

2023 First Friday Ethics (May 2023)

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Friday Morning, May 5, 2023

10:00 am 1.00 hr ethics	Will Robot Lawyers Steal Our Jobs, and Can They do the Job Ethically? As artificial intelligence tools like ChatGPT and others have entered the legal sphere, questions naturally arise as to the extent to which AI can satisfactorily complete legal tasks. AI is being widely used for everything from legal research to the drafting of contracts and pleadings to even assisting with jury selection. But can “robot lawyers” truly replace their human counterparts? This program examines not only the ways in which AI is impacting the legal profession, but also the multiple ethical dimensions of AI use - from our duty of tech competence to our duty to supervise non-lawyers. John G. Browning, Spencer Fane / Faulkner Law School - Plano, TX
11:00 am	10-Minute Break
11:10 am 1.00 hr ethics	Attorney Wellness: Speaking Up, Reaching Out (REPLAY) Mental health issues are taboo discussions at the workplace, yet when attorneys consider suicide, it's often a result of work-related stress. Explore real-world tips and information on how to spot a mental health crisis in someone you work with, and what to do once you are aware of a problem. Stephanie Townsend Allala, Townsend Allala, Coulter & Kludt PLLC - El Paso, TX
12:10 pm	10-Minute Break
12:20 pm 1.00 hr ethics	Approaches to Privilege During Deposition Breaks (REPLAY) In an age of Zoom depositions, it is more important than ever to understand that different jurisdictions take different approaches the question of privilege during deposition breaks, with some disallowing any privilege at all once the deposition commences and others taking a more nuanced approach. Join Jason Boulette as he explores these different approaches, what they share in common, and where they differ sharply. Jason Boulette, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P. - Austin, TX
1:20 pm	Presentations Conclude