

Friday, January 23, 2026

2 – 5:15 p.m.

Young Lawyers Division

3.0 MCLE Credit Hours; including up to .50 LEPR Credit Hours

Supreme Court Commission on CLE Course #: 260142

Room Location: 203-205

Modern Lawyering: Embracing Technology and Bridging Generational Divides

The legal profession stands at a crossroads. While AI tools revolutionize how many practice law, firms and attorneys struggle with implementation challenges and generational tensions that can derail even the most well-intentioned technology initiatives. This seminar tackles these issues head-on, providing practical guidance and honest discussion about navigating technology changes in today's legal landscape. The first portion will give an honest breakdown of the most widely adopted platforms by law firms—including Co-Counsel and Protige—giving an unvarnished look at the positives and negatives of each and where these tools fit into everyday practice. Then, we'll dive into real-world cautionary tales from attorneys who have experienced the pitfalls of AI firsthand. The session will conclude with a panel that brings together lawyers from different generations for an honest conversation about the elephants in the many conference rooms: resistance to innovations, the impact of remote work, mental health, and mentorship. No matter where you are in your practice, this program will offer practical strategies for navigating these conversations and a thoughtful way to implement change in your practice and your firm.

Agenda

2 – 2:45 p.m. Connecting Legal Tradition with Modern Innovation

Nicholas Denver Smith
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2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Ethical Accountability for the Use of AI

Barbara Seymour
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3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 5 p.m. Bridging Generational Divides- AI and Beyond

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