



Polk County Bar Association General Practice CLE

Day One

Thursday, November 12, 2020

8 – 9 a.m. Ashley Stewart, State of Iowa Appellate Defenders Office, Criminal Law: Appellate Update

9- 10 a.m. "There Oughta Be A Law"

Jim Carney, Carney Appleby Law, (Subject to change)

Russ Lovell and David Walker, NAACP Legal Redress Committee, Jury Trial Reforms

ABA Delegate Kay Oskvig, Whitfield and Eddy, ABA Proposed Protections for Lawyers Representing Marijuana Firms

10 – 10:15 a.m. – Morning Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Judge Craig Block, Polk County, Iowa, What's New with Guardianships and Conservatorships

11:15 – noon Tom Palmer, Lawyer, Dougherty & Palmer, P.L.C., Workers Compensation Caselaw Update

Noon to 1 p.m. Lunch Break

1 – 2 p.m. Voting Rights Panel I – Emily Gould Chafa, Henry Hamilton, Jane Hudson (and president of organization representing the blind), Daniel Zeno – Five things to know about the 15th Amendment and the 19th Amendment; the history of felony disenfranchisement in Iowa and the need for restoration of voting rights legislation; absentee ballots and the need for voting accommodations for individuals with severe vision impairments.

2 – 3 p.m. Sharon Rennert, Senior Attorney Advisor, U.S. EEOC Division of American Disabilities Act, EEO Laws in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

3 – 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Break

3:15 – 4 p.m. Judge Romonda Belcher, Polk County, Iowa, Juvenile Law 101

4 – 5 p.m. Christina Thompson, Christina Thompson, Phil Watson, P.C., "I Love You Baby Until, I Don't: Legal Issues Surrounding the Breakup of Unmarried Couples"

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8 – 9 a.m. Nate Olson, Branstad and Olson Law Firm, and Gina Messamer, Parrish Law Firm - Criminal Law Omnibus Bill

9 – 10 a.m. Chantelle Smith, Iowa Attorney General's Office, Elder Care Issues During COVID-19

10 – 10:15 a.m. - Break

10:15 – 11 a.m. Henry Hamilton SSA (Tentative)

11 – noon Lisa Reel Schmidt, Iowa Attorney General's Office, Concurring Cognitive Biases **(Ethics Credit)**

Noon – 1 p.m. - Lunch Break

1 – 2 p.m. Panel Discussion – Lawyers, Marijuana, and Ethics.

Moderated by Henry Hamilton.

Panel Participants: Ashley N. Grieser, McKinney Law Firm; Jill Jensen-Welch, Dickinson Law Firm; Lucas Nelson, General Manager, MedPharm Iowa

2-3 p.m. **Ethics Presentation**, Speaker and topic TBD

3 – 3:15 p.m. - Break

3:15 – 4 p.m. Potential Animal Welfare Act – Tiger Zoo/Law Expert – (subject to change)

4 – 5 p.m. Voting Rights Panel II - Prof. Anthony Gaughan, Election Law Expert Drake Law School; Prof. Derek Muller, Election Law Expert University of Iowa - 2020 Elections: The Good, The Bad, and The Unresolved.

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