

Nineteenth Annual
Akron Law Winter Institute 2026
Program Schedule

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Thursday evening, February 26, 2026

UA School of Law Alumni and Welcome Reception 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Crescent Terrace

Friday, February 27, 2026

Breakfast Buffet 6:45 – 7:25

Welcome Remarks 7:25 – 7:30

Emily Janoski-Haehlen

Dean

7:30 – 9:00

The Scarlet Letter: The Collateral Consequences of Attorney Transgressions

Heather Zirke

Assistant Professor of Law, Director of The Joseph G. Miller and William C. Becker Center for Professional Responsibility

9:00 – 10:30

Online Marketplaces and Intellectual Infringement

Michael Doane

Assistant Professor of Law

Break 10:30-10:45

10:45-12:15

AI Literacy for Lawyers: Key Legal Updates and Ethical Considerations

Kerry Lohmeier

Associate Professor, Associate Dean of Library Services

Lunch 12:15 – 1:00

1:00 – 2:30

AI Literacy for Lawyers: Key Legal Updates and Ethical Considerations (cont.)

Sarah Starnes

Associate Professor of Law, Law Library

2:30 – 4:00

**Utilizing Creditor Exemptions Under Florida Law – What’s New, What’s Old,
What’s Not Gonna Happen**

Michael Sneeringer

Estate, Tax & Wealth Planning, Brennan, Manna & Diamond

Evening: Dessert and Fireworks at Italy Isola in Epcot

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Breakfast Buffet 6:45 – 7:30

7:30-9:00

Probate and Elder Law Update

Carolyn Dessin

Professor of Law, Emeritus

9:00 – 10:30

Cross-Border Compliance: Today’s Topics Within the C-Suite

Kevin Burwell

VP & General Counsel, Kloeckner Metals

10:30 – 12:00

**Defending the Impossible: Ethical Tactics and Evidentiary Power Plays in the O.J.
Simpson Trial**

William J. Price

Personal Injury Attorney, Elk & Elk