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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

**LIVE IN-PERSON EVENT FOR ATTORNEYS PRACTICING IN THE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup>, AND 30<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL  
CIRCUITS**

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**8:30 - 8:45 WELCOMING REMARKS, ETC.**

~ *The Honorable C. Randall Lowe, Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit of Virginia*

~ *Chidi James, Esq., President, Virginia State Bar*

**8:45 - 9:45 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE AND ETHICS LAW (PART 1)  
(1 HOUR ETHICS)**

~ *James McCauley, Esq., Former Legal Ethics Counsel for the Virginia State Bar*

~ *Thomas R. Scott Jr., Esq., Senior Partner, Street Law Firm, LLP*

**9:45 - 10:45 DUAL TRACKS: CHOOSE 1 OF 2 PRESENTATIONS TO ATTEND**

**FAMILY LAW UPDATE**

~ *David Scyphers, Esq., Partner, Scyphers & Austin, Attorneys at Law*

~ *Faith Esposito, Esq., Partner, Dillow & Esposito Law Office*

~ *Heather Howard, Esq., Partner, Jessee, Read & Howard, PC*

**OR**

**BREVITY IS ENJOINED: PLEADING IN THE AGE OF CHATGPT**

~ *John Koehler, Esq. Of Counsel, Law Offices of James Steele*

**10:45 - 11:00 BREAK**

**11:00 - 12:00 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

~ *Terry G. Kilgore, Esq., Majority Leader, Fourth District, Virginia House of Delegates*

~ *William C. Wampler III, Esq., Delegate, Fourth District, Virginia House of Delegates*

**12:00 - 12:30 GRAB LUNCH AND TAKE YOUR SEAT FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION**

~ *Lunch Sponsored by The McCammon Group, Ltd., Leaders in Dispute Resolution*

~ *Remarks from a Representative of the McCammon Group, Ltd.*

**12:30 - 1:30 TRIAL PRACTICE AND TIPS: FEDERAL COURT AND BEYOND**

*~ The Honorable James P. Jones, Senior United States District Judge - Western District of Virginia*

**1:30 - 2:30 DUAL TRACKS: CHOOSE 1 OF 2 PRESENTATIONS TO ATTEND**

**A NEWCOMER'S SUMMARY OF J&DR PRACTICE**

*~ The Honorable H. Lee Chitwood, Chief Judge, 27<sup>th</sup> District, Juvenile and Domestic Relations*

*~ Attorney Samuel Swindell*

**OR**

**TRUST AND ESTATE LITIGATION: COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM DEATH**

*~ Travis J. Graham, Esq., Partner, Gentry-Locke*

**2:30 - 2:45 BREAK**

**2:45 - 3:45 DUAL TRACKS: CHOOSE 1 OF 2 PRESENTATIONS TO ATTEND**

**A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE GAL IN J&DR PRACTICE**

*~ The Honorable H. Lee Chitwood, Chief Judge, 27<sup>th</sup> District, Juvenile and Domestic Relations*

*~ R. Cord Hall, Esq., R. Cord Hall, Attorney at Law, PC.*

*~ Samuel Swindell, Esq.*

*~ R. David Warburton, Esq., Warburton Law Offices*

**OR**

**BUSINESS LAW**

*~ Phillip G. Hearl, Esq., Bowling & Hearl, Attorneys at Law*

**3:45 - 4:45 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE AND ETHICS LAW (PART 2)  
(1 HOUR ETHICS)**

*~ James McCauley, Esq., Former Legal Ethics Counsel for the Virginia State Bar*

*~ Thomas R. Scott Jr., Esq., Senior Partner, Street Law Firm, LLP*

**4:45 ADJOURN**

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