

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**

**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*