

Ethics in the Courtroom

Join us as we discuss the ethical considerations that arise in the courtroom. This ethics presentation reviews a variety of hearings heard in the courtroom – and how those hearing have ethical implications. This overview starts with when a case first begins, and discusses recusals and case assignments, bond hearings, plea hearing, and pretrial hearings. The review then moves and discusses the stages of a trial and ethical pitfalls to avoid. The stages include voir dire, opening arguments, parties' presentation of evidence, jury instructions, verdict and finally sentencing. This overview also discusses ethical duties related to bench trials. Given how expansive this overview is, participants will be able to gain valuable insights in navigating the ethical duties related to hearings and trials in the courtroom. From this session, the following will be discussed:

- Ethical issues facing judges and practitioners in the courtroom.
- A review of judicial canons and attorneys' professional rules.
- An overview of what "ethical minefields" to avoid when presiding on the bench.
- The importance of temperament on the bench, and ways to ensure a calm courtroom.

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