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REGION VI CONFERENCE

Cleveland, Ohio

MAY 17 - 19, 2019

CONFERENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Views from the Bench: Reflections from Ohio's First Black Women Judges (Moderated by Valissa Turner Howard) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

This CLE will feature a conversation with U.S. District Court Judge Benita Y. Pearson, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Jessica Price Smith, and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Melody Stewart. We will explore their road to the bench and ask them to share reflections about serving on the bench as the first African-American woman appointed/elected. Finally, they will provide words of wisdom for diverse law students and attorneys who also aspire to the bench.

2. **Harming: Remediating Fertility Clinic Mistakes (Presented by Professor Browne Lewis) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

This CLE will discuss the various mistakes made by fertility clinics. Because of the lack of regulation of the industry, injured patients are left without an adequate remedy. She will explore potential remedies relying on principles from tort law and contract law. She will also tackle the difficult task of calculating damages when the fertility clinic destroys frozen eggs and embryos.

3. **The Role of the Black Lawyer in 2019 (Moderated by Khalida Sims) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

In depth discussion/evaluation of the role that Black lawyers play in our legal system and society. The work of lawyers and community activists of the Civil Rights Movement resulted in ending laws and institutions that interfered with the equal treatment of African Americans. However, in 2019, African Americans still encounter unequal treatment in the legal and education system. We will cover, with panelists James Hardiman, Esq., Danielle Sydnor, Professor Ayesha Hardaway, Councilman Basheer Jones, and State Representative Stephanie Howse, whether the impact of the Civil Rights Movement, whether *Brown v. Board of Education* was in vain, and the present statistics of black lawyers.

4. **Professionalism & Ethics (Presented by Justice Patrick Fischer) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

A discussion of recent disciplinary/ethics opinions as well as timely issues of professionalism, and the interrelationship between Ethics and Professionalism. Part of the presentation also will be a discussion of ideas on how lawyers can successfully avoid ethical problems and reach the high ideals of legal professionalism.

5. **PROSECUTION, Where are we going wrong? (Moderated by Lon'Cherie' Billingsley) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

Analysis of the current state of prosecution, the positive aspects and the negative aspects, and the most widely criticized areas (lack of enforcement of discretion, bail/bond, sentencing, charging, and incarceration). A brief discussion on how prosecution came to be a system of incarceration as a form of punishment. Leading into a discussion, with panelists Judge Cassandra Collier-Williams, Public Defender Mark Stanton, and Prosecutor Mike O'Malley (tentative list), of how to move forward and potentially enact change or do nothing.

6. **Drug Court (Presented by Judge Lauren Moore) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

In light of the opioid epidemic, drug courts have become even more instrumental in addressing the issues of drug use and criminality. This segment will explain the history of drug courts and, in general, other specialized dockets that courts created to divert offenders towards treatment instead of implementing conventional punitive measures like jail and fines. It will detail the criteria for placement into drug court, the demographics, benefits, sustainability and substantive and procedural frameworks. It will also present the legal and ethical challenges faced by defense attorneys and prosecutors.

7. **Hip Hop and the Law (Presented by Tyresha Browne O'Neal) (1.0 Credit Pending)**

This CLE will provide a general overview of hip-hop's effect on member's navigation through the legal criminal process. Specifically, this CLE will analyze historic cases involving members of the hip-hop community and how that membership did or did not affect resolution of their individual case. The CLE will also examine recent case law regarding members of the hip-hop community and the anticipated resolution of those cases based on past and current criminal case law. This CLE promises to provide an entertaining and thought provoking analysis on whether or not "Mo' Money really does equal Mo' Problems".