

The Final Stretch for CLE

June 30 marks the end of Kentucky's CLE reporting year, and for many lawyers, that means the annual realization that a few more credit hours—and especially the ethics hour—still need to be completed before the deadline arrives. The Louisville Bar Association has an outstanding lineup of June programming designed not only to help members satisfy their CLE requirements, but to do so in ways that are engaging and supportive of your diverse practice areas.

Please check out our full list of offerings on pages 11-15 or at www.loubar.org. Please note, members get preferential pricing and particular benefits—if you haven't updated your membership yet, be sure and do so, so you won't miss out.

Members interested in ethics programming will find no shortage of options. Joel Oster and Sean Carter return throughout the month with creative and entertaining presentations that combine humor with serious professional responsibility topics, including "10 Ethical and Professionalism Tips from Legal Movies and TV Shows," "Half-Truths and Full Consequences: The Lawyer's Duty of Complete Candor," "The Ethics Snowball: How Little Lapses Turn into Big Trouble" and "Rude Ipsa Loquitur: How Incivility Speaks Poorly of the Profession."

For those looking for larger blocks of credit, June also features several comprehensive programs, including "Trials of the Centuries: Landmark Cases," "A Comedic De-Briefing of the Law" and "Deal to Lawsuit: A Shotgun Approach to Beginning Your Legal Journey," a two-day program geared especially toward newer attorneys.

The LBA's June calendar also highlights emerging issues shaping the future of practice. Several programs focus on artificial intelligence and legal technology, including "Engage!: Hands-On AI Training for Modern Legal Practice," "ChatOMG: The Ethical Pros and Cons of Using AI" and "Real World Applications of Generative AI in the Legal Arena." These programs provide practical guidance on the opportunities and ethical considerations surrounding rapidly evolving technology.

Additionally, members can choose from substantive programming on current legal developments, including the "2026 Annual Kentucky Legislative Update," "R.I.P. Kentucky Open Records Act?" and the 2026 Annual Estate Planning Conference. Young lawyers and those considering long-term career development may be especially interested in "Becoming a Partner: The Path from Associate to Partnership," featuring managing partners from across Louisville's legal community discussing leadership, advancement and alternative career paths.

As always, the LBA continues to support not only professional development, but the broader well-being of our members through the ongoing work of our Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Health & Wellness Committee. These efforts reflect our belief that a strong legal profession depends not only on technical competence, but also on collegiality, professionalism and community.

The legal profession continues to evolve rapidly, and continuing legal education remains one of the most important ways we stay prepared to serve our clients and community effectively. I want to especially thank Lisa Murray, the LBA's Professional Development & Leadership Director, who works very hard to organize these events. If you have feedback or requests for future events, let me or Lisa know.

Additional information and registration details for all June CLE programming are available through the Louisville Bar Association CLE catalog, <https://loubar.ce21.com/>.



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