues in colleagues or in oneself. As each person's journey is unique, the stories all differ. Spoken from the heart, these stories are often funny, sometimes heartbreakin, and always inspirational. **(1 hour)**

“THESE ARE THE RULES” (not suggestions)

The Honorable Scott C. Etheridge, District 19B

This presentation will review some of the most common RPC violations as seen by the presenter; discuss what rules are being violated and discuss possible reasons as to why the rules are being violated. **(1 hour)**