

Law Day and the Responsibility We Share

Each year, May begins with Law Day—a national reminder of the role lawyers play in upholding the rule of law and serving their communities. While Law Day is observed on a single day, its message extends throughout the year. It calls on each of us to reflect on how we continue to grow as professionals and serve effectively.

For members of the Louisville Bar Association, that responsibility is both professional and practical. One of the most important ways we meet it is through continuing legal education. As we approach the end of Kentucky's CLE reporting period in June, May is an ideal time to complete requirements while engaging with timely and meaningful programming.

The LBA has an exceptional lineup of CLE programs this month across a wide range of practice areas:

We begin on May 8 with “Rapid Erosion of Humanitarian Protections under U.S. Immigration Law,” where local experts examine recent shifts in immigration policy and their real-world impact. On May 12, “Scott Peterson’s Second Act: Could New Evidence Rewrite a Notorious Conviction?” offers a deep dive into one of the country’s most well-known criminal cases and the legal issues it continues to raise.

Mid-month programming includes “Closely Held Business Transfer and Exit Strategies” on May 15, providing practical guidance for advising business clients, and a May 19 double-header featuring “What Is a Reverse Mortgage—and Why Should Attorneys Understand Them?” followed by “Keep the ‘Law’ in Lawyer: The Importance of Knowing and Following the Law,” a candid and engaging look at professional responsibility.

We also continue to explore emerging issues in technology and ethics. On May 20, “The Final Transaction: Hands-On AI Training for the Transactional Lawyer” offers practical tools for modern practice. On May 22, “ChatGPT, Siri and Alexa Are Out to Get You” provides an entertaining and insightful ethics-focused discussion on technology risks, followed later in the month by “Barely Competent = Fully Disbarred” and “The Perfect Pop Song and Attorney Ethics,” both designed to reinforce the importance of maintaining high professional standards.

Additional programming includes “My Ex Hacked Me! Stalking in Family Law Cases” on May 28, addressing emerging issues in family law, as well as ongoing opportunities to

engage through the LBA’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Health & Wellness Committee meetings.

Together, these programs reflect the LBA’s commitment to providing education that is not only relevant, but practical, engaging and responsive to the evolving needs of our members. Continuing education is more than a requirement, it is part of our broader responsibility to provide competent, thoughtful and effective representation.

As always, I welcome your thoughts about LBA programming and how we can continue to support our members. And if you are looking for ways to get more involved—whether through a section, a committee or attending events—this is an excellent time to do so.

Finally, I would be remiss not to highlight an important and meaningful moment for our legal community. On **Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m.**, a dedication ceremony will be held at the Hall of Justice plaza for the new statue honoring Alberta Odell Jones. Ms. Jones broke barriers as one of the first Black women admitted to the Kentucky bar and the first woman appointed to the Louisville City Attorney’s Office, and her legacy of courage, service and commitment to justice continues to resonate today. The placement of her likeness at the center of our justice system is both a recognition of her contributions and a powerful reminder of the progress made—and the work that remains. I hope many of you will join in this occasion as we honor her enduring impact on our profession and our community.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the profession and to the Louisville community.

**Things happen and sometimes speakers need to change the dates of the seminars, so please visit the calendar on the LBA’s website, www.loubar.org, for newly added seminars and/or confirmation of dates. We hope you will join us for these exciting programs.*



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The strength of our profession lies not just in what we know, but in how we continue to learn, engage and show up for our community.