

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

8:00–9:00 a.m.

## Multi-Jurisdictional Practice and the Unauthorized Practice of Law

*Todd Scott, Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Minneapolis, MN*



Do you spend a significant amount of time practicing law from a second home in another jurisdiction? Do you or any of your colleagues have clients in states where you are not licensed to practice law? Because of COVID-19 are you temporarily relocated to another jurisdiction while providing legal services for your clients in your home state?

Find out about the basics—and the complexities—of ABA Model Rule 5.5 Unauthorized Practice of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law. This program is for any lawyer who has ever handled client matters across state lines, or any firm that hires attorneys to work on behalf of their clients from other jurisdictions. The rules that regulate multijurisdictional practice and UPL are changing so catch up on what's new and how to steer clear of a multijurisdictional headache.

9:00–10:15 a.m.

## The Future of the Practice: How to Lead, Train and Mentor Post-COVID

*Frank Ramos, Clarke Silvergate, Miami, FL*



As we move beyond the pandemic in our lives and law firms, a new paradigm has evolved on the future of communications, interactions and the practice. Frank Ramos will discuss how the practice has changed and how lawyers can equip themselves in this new landscape to lead their firms and practice groups, and how to train and mentor their teams to best handle this brave new work post-COVID.

10:15–10:30 a.m.

## What's New with DRI

*Rebecca Nickelson, Sinars, Slowikowski Tomaska, St. Louis, MO, DRI Mid-Region Representative*

*Kevin Reynolds, Whitfield & Eddy, PLC, Des Moines, IA, DRI State Representative*



Rebecca and Kevin will discuss and answer questions about what's new at DRI, the upcoming DRI annual meeting, review DRI member benefits, and share opportunities to serve on DRI substantive law committees.

10:45–11:45 a.m.

## Iowa Business Specialty Court Update and Best Practices for Remote Proceedings

*Judge Lawrence McLellan, District Court Judge, District 5C*

*Judge John Telleen, District Court Judge, District 7*

*Judge Sarah Crane, District Court Judge, District 5*



Have you considered utilizing the Iowa Business Court to litigate a business dispute? The panel of Business Court Judges will present an update on this Iowa Specialty Court, insight into the process, and best practices in cases before the Business Court.

1:00–1:45 p.m.

## Iowa Court of Appeals: Civil Law Updates and Trends

*Judge Sharon Greer, Iowa Court of Appeals*

*Judge David May, Iowa Court of Appeals*

*Judge Julie Schumacher, Iowa Court of Appeals*



A panel of Iowa Court of Appeals Judges will present a civil case law update along with a summary of their experiences during COVID and post-COVID. What practices that were adapted during COVID may be here to stay.



1:45–2:30 p.m.

## Case Law Updates

### Contract/Commercial Case Law

*Austin McMahon, Swisher & Cohrt, P.L.C., Waterloo, IA*

### Employment and Civil Procedure

*Crystal Pound, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC, Cedar Rapids, IA*

### Tort Law and Negligence

*Spencer Vasey, Elverson Vasey Law Firm, Des Moines, IA*



An overview of recent Iowa appellate decisions addressing, impacting or affecting contract and commercial law, employment law and civil procedure, and tort law and negligence.

2:45–3:30 p.m.

## Litigation in the Time of COVID: Our Experiences

*Josh McIntyre, Lane & Waterman, LLP, Davenport, IA*

*Darin Harmon, Kintzinger Law Firm, Dubuque, IA*



This presentation will present a range of perspectives on handling litigation matters during the pandemic to continue to progress cases through the court system. The panel will share experiences in litigating cases through jury trial, bench trial, arbitration and mediation. Through these experiences the panel will share ideas on how to continue to effectively administer justice in Iowa.

3:30–4:30 p.m.

## Evaluating Hail and Wind Damage

*Peter Vaccaro, Rimkus Consulting, Omaha, NE, and Des Moines, IA*



This presentation participants with a working knowledge of the basic principles of wind and hail damage to residential and commercial roofing materials. Vaccaro will discuss site observation techniques and weather research to evaluate the presence and extent of wind and/or hail damage to a residential roof.

4:30–4:45 p.m.

## Recent Legislative Action Effects on Practice

*Brad Epperly, Nyemaster Goode, P.C., Des Moines, IA, IDCA Lobbyist*



This session will address actions from the 2021 legislative session and what issues may be ahead in 2022.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

8:00–9:00 a.m.

### **Iowa Supreme Court: Civility in the Iowa Legal System**

*Chief Justice Christensen, Iowa Supreme Court, Des Moines, IA;  
Justice McDermott, Iowa Supreme Court, Des Moines, IA*



Now more than ever, Iowa attorneys should focus on components of civility and professionalism as part of their ethical obligations. This panel will discuss their *Rhinehart* decision from January, 2021 and the importance of civility in our Iowa justice system.

9:00–10:30 a.m.

### **Stopping the Proliferation of Nuclear Verdicts**

*Dr. William Kanasky, Courtroom Sciences, Chicago, IL*



The nuclear verdict continues to be the hottest topic of discussion in civil litigation for both the plaintiff and defense bars. There are several factors to blame, including: 1) juror psychosocial factors, 2) growing litigation funding for plaintiff attorneys, 3) slow development of young defense attorneys, 4) political influences, 5) growth of Reptile tactics, 6) distrust of corporations, and 7) generational factors. This program will outline the influence of these factors on nuclear verdicts and provide practical solutions to avoid nuclear fallout for defendants.

10:45–11:30 a.m.

### **Post House File 518: Recent Trends in Workers Compensation**

*Jean Dickson, Betty Neuman & McMahan, PLC, Davenport, IA*



In the summer of 2017, Gov. Branstad signed and approved House File 518 on March 30, 2017. The Amended Act took effect on July 1, 2017. The legislation was comprehensive and included many substantive changes to workers' compensation law. Substantive changes included but were not limited to shifting the burden of proof in intoxication cases, defining shoulder injuries as scheduled member claims, limiting body as a whole injuries to functional impairment in certain circumstances and eliminating commutations unless both parties consented. It has now been four years since the legislation passed. This presentation will discuss the trends and caselaw which has developed since that time.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

### **Iowa State Bar Lawyers Assistance Program: Wellness**

*Hugh Grady, Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program, Des Moines, IA*



This presentation will address lawyer wellness, why it matters, and highlight the Iowa Lawyer's Assistance Program.

12:30–1:00 p.m.

### **Moving Forward: Labor & Employment Trends and Predictions**

*Katie Graham, Nyemaster Goode P.C., Des Moines, IA*



This presentation will cover current labor and employment issues, trends and verdicts as well as the most frequently asked employment questions in our post-pandemic world.