WELCOME AND THANK YOU
... for joining us for the 2021 Alaska Bar Virtual Annual Convention on September 13-15. As we look forward to in-person meetings in the future, we are grateful for the opportunity to utilize dynamic technology to gather as a community to share important annual events.

Everything you need will be online, in one convenient place. Log on, and you’ll be able to attend CLE programs and earn credits, visit exhibitor booths, chat with speakers, and catch up with colleagues, all from the comfort of your home or office. Also, if you are not able to attend all the sessions live, they will be available for viewing a few days after the convention. We would love to see you online in September!

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The 2021 Alaska Bar Convention provides a total of 11.5 CLE Credits. Depending on your choice of concurrent sessions, you may earn a maximum of 6.0 Ethics CLE Credits.

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Any new lawyer admitted to the Alaska Bar five years or less can pair with another new lawyer OR a more experienced lawyer to attend convention CLEs for just ONE registration fee. Two-for-one registrants must register together under one login and payment must be made with one credit card. For questions about 2-for-1 registration, please contact CLE Coordinator Lynn Coffee at Lynn@alaskabar.org.

REGISTRATION FEES
$179................................... 3 Day access to all CLEs
This includes one year of access to all programs.

CONVENTION CANCELLATION POLICY
There are no refunds or cancellations for the virtual Annual Convention. If you are unable to attend when the program is live, the programs will be available to you after the Convention.

QUESTIONS? Call the Alaska Bar office at 907-272-7469
Or e-mail cle@alaskabar.org for more information.
Free CLE Certificates do not apply to the convention.

Register at www.alaskabar.org/2021Convention
Monday, Sept. 13

7:30 a.m.
Virtual Exhibit Hall Open – Please visit our sponsors and learn how our exhibitors’ unique products and services may help in your practice or at home.

8:20 a.m.
■ WELCOME ADDRESS
   Ben Hofmeister, President

8:30 a.m.
■ U.S. SUPREME COURT OPINIONS UPDATE
   (1.5 General CLE Credits)
   Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, University of California Berkeley Law School
   Professor Laurie Levenson, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
   This duo returns once again with an enlightening and entertaining review of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions on civil and criminal law. Their presentations have been the highlight of our conventions, so you won’t want to miss a minute!

10:00 a.m.
Break – Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

10:30 a.m.
■ U.S. SUPREME COURT OPINIONS UPDATE (Continued)
   (1.5 General CLE Credits)
   Dean Erwin Chemerinsky and Professor Laurie Levenson

12:00 p.m.
Break – Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

12:15 p.m.
■ UPDATE ON STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS IN ALASKA
   (1.0 General CLE Credits)
   Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court Daniel Winfree
   and Judge Joshua Kindred of the U.S.D.C. for the District of Alaska will report on current issues, successes, and happenings in both the state and federal courts of Alaska.

1:15 p.m.
Break – Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

7:30 a.m.
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8:20 a.m.
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8:30 a.m.
■ BETTER LAWYERING THROUGH MINDFULNESS—FINDING EASE DURING UNCERTAINTY
   (1.5 Ethics CLE Credits)
   Jeena Cho, Legal Mindfulness Facilitator, Attorney at Law
   It’s a stressful and anxious time for many. You may be overwhelmed trying to figure out how to work from home, manage childcare, care for elderly parents, and worry about what’s ahead. During these times of uncertainty, is your mind constantly going at 150 MPH? Do you struggle to keep your attention on a task? Are you always multitasking, unable to focus? Is stress or anxiety keeping you from doing your best work? Mindfulness and meditation practice is the key to increasing focus and productivity!
TRIAL PRACTICE: A WEE TREATISE
(1.5 General CLE Credits)
James Gilmore, Attorney at Law
Michael Schneider, Law Office of Michael Schneider
Margaret “Meg” Simonian, Dillon & Findley, PC
Clint Campion, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi, LLC
This book is described by its author, Jim Gilmore, as “short, clear, and complete.” Hear the lessons Mr. Gilmore presents about the facts, the law, opening statement, direct and cross-examination and closing argument through his book filled with humor and wisdom about trial practice. Attendees will receive a .pdf of TRIAL PRACTICE in advance of the program and will be asked to submit questions to the panel. Attendees will also receive a bibliography of legal and “off canon” writings Mr. Gilmore used in preparing this useful and entertaining book. Meg Simonian, Mike Schneider, and Clint Campion will assist in answering audience questions.

10:00 a.m.
Break - Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

10:30 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

BEFTER LAWYERING THROUGH MINDFULNESS—FINDING EASE DURING UNCERTAINTY (continued)
(1.5 Ethics CLE Credits)
Jeena Cho

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING WITH THE JURY
(1.5 General CLE Credits)
James Gilmore, Michael Schneider, Clint Campion, and Meg Simonian
Meg Simonian, with the help of Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Campion will outline how credibility, authenticity and a value driven trial presentation can help bridge the divisions that exist when 12 random strangers are asked to do justice, and rely on information filtered through people who they do not trust. It will help address some techniques for finding and communicating authenticity to the jury. It will discuss some practical ways to build credibility. Finally, Meg Simonian will discuss why a jury has to be cohesive, and how trial lawyers can do some specific things during the trial to promote that cohesiveness to work in favor of your case.

12:00 p.m.
Break – Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

12:15 p.m.
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN ALASKA: REFLECTING ON THE INTERACTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE LAW
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer for the State of Alaska
Dr. Zink will discuss the ways public healthcare and the law joined forces specifically with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic. She will describe the strengths and limitations the state faced as well as lessons learned from the experience. She will also talk about how we can build a strong and robust response to the overall health and well-being of all Alaskans, taking into account the legal and health components, both thinking about individual rights as well as the communities’ overall health so we can better address future challenges and they come forward.

1:15 p.m.
Break – Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

1:30 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

UNDERSTANDING THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
(1.5 General CLE Credits)
Rachel Witty, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Christopher Kennedy, Administrative Law Judge
Stacie Kraly, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Rebecca Cain, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Join us for some dialogue (and debate!) about the theory of administrative law, how Alaska’s approach to administrative adjudication compares to other states, and potential changes on the horizon. Learn how to prepare a case for administrative adjudication and how to evaluate the merits of whether to appeal an administrative decision.
SOCIAL MEDIA ETHICS IN THE AGE OF DOCUMENTED MISCHIEF
(1.5 Ethics CLE Credits)

Cynthia Sharp, The Sharper Lawyer

The phenomenon of social media has changed the landscape of the modern law firm. For many, the challenge of the learning curve prevents them from taking advantage of its potential benefits. Another perceived obstacle is that attorneys are rightfully concerned about compliance with the code of professional conduct. This timely session is designed to demystify these concepts and analyze ethics developments throughout the United States.

3:00 p.m.

Break – Please use this opportunity to visit our fantastic sponsors.

3:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE: A JOURNEY TO THE JUDICIARY BY THE FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN FEMALE FEDERAL JUDGE
Judge Diane J. Humetewa
U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

Judge Humetewa is an enrolled member of the Hopi tribe and the first Native American woman to serve as a federal judge. She was nominated by President Obama in September, 2013 and confirmed by the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in May 2014.

4:30 p.m.

CLEs end

Wednesday, Sept. 15

8:30 a.m.

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9:50 a.m.

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COVER ART

“Glacier at Sunset” by Alice Tersteeg

Juneau artist Alice Tersteeg has been painting and studying Alaskan wildlife and habitats since her arrival in Alaska in 1973. She has interpreted wildlife in many media including oils, watercolors, serigraphs, etchings, relief prints, pastels and various combinations.
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