

# Breakfast Ethics

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **John W. Dean**

Before becoming Counsel to the President of the United States in July 1970 at age thirty-one, John Dean was Chief Minority Counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives, the Associate Director of a law reform commission, and Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States. He served as Richard Nixon's White House lawyer for a thousand days.

He did his undergraduate studies at Colgate University and the College of Wooster, with majors in English Literature and Political Science. He received a graduate fellowship from American University to study government and the presidency, before entering Georgetown University Law Center, where he received his JD in 1965.

John recounted his days in the Nixon White House and Watergate in two books, *Blind Ambition* (1976) and *Lost Honor* (1982). He lives in Beverly Hills, California with his wife Maureen, and now devotes full time to writing and lecturing, having retired from his career as a private investment banker. He is working on his 12th book (10th since retiring), which returns to Watergate and is based on the new material now available. It was this material that prompted John and Jim to develop this CLE.

### **James D. Robenalt**

Jim is a partner and former Chair of the Business Litigation group at Thompson Hine LLP's Cleveland office. Jim has won big verdicts for client, including Avery Dennison (\$81 million jury verdict on international espionage case) and Solvay Pharmaceuticals (\$68 million arbitration award on drug co-promotion agreement). Jim is also the author of two non-fiction books dealing with the American presidency: *Linking Rings, William W. Durbin and the Magic and Mystery of America* (Kent State University Press 2004) and *The Harding Affair, Love and Espionage During the Great War* (Palgrave 2009). He is a recognized leader in judicial reform in Ohio.

Jim teaches and instructs on the legal ethics and the representation of an organization under new Model Rules 1.13 and 1.6. Using John Dean as fact witness and Watergate as a case study, Jim and Mr. Dean have developed an interactive, fast-paced program that explores the duties of an attorney representing an organization when wrongdoing is uncovered. Rule 1.13 defines "organization" broadly, including corporations, partnerships, unions, governmental entities and the like.

Launched in Chicago in June 2011, the seminar has received glowing reviews both for its engaging presentation and its relevance to the most current rules of legal ethics. "Best CLE I have ever attended," is the most common reaction.