



Bridging the Gap

September 2018

Thursday & Friday, September 6-7, 2018
New York State Bar Association | Albany

Thursday, September 6, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday, September 7, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

16.0 MCLE Credits

7.0 in Areas of Professional Practice; 6.0 Skills; 3.0 Ethics

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Program Description

The New York State Bar Association is pleased to offer newly admitted attorneys a two-day Bridging the Gap CLE program. Transitional courses are designed to help newly admitted attorneys develop a foundation in the practical skills, techniques and procedures that are essential to the practice of law.

The Bridging the Gap continuing legal education program offers 16.0 total credits. Newly admitted attorneys can satisfy all of their annual MCLE requirements by attending this two-day program which is ideal for “bridging the gap” between law school and the realities of practicing law in New York State. Experienced attorneys who have an interest in other areas of practice can also attend and benefit from this program by learning practical information from skilled and experienced practitioners.

Newly admitted attorneys must complete at least 16 transitional CLE credit hours in **each** of the first two years of admission to the Bar. The first set of 16 transitional CLE credit hours must be completed by the first anniversary of admission to the Bar, in the designated categories of credit. The second set of 16 transitional CLE credit hours must be completed between the first and second anniversaries. To receive skills credit, newly admitted attorneys must take accredited transitional CLE courses in traditional live classroom settings, or through attendance at fully interactive video conference locations that have been approved by the CLE Board for use by newly admitted attorneys.

For more information about the CLE Rules: www.nycourts.gov/Attorneys/CLE.

The New York State Bar Association Bridging the Gap program is offered three times a year and offers special member and newly admitted attorney pricing. The program is also approved for MCLE credit by the **State Bar of California**, the **Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board** and the **Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey**. Uniform certificates of attendance can also be issued for other states.

Program Agenda

Day One | Thursday, September 6, 2018

2.5 Skills, 3.0 Ethics, 2.5 Areas of Professional Practice

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:05 - 10:45 a.m. | Advising Clients on the Basics of Immigration Law

Joanne Macri, Esq.
NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services
Albany, NY

<i>(1.0 Areas of Professional Practice, 1.0 Skills)</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 – 12:15 p.m. | Reading Personal Tax Returns and Imputed Income Matrimonial and Family Law Focus

Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq.
Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C.
Garden City, NY

<i>(1.5 Skills)</i> |
| 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. | Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee Meeting
<i>All attendees are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided.</i>

Welcoming Remarks
Terrence Tarver, Esq. Chair, Young Lawyers Section |
| 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. | Lawyer Assistance Program Stress, Alcohol and Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession

Kelleena Richards, Esq.
NYS Office of Children and Family Services
Rensselaer, NY

Thomas E. Schimmerling, Esq.
Delhi, NY

<i>(1.5 Ethics)</i> |

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Intellectual Property 101 | Basics for New York Lawyers

David P. Miranda, Esq.

Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti, P.C.
Albany, NY

(1.5 Areas of Professional Practice)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Trial Practice: Views from the Bench | Key Civility and Professionalism Considerations for New Attorneys

Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino

U.S. District Judge, Northern District of New York
Albany, NY

(1.5 Ethics)

5:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

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Day Two | Friday, September 7, 2018

3.5 Skills, 4.5 Areas of Professional Practice

8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:40 a.m. **Real Estate Closings 101 | Upstate New York Considerations and Practice**

Alice M. Breeding, Esq.

Law Office of Alice M. Breeding, Esq., PLLC
Clifton Park, NY

Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq.

Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C.
Schenectady, NY

(1.5 Skills, 0.5 Areas of Professional Practice)

10:40 – 10:50 a.m. Break

10:50 – 12:30 p.m. **Drafting 101 | Wills, Trusts and POA's**

Patricia J. Shevy

The Shevy Law Firm, LLC
Albany, NY

(2.0 Skills)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Advising Clients Charged with DWI and Vehicle and Traffic Matters in New York State**

Joseph M. Gerstenzang, Esq.

Gerstenzang, Sills, Cohn & Gerstenzang
Albany, NY

(1.5 Areas of Professional Practice)

2:45 – 3:35 p.m. **Landlord Tenant Practice in New York**

John Gable, Esq.

Albany, NY

(1.0 Areas of Professional Practice)

3:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Special Education Law 101

Jennifer Feeley, Esq.

Disability Rights New York
Albany, NY

(1.5 Areas of Professional Practice)

5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Day One

8.0 MCLE Credits: 2.5 Skills, 3.0 Ethics, 2.5 Areas of Professional Practice

Day Two

8.0 MCLE Credits: 3.5 Skills, 4.5 Areas of Professional Practice

Accessing the Online Course Materials

Below is the link to the online course materials. These program materials are up-to-date and include supplemental materials that were not included in your course book.

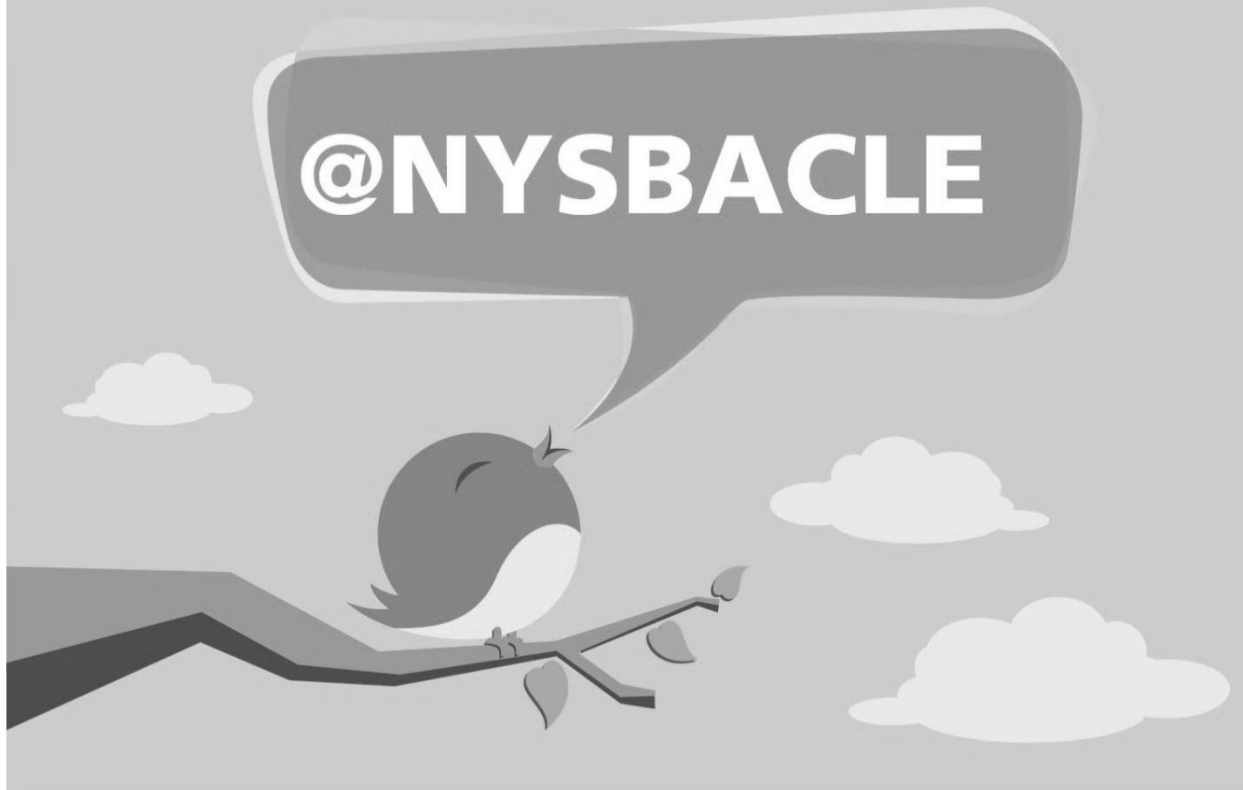


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All program materials are being distributed online, allowing you more flexibility in storing this information and allowing you to copy and paste relevant portions of the materials for specific use in your practice. WiFi access is available at this location however, we cannot guarantee connection speeds. This CLE Coursebook contains materials submitted prior to the program. Supplemental materials will be added to the online course materials link.

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These Rules of Professional Conduct were promulgated as Joint Rules of the Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court, effective April 1, 2009, and amended on several occasions thereafter. They supersede the former part 1200 (Disciplinary Rules of the Code of Professional Responsibility).

The New York State Bar Association has issued a Preamble, Scope and Comments to accompany these Rules. They are not enacted with this Part, and where a conflict exists between a Rule and the Preamble, Scope or a Comment, the Rule controls.

This unofficial compilation of the Rules provided for informational purposes only. The official version of Part 1200 is published by the New York State Department of State. An unofficial on-line version is available at www.dos.ny.gov/info/nycrr.html (Title 22 [Judiciary]; Subtitle B Courts; Chapter IV Supreme Court; Subchapter E All Departments; Part 1200 Rules of Professional Conduct; § 1200.0 Rules of Professional Conduct).

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