
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(CLE CREDIT PENDING APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDA BAR)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

7:00 p.m. *Dinner at the Captain's Grille with friends and colleagues*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **Registration**

12:00 – 12:10 p.m. **Opening Remarks**

Dana Gallup, Florida NELA President
Law Offices of Dana M. Gallup, P.A.
Hollywood, Florida

12:10 – 1:00 p.m. **Initiation of the Lawsuit: Strategizing and Preparing the Complaint
(Optional Brown Bag Lunch)**

Jennifer Daley, Esquire
The Amlong Firm
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Strategies for initiating lawsuits, deciding when to file in state and/or federal court and drafting considerations in preparing the complaint in light of the recent decisions of *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly* and *Iqbal v. Ashcroft*.

1:00 – 1:50 p.m. **Propounding Effective Discovery**

Adria Silva, Esquire
The Law Office of Adria Lynn Silva, L.L.C.
Naples, Florida

Thomas A. Delegal, Esquire
Delegal Law Offices
Jacksonville, Florida

Practical tips for propounding effective discovery in employment litigation cases, including new developments in electronic discovery and spoliation of evidence claims.

1:50 – 2:50 p.m. **Effective Deposition Taking Techniques**

David Lee, Esquire
Law Offices of David L. Lee
Chicago, Illinois

Art Schofield, Esquire
Arthur T. Schofield, P.A.
West Palm Beach, Florida

A discussion of strategies for effective deposition taking techniques with a highlight of things that work and help plaintiffs set up their case to survive summary judgment.

2:50 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mediation Strategies

Mark Hanley, Esquire
Mediator
Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.
Tampa, Florida

Kitty Grubb, Esquire
Mediator
Grubb Law Firm
Seminole, Florida

Two experienced mediators share their perspectives on mediating employment cases and provide helpful strategies for resolving employment cases.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Preserving Issues for Appeal

Kristin Norse, Esquire
Kynes, Markman & Felman, P.A.
Tampa, Florida

Valeria Hendricks, Esquire
Harmon, Woods, Parker, Hendricks & Abrunzo, P.A.
Tampa, Florida

A discussion of what attorneys should know regarding how to properly preserve issues for appeal in employment law litigation.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Hour

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Dinner

8:30 p.m.

Dessert at Epcot

Join us at Epcot for Dessert and Viewing of Epcot's Illuminations Fireworks Display at Italy Isola

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Voir Dire: Picking the Best Jury

Honorable Harvey E. Schlesinger
United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
Jacksonville Division

Archie Thomas, Esquire
Thomas and Klink Attorneys At Law
Jacksonville, Florida

Constantine W. Papas, Esquire
Law Offices of Cynthia N. Sass, P.A.
Tampa, Florida

Valuable practice tips and considerations for picking the best jury.

9:50 – 11:00 a.m. A View from the Bench: Practicing with Professionalism

Honorable Hubert L. Grimes
Seventh Judicial Circuit

Honorable Richard S. Graham
Seventh Judicial Circuit

Honorable William P. Levens
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Moderator: Dana Gallup

A judicial discussion on practicing with professionalism, sanctions and best practices before the courts.

11:00 – 11:10 a.m. *Coffee Break*

11:10 – 12:00 p.m. Jury Instructions

Honorable Robin Rosenberg
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Craig Berman, Esquire
Berman Law Firm, P.A.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Travis Hollifield, Esquire
Hollifield Legal Centre
Winter Park, Florida

The current state of the law on employment law jury instructions, strategies for proposing jury instructions and a judicial view on jury instructions.

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. *Lunch*

1:15 – 2:05 p.m. Direct Examination and Cross Examination

William Amlong, Esquire
Karen Amlong, Esquire
The Amlong Firm
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

A fun approach to effective and not so effective direct and cross examination.

2:05 – 2:55 p.m. Hot Topics

Rick Johnson, Esquire
Law Office of Richard E. Johnson
Tallahassee, Florida

A focus on recent developments and things to come in the employment law arena.

2:55 – 3:45 p.m. Opening and Closing Statements

Jennifer Ator, Esquire
Hankins & Ator, PL
Miami Springs, Florida

Angela Outten, Esquire
Reeser, Rodnite, Outten & Zdravko, P.A.
Palm Harbor, Florida

Useful approaches to crafting compelling opening and closing statements from the perspective of two successful Florida NELA litigators.
