

# New Orleans

Program for the Ninth Annual Meeting of the  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LAWYER DISCIPLINARY BOARDS, INC.

February 2-4, 2012

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The Westin New Orleans Canal Place

100 Rue Iberville



NCLDB

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## Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board – New Member Training

# Day 1

Thursday, February 2

Louisiana CLE Course #0139120202

8:00 - 9:00

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:30

**Welcome**

**Overview of the Disciplinary System**

**Introduction to Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX**

*Dow Michael Edwards, LADB Chairman, Donna L. Roberts, LADB Administrator*

9:30 - 11:00

**Tier I Duties and Conducting a Hearing**

*Ethics 1.5 hours*

The substantive duties of Tier I Committee members and the practical aspects of conducting a hearing.

*Edward G. Pries Jr., LADB Member; Timothy A. Maragos, HC Chairman, Jordan D. Huck, Board Staff Attorney*

11:00 - 11:15

**BREAK**

11:15 - 12:15

**Tier II Duties**

*Ethics 1 hour*

*Jamie E. Fontenot, LADB Member*

12:15 - 1:15

**LUNCH** (provided)

1:15 - 2:45

**Introduction to the Rules of Professional Conduct**

*Ethics 1.5 hours*

*Charles B. Plattsmier, Chief Disciplinary Counsel*

*Steven R. Scheckman, Respondent's Defense Counsel (Schiff, Scheckman & White)*

2:45 - 3:45

**Determining the Sanction and Drafting the Hearing Committee Report**

*Ethics 1 hour*

Includes introduction to the ABA Standards and caselaw. Covers the basic components of the hearing committee report and findings of fact.

*Mary L. Dumestre, HC Chairwoman, Jordan D. Huck, Board Staff Attorney*

3:45 - 4:00

**BREAK**

4:00 - 5:00

**Acting as an Adjudicator: A Panel Discussion**

*Prof. 1 hour*

Use of hypotheticals to demonstrate etiquette, recusal, handling a difficult respondent, and maintaining order.

*Moderator: Frank A. Fertitta, LADB Member*

*Panel: Shawn Clancy Lee, HC Public Member, Martin Stewart Bohman, HC Chairman,*

*Jeffrey L. Little, HC Lawyer Member, Henry Price Mounger, HC Chairman*

6:30 - 8:30

**Dinner at Dickie Brennan's Palace Café**

*605 Canal Street  
\$63 per person. Guests welcome*

*Total 6 hours*

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 Friday, February 3 Louisiana CLE Course #0139120202

7:30 - 8:00

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:00 - 8:30

**Welcome**

*Christine E. McKeeman, President NCLDB, Executive Director & General Counsel, Texas Board of Disciplinary Appeals, Dow Michael Edwards, LADB Chairman, Donna L. Roberts, LADB Administrator*

**Keynote Address**

*The Honorable Bernette J. Johnson, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court*

8:30- 9:30

**Creating Efficiency: Streamlining the Disciplinary Process**

*Gen. 1 hour*

Various jurisdictions have made changes to streamline the disciplinary process.

*Moderator: Dow Michael Edwards, LADB Chairman*

*Panel: Chuck Plattsmier, Chief Disciplinary Counsel (LA), Maureen Mulvenna, Dir. of Adjudication (IL), Judge Joann Remke, Presiding Judge, State Bar Court (CA)*

9:30 - 10:30

**Analyzing a Disciplinary Case: The Appellate Adjudicator's Perspective**

*Prof. 1 hour*

A panel of appellate adjudicators will discuss a hypothetical case.

*Julianne DeCore, Chief Counsel (NJ), Theodore D. Frank, Board Member (DC), John F. Van Bolt, Executive Director (MI), R. Burke McLemore, Board Member (PA), John T. Cox and Linda P. Spain, Board Members (LA)*

10:30 - 10:45

**BREAK**

10:45 - 11:45

**Effectively Utilizing Lawyers' Assistance Programs**

*Prof. 1 hour*

How can disciplinary adjudicators tailor sanctions to use these services effectively?

*J. E. "Buddy" Stockwell III, Ex. Dir. Lawyers' Assistance Program (LA) and Lisa Villarreal-Rios, Grievance Referral Program Administrator (TX)*

11:45 - 12:45

**WORKING LUNCH** (provided)

**Recent Developments and Brainstorming Q&A**

*Christine E. McKeeman, NCLDB President (TX) and Jennifer M. Stolier, Board Staff Attorney (LA)*

12:45 - 1:45

**Social Media: Ethical Issues for Lawyers and Judges**

*Ethics 1 hour*

A survey of caselaw and ethics opinions on social networking and attorneys.

*Jordan D. Huck, Board Staff Attorney (LA)*

1:45 - 2:30

**History of Attorney Regulation**

*Prof. 45 mins.*

*Moderator: Sarah L. Chancellor, Board Staff Attorney (LA), Panel: Burton E. Cestia, HC Chairman (LA), Judge Ronald W. Stovitz, Presiding Judge (Retired) (CA), Michael Fredrickson, General Counsel (MA)*

2:30 - 3:00

**BREAK and Travel to the Louisiana Supreme Court Building**

3:00 - 4:00

**Tour of the Louisiana Supreme Court Building and Museum**

LADB Hearing Committee Training concludes. For LADB HC and Board Members: *Total 4.75 hours*

4:30 - 4:45

**NCLDB Business Meeting**

4:45 - 5:45

**NCLDB Break-out Session -- Supporting Volunteer Adjudicators**

*Gen. 1 hour*

Tips and traps on the management, logistics, hearings, reports, training of your volunteers.

*Moderator: Jordan D. Huck, Board Staff Attorney (LA), Panel: Donna L. Roberts, Board Administrator (LA), Elizabeth J. Branda, Executive Attorney (DC), Jacqueline M. Rogers, Executive Director (ME), Pleasant S. Brodnax III, Second Vice Chair (VA), Paula Granuzzo, Statewide Coordinator (NJ)*

*For NCLDB Members: Total 5.75 hours*

6:30 - 7:00

**Cocktails at Broussard's Restaurant in the Courtyard** *Cash Bar*

*819 Conti Street*

7:00 'til

**Dinner at Broussard's Restaurant**

*\$80 per person. Guests welcome*

**Saturday, February 4**

9:00 - 10:30

**The Road to Redemption: Recovery and Reinstatement**

**CoLAP/NOBC/APRL/NCLDB** *The CLE course number will be provided at the session.*

**Mock Disability Reinstatement Hearing**

*Moderator: Tracy Kepler (IL) Panelists: Cynthia Bullington (NOBC- MI), Steven Lee (APRL- TX), Michael Cohen (CoLAP- FL), Laura Gatrell McClendon (CoLAP- TN), Michael A. Stewart (CoLAP- AL), Maureen Mulvenna (NCLDB- IL), Francis P. Keough (NCLDB-MA) Melissa A. Theriot (NCLDB-LA), Francis P. Keough (NCLDB-MA)*

# Day 2

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Karen L. Watkins, Austin, Texas

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Your jurisdiction's membership includes all individual board members, referees or other adjudicators, as well as all staff. Please attach a list of all those persons you wish to be a part of your membership in the NCLDB with mailing addresses and emails.

Please indicate names and email addresses for anyone interested in joining the NCLDB maillist, [forum@ncldb.org](mailto:forum@ncldb.org).

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Annual dues (July 1 – June 30): \$100 per jurisdiction  
Thank you for your interest in the NCLDB

Checks payable to: NCLDB  
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# EVALUATE

*the Ninth Annual Meeting of the*  
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Your jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the following:

1-Poor 2-Adequate 3-Fair 4-Good 5-Excellent

- Creating Efficiency: Streamlining the Disciplinary Procees \_\_\_\_\_
- Analyzing a Disciplinary Case: the Appellate Adjudicator's Prespective \_\_\_\_\_
- Effectively Utilizing Lawyers' Assistance Programs \_\_\_\_\_
- Brainstorming Q&A \_\_\_\_\_
- Recent Developments \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Media: Ethical Issues for Lawyers and Judges \_\_\_\_\_
- History of Attorney Regulation \_\_\_\_\_
- Tour of the Louisiana Supreme Court Building and Museum \_\_\_\_\_
- Break -out Session -- Supporting Volunteer Adjudicators \_\_\_\_\_
  
- How does the cost of this program compare to comparable CLE? \_\_\_\_\_
- Usefulness of materials \_\_\_\_\_
- Format of the materials \_\_\_\_\_

What topics would you like to have at future NCLDB conferences?

Was the program with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee Training effective? Why or why not?

How can we encourage other jurisdictions to join NCLDB?

Do you access the NCLDB website? Why or why not?

Are you a member of the NCLDB mailing list?  
 If you would like to join, please provide your email address.

What significant lawyer discipline issue(s) is your jurisdiction currently handling?

Please tell us anything else we can do to improve the conference or make NCLDB more useful to you.