

Online MCLE Video Courses On-Demand

Activity Brochure

Includes: Schedule and Agenda, and Faculty Credentials

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

Course Sponsor

Law Office of Tim Riley, California Provider #14637

Title of the activity: *Civility in the Courtroom*

Date start & end times: Available 24/7 Online On-Demand @ MCLEapproved.com

Total hours awarded: 1 Hr CA MCLE Credit

Credit awarded for: Civility

Activity is: Participatory

Overall Objective and Purpose

This course is dedicated to improving attorneys' courtroom civility, demeanor & professionalism. Our purpose is to help enhance the image and quality of the Bar by elevating civility in the legal profession, which will result in improved relationships with the judiciary, courtroom staff opposing counsel, jurors, and clients.

Topics and Description

A panel will discuss and point out to attorneys the type of conduct that is perceived as uncivil and offensive and should be avoided; as well as the preferred conduct that is more civil and should be emulated.

The focus is on improving civility in the courtroom, including interactions with clients, the judiciary and its staff, opposing council, the empanelled jury, as well as the jury pool.

The panel includes two veteran Superior Court Trial Judges, a seasoned Trial Attorney, plus two dozen formerly empanelled Jurors, and members of the jury pool.

Panel members describe and emphasize how attorneys' civility in the courtroom affects the Court, the jurors and the ultimate outcome.

Course Faculty / Presenters

Tim Riley, attorney admitted to the New York, California, and US Supreme Court Bar

Fred H. Bysse, Superior Court Judge, Civil Division, Ventura County, California (Retired)

John E. Dobroth, Superior Court Judge, Criminal Division, Ventura County, California (Retired)

Interactivity and Verification of Attorney Attendance

Participants may ask questions by telephone and email during the course and will receive a reasonably prompt response. We verify attorney attendance by embedding code words within the video programs. Participants are required to submit code words, and once verified, we email the participant a Certificate of Attendance within 24 hours; and report attendance when required.

Credentials of Course Presenters

Course Faculty / Presenter

Tim Riley, Attorney

- Admitted to Practice Law in California, New York and US Supreme Court
- Juris Doctor Degree, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, NY, NY, 1982;
- Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree, with Distinction, Pace University, NY, NY, 1979;
- Appointed to faculty, Adjunct Professor of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA 1985;
- Among first 500 Certified Members, Million Dollar Advocates Forum: "The Top Trial Lawyers in America;"
- Admitted to practice law in all New York State Courts, 1983;
- Admitted to practice law in the Federal Court for the Southern District of New York, 1983;
- Admitted to practice law in all California State Courts, 1984;
- Admitted to practice law in the Federal Court for the Central District of California, 1985;
- Admitted to practice law in the Federal Court for the Northern District of California, 1997;
- Admitted to practice law in the United States Supreme Court, 1999;
- Co-author of Chapter 9, Volume 1, Forensic Sciences, editor Cyril Wecht, publisher Matthew Bender
- Produced & Directed the film, The Risks and Danger of LNG, An Official Selection of Malibu Film Festival

Course Faculty / Presenter

Frederick H. Bysse, Superior Court Judge, Civil Division, Retired

- Ventura County Superior Court Judge, 2001 - present;
- Judge of the Year, Honored by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association, 2010;
- Juris Doctor Degree, University of California, Hastings College of Law 1962;
- Associate Editor of Hastings Law Review;
- Riverside County District Attorney's Office 1963 - 1970;
- Private Practice 1971 - 2000;
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) 1999 - present;
- State Board of Governors, Consumer Attorneys of California 1994 - 2000;
- Former President, Ventura County Bar Association;
- Former President, Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association

Course Faculty / Presenter

Judge John E. Dobroth, Superior Court Judge, Criminal Division, Retired

- Judge Superior Court, Ventura County, CA 1998-2011
- Named Judge of the Year by Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association 2002
- Named Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by California Judges Association 2004
- Judge Municipal Court, Ventura County, CA 1987-1998
- JD, UCLA School of Law 1971
- Deputy District Attorney, Ventura County 1972-1986
- Director of California District Attorneys Association 1974