

Full Agenda

7th Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference – 2011

Hilton Springfield
October 27 - 29, 2011

Please Note:

*“Hanging Out Your Shingle” Sessions (designed for attorneys opening a law office)
are noted by *HOYS Session**

Thursday, October 27	
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration – Mezzanine Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast – Mezzanine Foyer
9:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m. <i>(pre-registration required)</i> <i>Capitol Ballroom</i>	Fastcase: Introduction to Legal Research Training 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit <i>Ed Walters, Fastcase, Washington, D.C.</i>
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. <i>(pre-registration required)</i> <i>Capitol Ballroom</i>	Fastcase: Advanced Legal Research Training 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit <i>Ed Walters, Fastcase, Washington, D.C.</i>
11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Exhibits – Prairie Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>	Professional Business Portraits for Attendees by Daniels Ackerman Photography <i>(Complimentary to Registered Attendees)</i> Market Your Practice Like You Mean It...And on a Shoestring Budget! <i>Chris, Ruys, Chris Ruys Communications, Inc., Chicago</i> Looking for new ways to expand your practice? Have a marketing strategy? ISBA’s longtime marketing and PR specialist, Chris Ruys, will be available to provide tips, tricks, and advice in short, one-on-one sessions! Get ideas on how to attract more clients who will pay the fees you deserve through a dignified and cost-effective marketing program. <i>(Complimentary to Registered Attendees)</i> Sponsored by Past President Mark D. Hassakis, Hassakis & Hassakis, Mt. Vernon
12:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
Legal Technology *HOYS Session* <i>Rendezvous Room</i>	The Secure Firm: Best Practices, Policies, and Strategies 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville <i>J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i> Whether you’re an experienced practitioner or hanging out your shingle for the first time, securing your firm’s data and technology should be a top priority. This session examines the life of a secure solo attorney by exploring best practices, policies and strategies – in the office and on the road. <i>Joshua J. Poje, Research Specialist, ABA Legal Technology Resource Center, Chicago</i>
Effective & Ethical Practice <i>Plaza 3</i>	Hot Topics on the New Taxation Laws 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains This segment explores a number of changes to State and Federal taxation laws, including understanding Illinois’ Use Taxes; Use Tax enforcement; state and federal concerns for foreign account holders; new testing requirements for certain return preparers; and IRS audit selection techniques. The various ethical issues an attorney must consider are also examined. <i>Robert E. McKenzie, Arnstein & Lehr, Chicago</i>

<p>Substantive Law <i>Capitol Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Avoiding Pitfalls While Serving on Non-Profit Boards 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda Attorneys who serve on a nonprofit governing board must deal with the significant expectations of fellow directors and other interested parties in the community. Professional skills are important, but some practical experience and common sense are indispensable in the good governance of a public charity. This session explores the basic fiduciary responsibilities of directors and takes a practical look at several avoidable legal problems that can arise when the board expects their litigation expert to know the law of tax-exempt charitable nonprofits. Ryan K. Oberly, Mosher & Assoc., Chicago</p>
<p>1:45 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Breakout Sessions</p>	
<p>Legal Technology <i>Rendezvous Room</i></p>	<p>Managing Client Trust Accounts: Setting Up Trust Accounting Software 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield Failure to follow the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct regarding client trust account management is a major source of ARDC complaints and disciplinary actions. This segment shows how using computer software to maintain client trust account records and to perform required reconciliations is one of the best ways for law firms to stay in compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct. John W. Olmstead, MBA, Ph.D., CMC, Olmstead & Associates, St. Louis, MO</p>
<p>Effective & Ethical Practice *HOYS Session* <i>Plaza 3</i></p>	<p>It's Your Law License: Who Do You Trust in Your Office? 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains Explore the importance of properly managing non-lawyer assistants in your office, as well as your role and responsibilities as a partner, manager, supervisor, or associate lawyer. Melinda Bentley, ISBA First Assistant Counsel, Springfield Charlie Northrup, ISBA General Counsel, Springfield</p>
<p>Substantive Law <i>Capitol Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Immigration Issues: Intersections with Family Law and Criminal Law 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda Gain a better understanding of how immigration law oftentimes intersects with the family and criminal law arenas. This introductory session covers the immigration issues that family and criminal law practitioners need to be aware of in order to better protect their clients. Cindy Buys, Assoc. Professor, SIU School of Law, Carbondale</p>
<p>2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Break with Exhibitors – Prairie Ballroom, Mezzanine Level Sponsored by ATG Trust Company</p>	
<p>3:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions</p>	
<p>Legal Technology *HOYS Session* <i>Rendezvous Room</i></p>	<p>The New Office Technology Shopping List: What Do I Really Need to Get Started? 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield This comprehensive overview assists solo practitioners in determining which technology requirements are needed when starting a new law office. Topics include: computers, telephones, printers, scanners, faxes, storage devices, routers, and software for billing, client information retentions, and docket management. A product comparison is included to help attorneys determine which technology features offer the most value for the money, as well as how a law office can run smoothly utilizing these items. Lee Imrey, Independent Technology Consultant, Chicago/New York Shamla T. Naidoo, The Law Offices of Shamla Naidoo P.C., Chicago</p>

<p>Effective & Ethical Practice Plaza 3</p>	<p>Paying for Value and Budget Certainty: Digital Billing in an Analog World 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains</i> This interactive presentation explores the evolution of the legal services’ marketplace (including the history of the hourly rate as the standard measure of value), illustrates alternative methods for purchasing legal services based on value, and explores strategies to align the interests between law firms and their clients. Increasing budget certainty, reducing financial risks, and lowering costs are also discussed. The thoughts, concerns, experiences (positive and negative), and trends of alternative fee structures are shared from both an outside and in-house perspective. <i>Michael J. Philippi, Ungaretti & Harris, Chicago</i> <i>Ethan E. Trull, Ungaretti & Harris, Chicago</i></p>
<p>Substantive Law Capitol Ballroom</p>	<p>Accepting/Rejecting Employment Cases 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Lisa M. Nyuli, Ariano Hardy Ritt Nyuli Richmond Lytle, South Elgin</i> This segment discusses the various decisions a practitioner must make before accepting or rejecting an employment case. Topics include: initial client consultation; requested documentation; assessing potential employment claims/defenses through in-depth client interviews; and jurisdictional, timing and forum issues. Attendee participation is encouraged throughout this presentation as the speakers explore the overall decision to decline or accept representation. <i>Alan Kaplan, Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell Ltd, Chicago</i> <i>Cathy A. Pilkington, Law Offices of Cathy Pilkington, Chicago</i></p>
<p>4:25 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Breakout Sessions</p>	
<p>Legal Technology Rendezvous Room</p>	<p>To the Cloud: Using Cloud-Based Storage 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville</i> <i>J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i> It is important that attorneys understand how cloud-based storage tools such as Dropbox, Mozy, and iCloud store confidential client information and sensitive documents. This segment examines how solo and small firm practitioners can incorporate cloud-based storage into their practice in a safe and efficient manner. <i>Joshua J. Poje, Research Specialist, ABA Legal Technology Center, Chicago</i></p>
<p>Effective & Ethical Practice Plaza 3</p>	<p>Diversity in a Solo or Small Firm Practice: Improving Cross-Cultural Communication 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains</i> This segment is designed to raise awareness about the need for cultural sensitivity in cross-cultural interactions and shows how consciously improving the communication between diverse groups make lawyers more effective. <i>Cindy Buys, Assoc. Professor, SIU School of Law, Carbondale</i></p>
<p>Substantive Law *HOYS *Session Capitol Ballroom</p>	<p>How to get Orders of Protection to Stick 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Lisa M. Nyuli, Ariano Hardy Ritt Nyuli Richmond Lytle, South Elgin</i> Although the Domestic Violence Act ensures that victims of abuse can seek an order of protection, getting these protective orders to stick can be tricky. This comprehensive overview explores a number of topics, including who the proper parties must be, prohibited actions under current statute and case law, protective order types and duration, remedies offered under the statute, and modifications to orders of protection. <i>Kelli E. Gordon, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i></p>
<p>5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Reception with Exhibitors – Prairie and Illinois Ballrooms, Mezzanine Level Sponsored by Illinois Bar Foundation</p>	
<p>7:00 p.m. <i>(pre-registration required)</i></p>	<p>Networking Dinners Good food and good company! Register to attend a dutch-treat dinner with fellow conference attendees at various downtown Springfield restaurants within walking distance of the Hilton. Space is limited, so register early. <i>(Cost of dinner not included in conference registration.)</i></p>

Friday, October 28

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** – *Prairie Ballroom, Mezzanine Level*

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** – *Mezzanine Foyer*

8:00 a.m. – 3:50 p.m. **Exhibits** – *Prairie Ballroom, Mezzanine Level*

8:30 – 9:35 a.m. – Plenary Session – From Solo Practice to the Supreme Court

Capitol and Illinois Ballrooms, Mezzanine Level

Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride, Supreme Court of Illinois

9:35 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break with Exhibitors** – *Prairie Ballroom, Mezzanine Level*

Sponsored by Washington University School of Law Career Services

10:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Breakout Sessions

Legal Technology
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Backup and Disaster Recovery: Oh No, My Hard Drive Crashed and It Can't Get Up
1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit
Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville

J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield

Whether your computer crashes or is destroyed by a natural disaster, it is your responsibility to safeguard your client's information. This presentation discusses the importance of backing up your computer, and also examines your critical data backup options. Strategies and best practice tips to insure that you don't run afoul of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct or fall victim to a malpractice claim for failure to properly backup your data is also included.

Shamla T. Naidoo, The Law Offices of Shamla Naidoo P.C., Chicago

Adam Nelson, Senior Consultant, IBM, Chicago

Effective & Ethical Practice
Plaza 3

Client Management: Ethical Issues

1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit

Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains

In this segment, the speakers discuss the pitfalls of client management, including client communications, accepting/rejecting clients, and fee suits. Relevant ARDC opinions and professional responsibility rules are also included.

Justin B. Ryan, Michael E. Ryan PC, West Dundee

Michael E. Ryan, Michael E. Ryan PC, West Dundee

Substantive Law
Ambassador Ballroom

Foreclosure Navigation and Litigation Update

1.0 hour MCLE credit

Moderator: Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda

This comprehensive overview examines the litigation tools available for helping people in foreclosure and includes a discussion on how to use fair-lending claims based on servicing disparities, as well as the available data references to help analyze cases. Case law and legislative updates are also included.

Kelli A. Dudley, Coordinator, Predatory Lending Program, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago

Damien J. Ortiz, Clinical Professor, Fair Housing Legal Support Center, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago

11:20 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. – Luncheon – Capitol and Illinois Ballrooms, Mezzanine Level

“60 Tips in 60 Minutes”

This fast-paced session offers dozens of practice tips and tricks for getting things done better, faster, and cheaper. Topics include everything from gadgets, to software/hardware, the Web, practice management, and more!

Aaron Brooks, Holmstrom & Kennedy, P.C., Rockford

Todd Flaming, KrausFlaming LLC, Chicago

Bryan Sims, Sims Law Firm, Ltd, Naperville

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1:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
Legal Technology *HOYS Session* <i>Rendezvous Room</i>	How to Create a Website in 60 Minutes – Ethical and Practical Tips 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville</i> <i>J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i> Having a website for your law firm offers up an untold number of benefits – from giving you a presence on the web that ultimately generates a new client database to strengthening your reputation among your peers and improving client relationships. Learn how to create your own <i>free</i> website by watching as our speaker draws someone’s business card from a hat and builds their website in one hour! The legal concerns and ethical considerations that come with owning a website are also discussed throughout the presentation. <i>Todd Flaming, KrausFlaming LLC, Chicago</i>
Effective & Ethical Practice <i>Plaza 3</i>	ARDC Update: Where are the Ethics Rules Now? 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains</i> With hectic schedules and busy practices, attorneys don’t always have time to keep up on the most recent disciplinary decisions – which is a must for attorneys to maintain professional compliance. In this segment, the speakers examine the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct by bringing you up to date on some of the most recent disciplinary decisions in Illinois. <i>Melinda Bentley, ISBA First Assistant Counsel, Springfield</i> <i>Charlie Northrup, ISBA General Counsel, Springfield</i>
Substantive Law <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>	Medicaid and Long-Term Care Planning: What Attorneys Need to Know 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Lisa M. Nyuli, Ariano Hardy Ritt Nyuli Richmond Lytle, South Elgin</i> It is imperative that trusts and estate attorneys know which long-term care options are available for their clients. This comprehensive overview discusses social security, Medicare, Medicaid (including the new rules), and long-term care insurance, as well as the use of powers of attorney and trust in planning. <i>Ben A. Neiburger, Neiburger Law Ltd, Elmhurst</i>
2:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
Legal Technology <i>Rendezvous Room</i>	Social Networking 101 MCLE/PMCLE credit uncertain Moderator: <i>Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville</i> <i>J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i> This segment offers a primer for attorneys wanting to improve their understanding of how social media sites (such as Facebook and Twitter) work, as well as strengthen their confidence in using these sites as a professional networking outlet. Topics include: how online social media works; what information is visible to the public; how to adjust privacy and security settings; and other basic operational issues. <i>Aaron W. Brooks, Holmstrom & Kennedy PC, Rockford</i>
Effective & Ethical Practice *HOYS Session* <i>Plaza 3</i>	The Biggest Business Mistakes Lawyers Make and How to Avoid Them 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: <i>Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains</i> Effective law practice management is essential for maintaining good client relationships, reducing the risk of malpractice claims and client complaints, and improving your firm image and the image of the profession. This fun and interactive session discusses how to avoid the most common and costly practice management mistakes, including effective client communication, handling client funds, and properly pricing/collecting for your services. <i>Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda</i>

<p>Substantive Law <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Defending Foreclosures in State Court and Saving Homes with a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Lisa M. Nyuli, Ariano Hardy Ritt Nyuli Richmond Lytle, South Elgin With the recent housing market crisis and the continual problems with mortgage servicer practices, clients needing foreclosure defense representation are increasing. This presentation assists attorneys with recognizing issues, understanding the various options, and defending the client's foreclosure in court. Filing a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case to save the house and also deal with other debts (through a plan of reorganization) is also discussed. Sumner A. Bourne, Rafool, Bourne & Shelby, PC, Peoria Patrick James Smith, Delano Law Offices, LLC, Springfield</p>
<p>3:20 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Break with Exhibitors – Prairie Ballroom, Mezzanine Level</p>
<p>3:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions</p>
<p>Legal Technology <i>Rendezvous Room</i></p>	<p>Remote Communications: Practicing from a Coffee Shop or other Remote Location 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield <i>(From the Wisconsin State Bar Association Solo, Small Firm Conference – Joint Session)</i> This unique, joint-presentation uses remote access technology to broadcast live from the ISBA and Wisconsin State Bar Associations' Solo & Small Firm Conferences to demonstrate how you can be more accessible regardless of your location. Topics include: wireless air cards and Wi-Fi hotspots for mobile Internet access; the reality of the Apple iPad and Android tablets; and the changing paradigm of modern legal practice. A discussion on how the timely legal services that result from using remote access can help you avoid malpractice issues and improve client relationships is also included. Speakers from ISBA Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron W. Brooks, Holmstrom & Kennedy PC, Rockford • Bryan Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville Speakers from Wisconsin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Krause, Krause Practice Management LLC, Waterford, WI • Nerino Petro, Practice Management Advisor, State Bar of Wisconsin </p>
<p>Effective & Ethical Practice <i>Plaza 3</i></p>	<p>Improving Your Legal Writing - Your Ultimate Work Product 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains Although lawyers write for a living – producing more copy than most journalists – not all lawyers appreciate what an advantage it is to write clearly and persuasively. This seminar offers a comprehensive overview of the legal writing process, giving you the tools you need to develop strong writing skills. Topics include: recognizing common problems; fixing those problems emphasizing clarity and readability; designing documents; editing; and developing a strategy to continually improve your writing. James Covington III, ISBA Director of Legislative Affairs, Springfield</p>
<p>Substantive Law *HOYS Session* <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i></p>	<p>DUI and Traffic Fundamentals for the New Solo Practitioner 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda This presentation discusses the basics of DUI and traffic defense, including which common pitfalls to avoid. Jeremy J. Richey, Jeremy J. Richey Attorney at Law, Charleston</p>
<p>6:00 – 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Reception at the National Museum of Surveying, 521 E. Washington St. Sponsored by ISBA Mutual Insurance Company</p>
<p>7:30 – 9:00 p.m. <i>(pre-registration required)</i></p>	<p>Lincoln's Ghost Walk: Legends and Lore Register to join a group of fellow attendees for this fun and engaging 90-minute, 10-block walking tour of various downtown Lincoln sites. <i>(Cost of event not included in conference registration)</i></p>

Saturday, October 29

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast – <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>
7:30 – 11:20 a.m.	Registration – <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
Legal Technology <i>Rendezvous Room</i>	<p>Moving to a Paperless Office 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville <i>J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i></p> <p>No matter how limited your technical expertise is, you can learn to free yourself from paper clutter with this informative segment in which two paperless office mavens explain why you should go paperless – and then show you how to do it! The legal and ethical considerations of running a paperless office are also discussed. Todd Flaming, KrausFlaming LLC, Chicago Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville</p>
Effective & Ethical Practice *HOYS Session* <i>Plaza 3</i>	<p>Social Media: Ethical Issues 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains</p> <p>Social media is a burgeoning platform for lawyers to market themselves and their services. This session addresses all aspects of the lawyer’s online ethical obligations, such as problematic issues that arise when lawyers use social media to market themselves; connecting with current and prospective clients; and commenting on developments in the law or on pending matters. Recommendations for ethically navigating throughout this rapidly evolving and sometimes nebulous area are included. Erin Wright, DLA Piper (US), Chicago</p>
Substantive Law <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>	<p>The New Illinois Civil Union Law: The Act, Application, and Special Considerations 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda</p> <p>In this segment, the speaker reviews the new Illinois Civil Union law (in both in its form and application) and discusses how a civil union is formed, maintained and dissolved; how civil unions are different from and similar to marriage; and the potential conflicts with Federal law. Special consideration is given to the unique questions that may arise or be of concern to the solo and small firm practitioner. Raymond W. Prather, Prather Ebner LLP, Chicago</p>
9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
Legal Technology *HOYS Session* <i>Rendezvous Room</i>	<p>Using Technology to Avoid Malpractice 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville <i>J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield</i></p> <p>This presentation explores the use of practice management software to keep track of all your files, clients, appointments, court dates, statute dates, deadlines, conflict information, accounting, and billing in one easy to use software program. Trent L. Bush, Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson PC, Sterling Don M. Mateer, Mateer, Goff & Honzel, Rockford</p>
Effective & Ethical Practice <i>Plaza 3</i>	<p>Settlement Agreements 1.0 hour MCLE credit/PMCLE credit subject to approval Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains Michael T. Reagan, Law Offices of Michael T. Reagan, Ottawa</p>

<p>Substantive Law <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Local Government Law for Non-Government Lawyers 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Lisa M. Nyuli, Ariano Hardy Ritt Nyuli Richmond Lytle, South Elgin This comprehensive overview offers the non-government lawyer a better understanding of the rules that guide local governments and offers tips for navigating through the relevant governmental departments. Topics include: Open Meetings Act; Freedom of Information Act; and the affect land developments have on municipalities. Strategies for helping you achieve the client’s goal and make local leaders and their staff want to help you are also included. Steven Andersson, Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson, Aurora Catherine Malesky, Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson, Aurora</p>
<p>11:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. Breakout Sessions</p>	
<p>Legal Technology <i>Rendezvous Room</i></p>	<p>iPad v World 1.0 hour MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour approved Professional Responsibility MCLE credit Moderator: Bryan M. Sims, Sims Law Firm Ltd, Naperville J. Randall Cox, Feldman, Wasser, Draper & Cox, Springfield Over the last several years, a shift has begun in mobile computing and connectivity. Slates (also known as tablets) have gone from an interesting idea to being placed front and center with world class offerings like Apple’s iPad, as well as those powdered by Android, Windows, and more. This session addresses general productivity and legal specific applications, including those for trial work. Also included is a discussion on how they can be used in the daily life of an attorney, the security measures needed to protect confidential information, and a comparison of the various operating systems available. Alan R. Press, Alan R. Press, Attorney at Law PC, Lincolnshire Michelle J. Rozovics, Rozovics Law Firm, LLC, Crystal Lake</p>
<p>Effective & Ethical Practice <i>Plaza 3</i></p>	<p>Law Firm Giving Programs as Part of Marketing Plans MCLE/PMCLE credit uncertain Moderator: Shayne L. Aldridge, Law Office of Shayne L Aldridge, Pleasant Plains This program outlines how a strategic and targeted approach to a firm’s charitable giving and volunteerism can make our communities a better place to live, while also enhancing firm growth and profitability. Jeffrey G. Sorenson, Howard & Howard, Peoria</p>
<p>Substantive Law *HOYS Session* <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Freedom of Information Update 1.0 hour MCLE credit Moderator: Timothy J. Storm, Storm Law Office, Wauconda The Illinois Freedom of Information Act gives people the right to examine the public records of any governmental entity throughout the State. This presentation discusses how the January 2010 FOIA amendment and other recent decisions have changed the landscape of access to information and examines how municipalities should work with the Public Access Counselor. John H. Brechin, Law Office of John H. Brechin, Addison</p>
<p>12:05 p.m. Conference Adjourned</p>	

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