

Thursday, January 20, 2011
1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
3.0 MCLE Credit Hours

Current Developments in Dispute Resolution

This informative seminar will focus on three different types of alternative dispute resolution – collaborative law, construction arbitration/mediation, and workers’ compensation mediation of both state and federal cases.

The collaborative law protocol to date has been utilized primarily in the family or divorce law medium, but the presenters will also discuss its potential application in other fields of the law. The collaborative law session will include a discussion of the ethical considerations when lawyers and experts collaborate with the parties pursuant to a duly-executed Participation Agreement.

The presenters for the construction law and workers’ compensation portions of the program are among the most senior and sought-after arbitrators and mediators in this state. They will give their experienced points of view on how to best prepare for and conduct construction arbitration and mediation and workers’ compensation mediation. The workers’ compensation presenters will place a special focus upon the federal workers’ compensation system for longshoremen and other harbor workers. Because of accidents and injuries under special circumstances, these workers have special legal needs. The federal workers’ compensation system for these workers is governed by its own unique body of laws, regulations, and court decisions.

Agenda

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| 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Collaborative Law
<i>Cheryl A. Fletcher, Daniel Island</i>
<i>Sean F. Keefer, Charleston</i>
<i>Guy J. Vitetta, Charleston</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Construction Mediation/Arbitration
<i>Henry W. Brown, Columbia</i>
<i>E. Mitch Griffith, Beaufort</i>
<i>G. Trenholm Walker, Charleston</i> |
| 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Break |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Workers’ Compensation Mediation
<i>F. Earl Ellis Jr., Columbia</i>
<i>E. Paul Gibson, N. Charleston</i>
<i>Lana H. Sims Jr., Columbia</i> |

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