

**New York State Bar Association Law Practice Management
CLE Program**

**Building a Successful Law Practice –
What You Need to Succeed**

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Affinia Manhattan

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Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Business Considerations: Grow, Merge, or Stay the Same –
Where Do You Go From Here?**

- The legal organization of your practice
- Developing a budget
- Is it time to take on a partner?
- Opening a satellite office
- Cost-effective ways to market your firm

(1.5 credits in areas of professional practices/law practice management)

Speakers: **Russell M. Yankwitt, Esq.**
Nicole Gueron, Esq.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Practicing Ethically**

- Predominant ethics rules
 - what solos and small firms are likely to encounter
- Turning down an engagement – what to tell that prospective client
- Referring clients – do's and don'ts
- Firing the client -- doing it right
- Avoiding malpractice claims and disciplinary complaints
- Knowing when to seek outside help when the going gets too rough

(1.5 credits in ethics)

Speaker: **Hal L. Lieberman, Esq.**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Billing and Collection

- Managing client expectations – billing and the retainer agreement
- Improving billing and collection methods
- Alternative fee arrangements
- Best practices when increasing fees

(1.5 credits in skills)

Speakers: **Howard C. Crystal, Esq.**
 Anthony Q. Fletcher, Esq.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Hiring Associates, Paralegals, and Support Staff

- Sources for hiring
- Hiring, firing, and retention of staff
- Professional development and mentorship
- Incentives for exemplary employees
 - adjusting salary to employee output
- Creating exit procedures
- Emergency short-term employment solutions
 - staffing agencies, “onshoring” and “outsourcing”

(1.0 credit in areas of professional practice/law practice management)

Speakers: **Carol Kanarek, JD, MSW**
 Craig S. Brown, Esq.

3:20 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

Using the Internet and Social Media to Build Your Practice

- Website basics:
 - Simple versus bells and whistles:
 - How much will it cost?
- Website content:
 - How to provide information without giving away the store and opening yourself up to liability
- Using Facebook and Twitter and other social media effectively

(1.5 credits in areas of professional practice/law practice management)

Speaker: **John R. McCarron, Jr., Esq.**

4:35 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Question and Answer Segment – Get the Answers You Need to Succeed

7.5 MCLE Credits

(4.5 Areas of Professional Practice, 1.5 Ethics, 1.5 Skills)