Seventeenth Annual
Akron Law Winter Institute 2024
Program Schedule

Sponsored by Brennan Manna Diamond, LLC

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.    UA School of Law Alumni and Welcome Reception
                      Featuring: University of Akron President, Dr. Gary L. Miller

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:45 – 7:25 a.m.   Buffet Breakfast
                    Locations: Vanderbilt Terrace

7:25 – 7:30 a.m.   Welcome from the Dean

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.   Navigating the Shifting Workplace Landscape: Employment Law Trends for 2024
                    Monica Andress
                    Attorney, Brennan Manna Diamond

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  The State of ERISA Preemption: Post Rutledge
                    Christopher V. Goff
                    President and CEO, Employers Health

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 12:15 p.m. Trends in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare
                    Hon. Linda Teodosio
                    Judge, Summit County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
                      Vanderbilt Terrace

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.   Akron Tire Worker Asbestos Litigation
                    Thomas W. Bevan, Esq.
                    Attorney, Bevan & Associates, LPA
Transiting Your Law Practice: Ethical Considerations and Strategies  
Alisa Benedict O’Brien  
Assistant Dean for Career Services, Strategic Initiatives & External Affairs, The University of Akron School of Law

Thursday Evening  Dinner on your own in beautiful Naples. Enjoy your evening!

Friday, February 9, 2024

6:45 – 7:30 a.m.  Buffet Breakfast

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.  (1.5 Prof. Conduct CLE hrs.)  
Ethical Considerations for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Law  
Sean Steward  
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, The University of Akron School of Law  
Sarah Starnes  
Assistant Professor, Law Library, The University of Akron School of Law

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  (1.5 CLE hrs.)  
Compassionate Justice: Drug Courts and Specialty Dockets  
Thomas Teodosio  
Retired Judge sitting by assignment in Ohio Common Pleas and Municipal Courts

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  (1.5 Prof. Conduct CLE hrs.)  
DE&I in the Legal Profession: Where do we stand, where are we going, and how can we get there?  
Amanda Smith, Esq  
Shareholder, Kastner Westman & Wilkins, LLC

12:15 p.m.  CLE Forms and See You Next Year

**CLE Information**

Thursday, February 8, 2024:  = 7.5 CLE hours including 1.5 professional conduct hours  
Friday, February 9, 2024:  = 4.5 CLE hours including 3.0 professional conduct hours  
17th Annual Winter Institute 2024 CLE Total:  = 12 CLE hours including 4.5 professional conduct hours

Please refer to additional handout for filing information for individual states.
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States not listed: Complete Uniform Certificate of Attendance (attys are responsible for applying/reporting) for their records.

Uniform Certificate of Attendance forms will be available at the sign-in desk at the event.

Akron Law reporting states: please be sure to sign in/out of the sign-in sheet.

Self-reporting states must upload:
1. Program,
2. Biographies
3. Presentation Materials

Nos. 1-3 are contained in the Dropbox File entitled, “0. ALL Hand-outs (Large File)”

Located here:
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/79fbheovkpg933jmyve4c/h?rlkey=8zb9rkw7lzqzpyo7v2d4k0z4w&dl=0

Any changes will be communicated. Questions? Please contact Pleshae McPhee, pmcphee@uakron.edu, 330-972-6363.