

Court Square CLE 2024: Cookeville

May 30

Upper Cumberland Development District
Meeting Room A
1104 England Dr.
Cookeville, TN 38501



Total Credits: 2 General, 1 Dual

Program Producer: Rachel Moses, Legal Aid Society, Cookeville

12:30pm - 1:00pm CT

Registration / Networking

1:00pm - 2:00pm CT

Dual

Current Ethics Issues and News from the BPR

The presentation will show parts of the BPR's mission being carried out through information on administering the disciplinary process under TSC Rule 9 with reports on caseload, nature and disposition of complaints, as well as recent new ethics decisions interpreting TSC Rule 8 from the Tennessee Supreme Court. The mission on assisting the public will be discussed through information on changes to TSC Rule 25, the Lawyers Fund for Client Protection, with claim pay out numbers, as well as information on the Board's Consumer Assistance Program. The mission of assistance to lawyers will be discussed as to recent formal ethics opinions and the availability of the Board's Ethics Counsel for informal ethics guidance. The role of wellness in lawyer ethics violations and the opportunity for wellness assistance to lawyers by TLAP will be discussed.

Beverly Sharpe, TN Board of Professional Responsibility

2:00pm - 2:10pm CT

Networking Break

2:10pm - 3:10pm CT

Legislative Update

Nathan Ridley will discuss the legislative process, a few personalities, and some of the bills. Also discussed: the state's balanced budget even with a cut to the state franchise tax, Shelby County judgeships, the collateral source rule in medical malpractice cases, and the notion that Tennessee may become a preventive detention state rather than each defendant having a right to bail.

Nathan Ridley, Bradley Arant Bout Cummings

3:10pm - 3:15pm CT

Networking Break

3:15pm – 4:15pm CT

Judicial Panel

Join us for a panel moderated by Rachel Moses, in which Judge Knight and Judge Ridley will give an overview of the newly revised local rules for Circuit Court in the 13th Judicial District, and Chancellor Thurman will highlight existing local rules as well. The panel will end with questions for the judges about best practice tips for family attorneys.

Rachel Moses, Legal Aid Society, Cookeville

Chancellor Ronald Thurman, 13th District Chancery Court

Judge Caroline Knight, Circuit Court Judge, Part II for District 13

Judge William Ridley, Circuit Court Judge, Part I for District 13