

Wyoming State Bar

2025

Annual Meeting
& Judicial Conference



September 16 - 19, 2025

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center
Laramie, Wyoming

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President's Invitation



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Wyoming State Bar, I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting & Judicial Conference in Laramie, Wyoming. This year's gathering promises to be among the most engaging and dynamic events we've ever hosted.

Our comprehensive agenda includes timely and relevant CLE sessions on topics such as federal firearms law, gaming in Wyoming, the prosecutorial perspective, and developments in artificial intelligence and the law. We are honored to welcome our keynote speaker, nationally recognized attorney Anne Bremner, who will present "Justice

in the Age of Judgment: From Amanda Knox to the Menendez Brothers—High-Profile Cases and the Fight for Due Process in the Digital Age."

In addition to these substantive programs, attendees will enjoy the Welcome Reception at the newly renovated University of Wyoming College of Law, the annual banquet, and a variety of networking opportunities with colleagues and members of the judiciary.

We appreciate the ongoing support and enthusiasm that make this conference successful year after year. I look forward to welcoming you in person for what is sure to be a memorable and enriching experience.

James T. Whiting
President

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Attorney's Schedule-At-A-Glance

Wednesday, September 17th

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens		Gateway Center
8:15 - 11:45 a.m.	PLENARY: Beyond the Brief: Modern Communication Mastery for Today's Legal Professionals	• Sybil Dunlop	To Be Determined
12:00 - 1:20 p.m.	Judicial Luncheon (open to all in-person registrants) Judicial Selection: Fifty-Two, Effective and Fair-But is That Good Enough?	• Dan R. Kirkbride	Hilton Garden Inn
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	BREAKOUT 2: The Great Public Land Debate: Litigation, Legislation, and the Future of the Public Domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David J. Willms 	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: Upping the Ante - The State of Gaming in Wyoming (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affie B. Ellis (moderator) Sylvia L. Hackl Sarah Murray Matthew Roob Jenni Wildcat 	To Be Determined
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1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Practical Applications of AI Tools in Legal Practice: Leveraging ChatGPT and Other AI Tools for Efficiency and Accuracy	• John P. Fritz	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: Mind Your Manners, Counsel: The Unwritten Rules of Lawyer Etiquette	• Rachel M. Berkness • Kylie M. Schmidt	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics (Part 1)	• Brett M. Godfrey	To Be Determined
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break		
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2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Believe It or Not: True Stories of Workplace Discrimination – Have You Been Here or Seen This?	• Amanda M. Good • Alaina M. Stedillie	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: Shared Custody in Wyoming: A Win-Win for Kids?	• Abigail E. Fournier (moderator) • Lauren B. Browne • Mary “Jenny” Hall • Teresa Jacobs-Castano • Martha Nesslinger	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics (Part 2)	• Brett M. Godfrey	To Be Determined
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Break		
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4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Success and Succession in the Impossible World: Planning Considerations for the Closely Held Family Agricultural Community	• Victoria Dunivan • Mario M. Rampulla	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: A Game of Chance: Insurance and the Concept of Fortuity	• Richard H. Nicolaides	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics (Part 3)	• Brett M. Godfrey	To Be Determined
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Banquet Cocktail Party		Hilton Garden Inn
7:00 p.m.	2025 Annual Banquet	• Anne Bremner	Hilton Garden Inn





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TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Rise & Shine. Breathwork, Meditation & Yoga for Real People: A Quick & Easy Morning Routine to Start Your Days Better	• Tyson E. Logan	Hilton Garden Inn
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Ensuring Your Client's Charitable Legacy by Working Well with Charities	• Andrew Fussner	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: Civil Law Update	• Emily S. Madden	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: Construction in the Court - Build a Solid Foundation, Then Worry About Curtain Colors	• Hon. Jason M. Conder	To Be Determined
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Best Practices and Emerging Trends in Probate, Estate Planning, Estate Administration and Charitable Planning	• Christopher Sherwood (moderator) • Michael E. Bohl • Shaina A. Case • Gregory C. Dyekman • Andrew Fussner	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: Criminal Law Update	• Jenny L. Craig	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: Blockchain Technology and Digital Assets Innovation – A New Regulatory Path	• Matthew D. Kaufman • Flavia B. Naves	To Be Determined
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Introducing Decisis, Your Free Legal Research Tool	• Tyler Allison	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: Balancing the Clock and the Code: Time Management to Uphold Ethical Obligations for Lawyers	• Paul Unger	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: The Journey is the Goal – Depression, Addiction and Self-Care within the Legal Field	• Cody M. Jerabek	To Be Determined
12:00 - 1:20 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting Luncheon (open to all in-person registrants)	• P. Craig Silva	Hilton Garden Inn
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: For the State – Prosecutors' Approach to Criminal Litigation	• Ryan A. Semerad (moderator) • TahNee L. Alton • Daniel J. Itzen • Blaine E. Nelson • Tucker J. Ruby • Anne K. Wasserburger	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: Cybersecurity & Ethical Pitfalls of Everyday Law Office Computing	• Paul Unger	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: "You Write Just Like a Lawyer!" Might Not Be a Compliment (Part 1)	• Rick Horowitz	To Be Determined
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break		





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	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Trump Card on Energy	• Katie Schroder	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 2: AI for the Transactional Lawyer: 5 Steps to Increase Proficiency	• Lonnie Foote, III	To Be Determined
	BREAKOUT 3: "You Write Just Like a Lawyer!" Might Not Be a Compliment (Part 2)	• Geneva Engelhart	To Be Determined
	CONCLUSION OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING		

2025 CLE Committee

A heartfelt thank you to our Continuing Legal Education Committee for curating a dynamic and impressive lineup of programs and speakers for this year's Annual Meeting.

Their hard work, creativity, and commitment to excellence ensure that Wyoming lawyers continue to receive top-tier professional development opportunities.

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Wednesday, September 17th

8:15 - 11:45 a.m.

PLENARY: Beyond the Brief: Modern Communication Mastery for Today's Legal Professionals

CLE: 3/1 ethics

Presented by: Sybil Dunlop

This dynamic presentation empowers legal professionals with essential communication skills for today's evolving practice. It begins with a focused discussion on the ethical use of AI in legal writing and research, providing content that qualifies for ethics credit. Participants will then sharpen their digital and written communication strategies and elevate their ability to persuade through confident, adaptive speech. From crafting effective emails and compelling motions to mastering audience-focused delivery and negotiation, attendees will leave with practical tools to enhance clarity, credibility, and impact in every interaction.

12:00 - 1:20 p.m.

Judicial Luncheon

(open to all in-person registrants)

Judicial Selection: Fifty-Two, Effective and Fair—But is That Good Enough?

Presented by: Dan R. Kirkbride

Dan Kirkbride quietly and conscientiously served a four-year term on the Wyoming Judicial Nominating Commission, completing his service in January. Throughout his tenure, he focused on the task at hand—helping to thoughtfully vet 26 judicial candidates—without fanfare or public attention. He was never lobbied, seldom discussed commission matters socially, and took pride in the commission's careful, impartial work.

In January, however, interest in the state's judicial selection process took a notable turn when a group of mostly freshman legislators introduced a bill proposing that judges be elected rather than appointed. Although the bill did not advance, it sparked renewed public dialogue around a system that has been in place since 1972.

Since then, more voices have joined the conversation—through opinion pieces, legislative discussions, and citizen engagement. This growing interest has led to important and fair-minded questions: Is anonymity in the selection process

a strength or a limitation? Does the system's alignment with the legal community help or hinder public trust? Are concerns being raised reflective of broader national trends, or do they highlight unique local priorities?

As Wyoming considers these questions, many are asking whether the current system—long praised for its stability and effectiveness—might benefit from thoughtful updates, or whether its track record suggests that continuity remains the best path forward.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Mindfulness During Maddening Times

CLE: 1/0.5 ethics

Presented by: Jason E. Ochs (moderator), Donald S. Bellamy, Tyson E. Logan, Brinae O'Neill, and Hon. Antoinette Williams

Engage with a diverse panel of Bar members as they share effective strategies for navigating the demanding and often high-pressure environment of the legal profession. This insightful discussion will offer perspectives from the bench, counsel table, and courtroom, providing a comprehensive view of the challenges faced. Participate in a candid and transparent dialogue regarding contemporary pressures within the legal field, with a focus on fostering well-being and sustainable practices.

BREAKOUT 2: Zombie Bankruptcy Filings: Your Survival Guide to Handling Repeat Filers and Dismissals

CLE: 1/0.5 ethics

Presented by: Dan Glasser and Brad M. Lund

Sponsored by the Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Section

They filed again? Learn the basics of what the rules are for repeat filers, how to handle bankruptcy dismissals and conversions, and advice you can provide your clients and debtors when the original bankruptcy turns into something unexpected. We will include some brief guidelines for debtor counsel on dismissing and refiling Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy, which will provide other attorneys with insight as to the rules and limitations of the Bankruptcy Code, and some practice pointers on how to move forward. The ethics portion will cover some lessons concerning competency, communication and candor. Zombie weapons not included.



BREAKOUT 3: Understanding Franchises - What They Are, How They're Regulated and Avoiding the "Accidental Franchise" (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Lee R. Dickinson

Sponsored by the Business Law Section

This course will help practitioners identify what arrangements constitute a "franchise" (vs. other types of licenses and distribution relationships). For general business practitioners, this will allow them to help clients avoid arrangements that unintentionally become subject to the FTC Franchise Rule or direct them to those who practice in this arena, as well as provide general guidance to clients who may be considering purchasing a franchise. From the franchisor/licensor side, we will discuss what a franchise is, how it works as a growth model for the brand, and how it's regulated. From the franchisee/licensee side, we will discuss the pros and cons of buying a franchise, what to expect from the franchise relationship, and tips for evaluating a franchise offering before making a purchase.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Break

Take this opportunity to grab a hot or cold beverage, visit the exhibitors and see the products and services they can provide to help you grow your business.

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Civil Law Update

CLE: 1

Offered again Friday!

Presented by: Emily S. Madden

You cannot afford to miss this presentation! Emily Madden will walk you through all the important Wyoming Supreme Court civil cases from 2024-2025, saving you hours and hours of self-study time. Keep up to date and informed with this one-hour lecture that will provide you with a brief overview of Wyoming's civil case law.

BREAKOUT 2: Merit Selection: Putting Wyoming's Experience in a National and Historical Context

CLE: 1

Presented by: William Raftery

There are over 25 different judicial selection systems in use in the states, and on average, each state utilizes 2-3 dif-

ferent systems for selecting its judges. Even in states using merit systems, the composition and function of commissions, the courts covered by the system, and the roles of governors, legislatures, bar associations, and voters differ. This presentation puts Wyoming's experience into a national and historical context.

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CLE: 1

Presented by: O'Kelley Pearson and Sulaiman A. Raja

Sponsored by the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Section

Join us for a presentation from a parent/child attorney and school district attorney on the history and current issues related to educating students with disabilities, addressing significant moments in legislation, the evolution of educa-



tional practices, and the contemporary challenges faced by educational institutions and families. The focal point will be the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which mandates that public schools provide equal access to education for children with disabilities. We'll share real-life experiences and highlight cooperative efforts to address the critical challenges affecting the education of children with disabilities.

BREAKOUT 2: Empowering Justice: A Forward Look at Wyoming's Evolving Legislative Landscape

CLE: 1

Presented by: Philip A. Nicholas (moderator), Barry V. Crago, Mark W. Gifford, Hon. Keith G. Kautz, William Raftery, P. Craig Silva and Timothy M. Stubson

Join Phil Nicolas for a panel discussion featuring esteemed guests including retired Wyoming Supreme Court Justice Keith Kautz, Senate District 22's Barry Crago, Bar Counsel Mark Gifford, P. Craig Silva, President-Elect of the Wyoming State Bar, William Raftery, Senior Knowledge Management Analyst at the National Center for State Courts and Tim Stubson. The Wyoming legislature in 2025 proposed 556 bills, with 227 passing both chambers. This panel will discuss the legislation from 2025 and what can be expected going forward at the next legislative session in 2026.

BREAKOUT 3: Criminal Law Update

CLE: 1

Offered again Friday!

Presented by: Jenny L. Craig

In this course you will find out the recent developments in criminal law with a review of cases covering a variety of topics including the right to remain silent, search and seizure, mental illness, and prosecutorial misconduct. Get up to speed on all the major developments in criminal law with an update on recent opinions from the Wyoming Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

5:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

**University of Wyoming College of Law
1820 East Willet Drive**



The **Wyoming State Bar** is pleased to welcome Annual Meeting registrants, guests, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors to a special Welcome Reception at the beautifully renovated University of Wyoming College of Law!

Enjoy appetizers, refreshments and guided tours of the newly updated space. This is a great opportunity to network with colleagues, meet current faculty and students and see firsthand how the recent renovations are enhancing the academic and professional experience at Wyoming's only law school.





Thursday, September 18th

6:30 a.m.

Race Judicata

Location: Laramie Greenbelt - Optimist Park

Lace up your running shoes and get ready to hit the road! This year's 5k is along Laramie's gorgeous Greenbelt. The run will begin at Optimist Park in West Laramie. This is the perfect opportunity to get some exercise, enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Laramie River, and bond with your colleagues. Whether you are an experienced runner or a novice, this course is sure to challenge and inspire you. Walkers are welcome too!

8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Federal Firearm Law After Bruen: What Every Wyoming Attorney Needs to Know (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Tracy R. Huckle (moderator), Abigail E. Fournier, George A. Mocsary and David B. Weiss

Sponsored by the Federal Bar Section

Federal gun laws are evolving rapidly in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* and subsequent regulatory changes. This course will provide Wyoming attorneys with a comprehensive overview of current federal firearm laws and how they interact with state statutes. While criminal practitioners regularly address firearm restrictions, this presentation focuses on the wide-ranging implications for attorneys in other fields—including family law. Attendees will gain practical guidance on spotting legal issues related to firearms, advising clients, and understanding the unique challenges posed by Wyoming's strong gun culture and constitutional protections.

BREAKOUT 2: The Great Public Land Debate: Litigation, Legislation, and the Future of the Public Domain

CLE: 1

Presented by: David J. Willms

In 2024, the State of Utah attempted to challenge federal ownership of public lands in the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court declined to hear Utah's case, but the issue is far from resolved. With Utah signaling its intent to refile, the constitutional question of perpetual federal land retention remains very much alive. This session will explore the legal theories behind Utah's case, the statutory authorities that allow the executive branch to dispose of lands, and current congressional proposals aimed at reshaping the federal estate. Attendees will gain a clear, balanced understanding of the evolving legal landscape surrounding America's public lands—and the forces that may soon transform it.

BREAKOUT 3: Upping the Ante - The State of Gaming in Wyoming (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Affie B. Ellis (moderator), Sylvia L. Hackl, Sarah Murray, Matthew Roob and Jenni Wildcat

Sponsored by the Federal Indian and Tribal Law Section

Wyoming's ace in the hole—gaming—has become big business. Although gambling is illegal, Wyoming allows for certain types of gaming activity, including betting on live horse races, wagering on historic horse races using devices which often look like slot machines, on-line sports betting, and skill-based amusement games which are often found at bars and truck stops. Under federal and tribal law, the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes can also operate casino style games on the Wind River Reservation. If you play your cards right, attendees will learn about the growth of the gaming industry and be part of the discussion about what the future might hold.

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CLE: 1

Presented by: Bailey B. Lazzari (moderator), James T. Whiting and Micah Wyatt

Sponsored by the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Section

Please join us for a dynamic panel discussing introductory concepts of juvenile justice. Whether you are new to the field and want to learn more or you are a veteran and want to hear more from either side of the aisle, this CLE has something for you. It will cover relevant statutes, resources, considerations before filing, challenges from both sides of the litigation, the timeline after filing, trial, and after-trial considerations. This CLE will also touch on the interplay between juvenile justice and special education.

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CLE: 1/0.5 Ethics

Presented by: Dana J. Lent

Discovery is meant to facilitate the exchange of information to allow attorneys to focus their attention on pertinent issues and prepare an effective trial presentation for the judge or jury. Recently, however, discovery has become an exercise in frustration that irritates attorneys, wastes clients' money, and invites satire found in truth. This presentation will discuss common problems in the discovery process and provide practical solutions and strategies on how to navigate through difficult discovery issues. Specifically, developing proper and effective discovery requests, addressing "gamesmanship" and other dubious methods designed to frustrate the discovery process, the application of the Rules of Civil Procedure and tips on how to preserve your composure with churlish colleagues.



BREAKOUT 2: The 2030 Law Firm: Get Ready

CLE: 1/0.5 ethics

Presented by: Jason E. Ochs

The business environment for law firms, particularly smaller practices prevalent in Wyoming, has undergone transformation since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, these changes are overshadowed by the anticipated shifts expected to occur between the present day and 2030. The forthcoming transformations affecting law firm operations will transpire with unprecedented rapidity, and for firms that neglect to adapt, these changes will have detrimental consequences, leading to significant challenges. For both newly established practitioners and seasoned professionals seeking to enhance their return on investment, this presentation offers valuable insights into the projected modifications to the business of law, strategies for addressing these changes, methods for staying ahead of emerging trends, capitalizing on inherent advantages, and best practices for augmenting net revenues.

BREAKOUT 3: Juvenile Court – A Peek into the Confidential World of Abuse and Neglect Cases

CLE: 1

Presented by: Timothy C. Cotton, Geneva K. Engelhart and Cindi Wood

Have you wondered what goes on in Juvenile Court? If you haven't represented a client in a juvenile case, you likely have little to no knowledge of what goes on in this confidential world. Juvenile cases can have a broad impact—from criminal charges to custody disputes and child support—and understanding the procedure and implications of a juvenile case can help you better help your clients who may be going through one. This session is designed to provide an overview of the Juvenile Court to introduce attorneys to the procedure, considerations, effects and implications of a juvenile case.

12:00 - 1:20 p.m.

Access to Justice Luncheon

(open to all in-person registrants)

Presented by: Sateesh Nori

From Code to Counsel: How AI Is Reshaping the Legal Profession

In this keynote address, Sateesh Nori—legal ethics scholar, public interest leader, and national voice on the future of legal services—will explore how artificial intelligence is transforming not just the tools we use, but the very fabric of legal work. Drawing on decades of courtroom experience

and cutting-edge research, he will trace the contours of a profession in transition: from billable hours to augmented intelligence, from law libraries to language models, and from exclusive gatekeeping to expanded access.

This is not a futurist fantasy. AI is already reshaping how lawyers draft, advise, advocate, and serve—and it's challenging long-standing assumptions about competence, confidentiality, and what it means to "practice law." Yet amid the hype and fear, one truth remains: this moment is an opportunity. For Wyoming's legal community, the question is not whether AI will impact your practice—it's whether you will shape that impact or be shaped by it.

This keynote will provide a clear, grounded framework for understanding the risks, ethics, and immense possibilities of AI in law—and it will call on lawyers, bar leaders, and judges to engage this transformation with clarity, humility, and purpose.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Practical Applications of AI Tools in Legal Practice: Leveraging ChatGPT and Other AI Tools for Efficiency and Accuracy

CLE: 1/0.5 Ethics

Presented by: John P. Fritz

Sponsored by the Young Lawyer Section

Unlock the potential of ChatGPT and other AI tools in your legal practice. This fast-paced, practical session will explore how attorneys are using AI to boost research, draft documents, streamline communication, and improve efficiency—without sacrificing accuracy or professionalism. We'll also examine the ethical implications of relying on AI and how to avoid common pitfalls. Whether you are tech-savvy or skeptical, you'll leave with ideas you can put to use immediately.

BREAKOUT 2: Mind Your Manners, Counsel: The Unwritten Rules of Lawyer Etiquette

CLE: 1/0.5 ethics

Presented by: Rachel M. Berkness and Kylie M. Schmidt

Polished professionalism never goes out of style, but the rules that shape it are always evolving. This session explores the nuanced world of attorney etiquette, highlighting both time-honored practices and modern expectations. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or a newly minted associate, this presentation will help you avoid raised eyebrows and keep you from being "that lawyer."



BREAKOUT 3: Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Brett M. Godfrey

Attendees will learn a straightforward and effective method that you can use to plan and carry out successful voir dire and jury selection in a manner that informs you: (1) which potential jurors should be challenged; (2) how those jurors might be challenged for cause, preserving peremptory challenges; and (3) how those who make it on the jury see the world and are likely to view your evidence. You will also get an overview of selected cutting-edge trial methods for use in complex, high-stakes litigation, including strategies for designing a tapestry of experts, with an emphasis on evidentiary foundations and admissibility; data management and electronic evidence; presentation graphics technologies, and direct and cross examination techniques.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Break

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2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Believe It or Not: True Stories of Workplace Discrimination – Have You Been Here or Seen This?

CLE: 1/0.5 ethics

Presented by: Amanda M. Good and Alaina M. Stedillie

Join Mandy Good and Alaina Stedillie of Crowley Fleck PLLP for this interactive discussion of recent examples of workplace discrimination within Wyoming and throughout the country. With scenarios that will leave you asking, "This happened in the year of our Lord 2024?," "Where do people get the audacity?," and "Uh-oh, was that me?," this is a must-see presentation for those practicing in employment law or those uninvolved with employment law but working to run a law firm. Not only will you hear about what has already happened in the past few years, but you will walk away with some tips and tricks for advising clients (and you and your partners) on how to avoid these embarrassing and illegal potholes, and how to help those who have already careened headfirst into them.

BREAKOUT 2: Shared Custody in Wyoming: A Win-Win for Kids?

CLE: 1

Presented by: Abigail E. Fournier (moderator), Lauren B. Browne, Mary "Jenny" Hall, Teresa Jacobs-Castano and Martha Nesslinger

Sponsored by the Children & Family Law Section

In shared custody dispositions, both parents receive shared legal rights to their children and both parents enjoy approximately the same amount of physical parenting time with their children. During the 2025 Wyoming legislative session, the Wyoming Senate Appropriations Committee debated a bill, SF117, aimed at codifying shared custody as a presumptive custody disposition in Wyoming. The bill died in committee, but the question remains: should shared custody be the default in custody cases in Wyoming, and, if not, why?

This panel will aim to explore structuring shared custody as a preference versus a mandate; developmentally appropriate custodial arrangements for children depending on age and maturity; feasibility of proposed custodial schedules; factors that may render shared custody unfeasible or inappropriate; ways to prioritize the best interests of the children; hurdles and obstacles to shared parenting arrangements witnessed by Guardians ad Litem; shared custody in a temporary basis and establishing a status quo during the pendency of a case; transportation and exchange considerations; and how shared custody may work within the context of the existing child support statutes.

BREAKOUT 3: Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics (Part 2)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Brett M. Godfrey

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3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Break

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4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Success and Succession in the Impossible World: Planning Considerations for the Closely Held Family Agricultural Community

CLE: 1

Presented by: Victoria Dunivan and Mario M. Rampulla

This presentation will focus on the combination of business formation and succession tactics to demonstrate how a family, with emphasis on agricultural assets (farm and ranch), can use business entities to structure the transfer of ownership from one generation to the next. Topics include business entity selection, estate and tax planning in light of the business entity selection, and family dynamics in succession planning.

BREAKOUT 2: A Game of Chance: Insurance and the Concept of Fortuity

CLE: 1

Presented by: Richard H. Nicolaides

Commercial insurance products are designed to cover the wide range of risks to which businesses operating in diverse industries across the country and around the world are exposed. While the scope of coverage under insurance products may differ, all insurance is predicated on the concept of "fortuity," the idea that insurance covers risks resulting from chance events. From manufacturing defects to terrorist funding, as well as emerging risks such as climate change and opioids, this presentation will address fortuity in the context of the standard Commercial General Liability Policy, with particular focus on the "occurrence" requirement and "expected or intended injury" exclusion.

BREAKOUT 3: Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics (Part 3)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Brett M. Godfrey

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6:00 p.m.

Pre-Banquet Cocktail Party

7:00 p.m.

2025 Annual Banquet

(open to all in-person registrants)

Keynote Speaker: Anne Bremner

Justice in the Age of Judgment: From Amanda Knox to the Menendez Brothers and the Battle for Due Process in the Digital Age

It was 2007 and social media use was just exploding, where American and Seattle college student, Amanda Knox, was accused of killing her roommate in Italy. Anne Bremner served as counsel and saw online lynch mobs and tabloids convict Knox before she was exonerated. The keynote will examine the Knox case as a continuing theme woven through the cases Anne has handled—including Susan Cox Powell, Mary Kay LeTourneau, David Copperfield, Betty Broderick, Rebecca Zahau and Ann Rule. We will also enjoy hearing about cases she covered as a legal analyst for CNN MSNBC and Court TV over the past 25 years (OJ Simpson, Micheal Jackson, Scott Peterson, Johnny Depp and the Menendez Brothers).





2025 Annual Banquet

Thursday, September 18th
Hilton Garden Inn
Laramie, Wyoming
Cocktails @ 6 p.m.
Dinner @ 7 p.m.



Anne Bremner is a trial attorney and one of the nation's most recognized legal analysts. Her practice emphasizes civil rights, catastrophic loss litigation, and criminal law. In her 35 years of practice, she has been lead counsel for many highly-publicized court cases. She was a Prosecuting Attorney for the Criminal Division of the King County Prosecutor's Office in Seattle from 1983 to 1988. Anne specialized in prosecuting sex crimes, where she successfully tried over 200 cases. She is a regular contributing legal analyst on TV and cable, including Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, and HLN. Anne has also given hundreds of speeches in the U.S. and internationally.

Anne graduated from Stanford University receiving a B.A. with honors in 1980. She received her law degree from Seattle University Law School in 1982. As an attorney she has a perfect 10 AVVO rating and has been AVVO rated for 27 years.

She has distinguished herself not only as a dedicated advocate for her clients, but also as an attorney who has achieved a level of peer recognition. Over the years, she has been honored with numerous distinctions, which few lawyers and even fewer women can claim. Anne was profiled in Law and Politics under "Headliners and Legends", profiled

in the Bar Bulletin, and was named a Superlawyer in the Corporate Counsel editions.

She was counsel and spokesperson for The Friends of Amanda Knox, has represented the family of Susan Cox Powell, the illusionist David Copperfield, Howard S. Wright Construction, Lease Crutcher Lewis, the Olympic Pipeline Co., Fidelity National Financial, innumerable police departments, the state patrol, the border patrol and over thirty judges.

She has been voted one of the best lawyers in Seattle magazine and in Seattle Metropolitan magazine numerous times. Seattle magazine also voted her one of Seattle's Top 25 most influential people. Washington Law & Politics listed Anne as one of the 25 Smartest People in Washington State in 2003.

Off-duty, Anne is a Northwest resident who lives in Seattle. Dividing her time between her charities, trial work, and legal analysis, she stays extremely busy. Anne Bremner, PC was established in 2012 allowing Anne to focus on her litigation, criminal law and legal analyst work. She also serves as Special Counsel to Frey Buck, a Seattle law firm.



Honoring a Legacy of Service

The Wyoming State Bar is proud to recognize and celebrate the distinguished lawyers who have been members of the Bar for 50 and 60 years. Their decades of dedication, professionalism and service to the legal community are a true testament to the values of our profession.

These members have not only witnessed profound changes in the practice of law, they, but they have also helped shape its future. We are grateful for their enduring commitment, their wisdom and their example.

Please join us in honoring these remarkable milestones and expressing our sincere appreciation for their lifelong contributions to justice and the rule of law.

60-Year Members

Richard W. Day
W. Perry Dray
Orval C. Harrison
Louis L. Walrath



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Hon. Terrill R. Tharp
Cameron S. Walker
Jonathan M. Walkinshaw
L. Galen West





Friday, September 19th

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Rise & Shine. Breathwork, Meditation & Yoga for Real People: A Quick & Easy Morning Routine to Start Your Days Better

CLE: 1/0.5 Ethics

Presented by: Tyson E. Logan

Practicing law is hard and takes a toll on all of us. How do you take care of yourself to make sure you are performing at your best? It's amazing what even a few minutes of quiet in the morning can do to help. Trial lawyer/yoga and mindfulness teacher Tyson Logan will introduce a simple morning practice that can help you reset and start your day feeling just a little more grounded and alive. Tyson will share some basic tools—breathwork, meditation, and basic yoga movements—that you can do without any books, guru, or studio.

Come explore what these tools can do for you and how they can help you in the courtroom and in life. Busy minds and bodies love to breathe and move—it might surprise you how easy this stuff is!

This session will introduce the concepts and guide you through a few minutes of each of these tools to give it a try. No experience necessary. Beginners and skeptics welcome—just bring your curiosity! Comfortable seats, cushions and mats, good music, and coffee provided! Come as you are!

8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Ensuring Your Client's Charitable Legacy by Working Well with Charities

CLE: 1

Presented by: Andrew Fussner

Sponsored by the Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Section

As with most things in the law, dealing with a client's charitable bequest can be more complicated than expected. Andrew Fussner, Vice President of Estate Settlement for the American Heart Association (AHA), has seen plenty of ways things can go wrong with a charitable bequest over

his 20+ years with the organization and in handling 10,000+ bequests on its behalf. He will start by discussing who is the right person to contact at a charity (which can often be half the battle). He'll tackle things that an estate planner can do during the planning process to minimize any problems down the road; such as naming the correct charity, putting restrictions on the gift, asset selection (including some stories about interesting assets left to the AHA and other charities), and how staff at the charity can assist you. He will end by discussing some of the potential obstacles and pain both attorneys and charities feel during probate or trust administration once a client has passed away, and what to do about them.

BREAKOUT 2: Civil Law Update

CLE: 1

Presented by: Emily S. Madden

You cannot afford to miss this presentation! Emily Madden will walk you through all the important Wyoming Supreme Court civil cases from 2024-2025, saving you hours and hours of self-study time. Keep up to date and informed with this one-hour lecture that will provide you with a brief overview of Wyoming's civil case law.

BREAKOUT 3: Construction in the Court - Build a Solid Foundation, Then Worry About Curtain Colors

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Hon. Jason M. Conder

Scan social media, or ask AI, and you will find countless ways to improve your new home with stylish curtains. With a dizzying array of styles, designs, and colors, you will soon think the home was built to display curtains. Yet, if your builder prioritizes curtains over the foundation, your home may soon crumble. Trial advocacy is no different. A lawyer who focuses on the "style" of their advocacy, while ignoring the foundation, risks collapse of his case. Building a case that stands the test of time and scrutiny requires building a strong evidentiary foundation before moving on to "stylish" advocacy. This course seeks to provide a plain blueprint for building a solid trial foundation—the fundamentals of admitting evidence through direct examination; cross examination; and/or the admission of exhibits.



9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Break

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9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Best Practices and Emerging Trends in Probate, Estate Planning, Estate Administration and Charitable Planning

CLE: 1

Presented by: Christopher Sherwood (moderator), Michael E. Bohl, Shaina A. Case, Gregory C. Dyekman and Andrew Fussner

Sponsored by the Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Section

Building upon the previous course of “Ensuring Your Client’s Charitable Legacy” by Andrew Fussner, this lively panel of Wyoming lawyers and trust officers will expand the discussion to best practices and emerging trends in probate, estate planning, estate administration, and charitable planning. With an approximate \$84 trillion in wealth that will transfer from Baby Boomers to younger generations in the next 20 years (often referred to as the “Great Wealth Transfer”), estate planning is and will continue to be a great opportunity for lawyers. Within Wyoming, the opportunity is even larger as the state’s 60-year-old+ population increased by 36% from 2010-2020. Moreover, the panel will discuss strategies in using and possible updates to Wyoming’s Probate Code, an interim topic currently being considered by the Wyoming Legislature’s Judiciary Committee.

BREAKOUT 2: Criminal Law Update

CLE: 1

Presented by: Jenny L. Craig

In this course you will find out the recent developments in criminal law with a review of cases covering a variety of topics including the right to remain silent, search and seizure, mental illness, and prosecutorial misconduct. Get up to speed on all the major developments in criminal law with an update on recent opinions from the Wyoming Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

BREAKOUT 3: Blockchain Technology and Digital Assets Innovation – A New Regulatory Path

CLE: 1

Presented by: Matthew D. Kaufman and Flavia B. Naves

This program will provide an exploration of blockchain technology and the emerging world of digital assets (including cryptocurrencies (e.g., Bitcoin, Ethereum), non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and decentralized finance (DeFi)), offering a general understanding of their origins and current applications. The conversation will focus on the regulatory environment surrounding blockchain and digital assets, exploring key frameworks from jurisdictions around the world including the United States, the European Union, and Asia, while discussing the challenges and opportunities presented by global regulatory inconsistencies. Topics will include anti-money laundering (AML), know your customer (KYC) requirements, securities law, and the emerging role of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs).

Key Topics:

- The history and evolution of blockchain technology
- Overview of digital assets: Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and DeFi
- Blockchain’s impact on traditional industries
- Current regulatory frameworks and challenges

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Break

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10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Introducing Decisis, Your Free Legal Research Tool

CLE: 1

Presented by: Tyler Allison

Maintaining strong legal research skills is crucial for saving time and money for your clients. Having access to a robust database of local and federal case law is necessary information often used to structure your case. Whether you are an entry level associate or partner, legal research is a vital daily task and one that must be continually developed. Decisis provides industry-leading tools to make legal research easier and more intuitive, and it’s a new free benefit to Wyoming State Bar members.



BREAKOUT 2: Balancing the Clock and the Code: Time Management to Uphold Ethical Obligations for Lawyers

CLE: 1/1 ethics

Presented by: Paul Unger

In today's fast-paced legal environment, lawyers are constantly juggling multiple responsibilities, from client meetings and court appearances to research and document preparation. This one-hour seminar is designed to help legal professionals manage their time more effectively while ensuring they meet their ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Responsibility. Join renowned speaker and time management expert and lawyer, Paul J. Unger, as he delves into practical strategies for managing your workload, minimizing distractions, and prioritizing tasks. Learn how to take back control of your day and your practice, ensuring that you can uphold your ethical obligations while maintaining a high level of productivity. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your time management skills and improve your overall well-being.

BREAKOUT 3: The Journey is the Goal – Depression, Addiction and Self-Care within the Legal Field

CLE: 1/1 ethics

Presented by: Cody M. Jerabek

The legal profession is experiencing rising rates of anxiety, depression, substance abuse and addiction that far exceed that of the general population, as well as rates that exceed almost every other regulated occupation within the United States. The American Bar Association has described this reality as an "epidemic" that threatens the very foundation of our profession.

This presentation will focus on the nature of our profession as a self-regulating and autonomous entity as the background and building block upon which we begin constructing an empathetic and compassionate response to these struggles.

The presentation will begin with an analysis of what these struggles look like and how they are defined, then transitioning into a discussion regarding the identification of points of crisis in ourselves and others, followed by a brief summation of available resources and services available to both those struggling and those who are concerned about the well-being of those around them. Finally, the presentation will evolve into a meta-analysis of mental health and addiction issues as a component of a larger shift in the definition of self-care and well-being as a component of competence within the legal profession as a whole, and finally discuss mechanisms through which a shift towards communal well-being within the legal field is possible.

12:00 - 1:20 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting Luncheon

(open to all in-person registrants)

Keep abreast of the latest developments in Wyoming's legal community. Join Chief Justice Lynne J. Boomgaarden, Wyoming Supreme Court; James T. Whiting, Wyoming State Bar President; Julie Hill, Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law; and Kelly M. Neville, Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar, as they each provide an update from their respective organizations. Also hear from Wyoming State Bar Delegate to the ABA, Dona Playton, and learn of recent developments at the American Bar Association.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: For the State – Prosecutors' Approach to Criminal Litigation

CLE: 1

Presented by: Ryan A. Semerad (moderator), TahNee L. Alton, Daniel J. Itzen, Blaine E. Nelson, Tucker J. Ruby and Anne K. Wasserburger

Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Section

How do prosecutors make charging decisions? What matters to prosecutors when considering plea offers? What are the factors that make the difference between a good case for trial and a bad case for trial in the eyes of a prosecutor?

In this panel-style question-and-answer session, experienced prosecutors from across Wyoming will share their perspectives on these issues and more. If you ever wanted to hear directly from the State's trial attorneys about their view of all manners of criminal litigation concerns—from charging to plea negotiations to trial to sentencing and more—this is the course for you.

BREAKOUT 2: Cybersecurity & Ethical Pitfalls of Everyday Law Office Computing

CLE: 1/1 ethics

Presented by: Paul Unger

In this seminar, we will discuss the ethical and malpractice pitfalls of artificial intelligence (AI), mobile, cloud, and general everyday law office computing. We will learn about cloud options and address how to safely store documents, data, and programs in the cloud. Learn what programs and features you should and must use with cloud storage options like Dropbox, Box and OneDrive. We will finally discuss



security vulnerabilities and ethical problems related to artificial intelligence, documents, emails, and metadata associated with those files. We will also discuss how to properly delete client data, assign passwords, and dispose of computer equipment while protecting client privacy.

BREAKOUT 3: "You Write Just Like a Lawyer!" Might Not Be a Compliment (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Rick Horowitz

Knowing the law is essential. But so is being able to communicate effectively about it. That can be challenging and stressful.

Briefs, memos, client letters, even daily correspondence—they'll all benefit from cracking the code on successful legal writing. So, we'll explore the fundamentals, and critical details, of creating clear, well-organized, persuasive legal documents. And we'll discuss ways to avoid common writing and editing stumbles.

Some likely topics:

- What should you include and what can you leave out?
- Are you writing everything the same way?
- Shouldn't your brief be a little more...brief?
- And do you really need all that legalese?

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Trump Card on Energy

CLE: 1

Presented by: Katie Schroder

Sponsored by the Energy and Natural Resources Section

President Trump began his second term with grand promises and dramatic action, such as by declaring a national energy emergency within hours of taking office. Since then, he has announced aggressive measures to hasten federal permitting, upended implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, and has begun to roll back regulations

adopted during President Biden's administration. This program will review the first nine months of the Trump Administration, the sweeping regulatory changes that have been adopted or are forthcoming, and their effects on the State of Wyoming.

BREAKOUT 2: AI for the Transactional Lawyer: 5 Steps to Increase Proficiency

CLE: 1

Presented by: Lonnie Foote, III

AI won't replace lawyers—but lawyers who embrace AI will replace those who don't. In this practical session, Lonnie Foote will walk you through five easy steps to harness AI and future-proof your legal practice:

- Ask questions - prompt engineering basics
- Provide context - increasing accuracy and directing output
- Give instructions - know what's possible to maximize your ROI
- Run a playbook - check documents against market standards
- Create new rules - train the system to think like you by customizing your playbook rules

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Speaker Biographies



Tyler Allison
Decisis
Beavercreek, Ohio

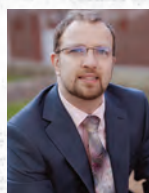
Tyler Allison is a seasoned authority in legal research dedicated to transforming complex processes into intuitive, user-friendly experiences. With extensive, hands-on experience at LexisNexis, Tyler has mastered the art of simplifying legal research, and he now brings that expertise to the Decisis team. His innovative approach empowers legal professionals to harness advanced research tools with confidence, while his commitment to exceptional customer support ensures they receive unparalleled assistance every step of the way.

A proud graduate of Miami University and a resident of Beavercreek, Ohio, Tyler enjoys spending his downtime at sporting events and trying the newest restaurant in town.



TahNee L. Alton
Sweetwater County Attorney's Office
Rock Springs, Wyoming

TahNee Alton has been a Deputy County & Prosecuting Attorney in Sweetwater County since 2021. Additionally, TahNee currently serves as the prosecutor for the Treatment Court Program of Sweetwater County and serves on the Criminal Justice Section Council for the Wyoming State Bar. In her spare time, TahNee enjoys traveling, reading, and exploring the outdoors with her rescue Shih Tzu, Meatball.



Donald S. Bellamy
Campbell County Attorney's Office
Gillette, Wyoming

Donald Bellamy has served as a Deputy County Attorney in Campbell County, Wyoming, since 2023. Before his current employment, he started his legal career in 2021 as an Assistant Public Defender. He also serves on the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Well-Being.



Rachel M. Berkness
Freeburg Law, LLC
Jackson, Wyoming

Rachel Berkness is a personal injury attorney with Freeburg Law's Cheyenne office. She has been a Wyoming lawyer since moving here from California in 2017.

Rachel believes firmly that true legal skill isn't measured by giving your opposing counsel the cold shoulder or engaging in performative outrage, but by treating colleagues—and adversaries—with respect. Confident advocates let their work speak for itself.

Rachel is a board member with the Wyoming Trial Lawyer's Association and co-chairs the Women's Caucus with Kylie Schmidt. She's also the lead singer of City Creek Band.



Michael E. Bohl
Wyoming Bank & Trust
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mike Bohl is the Executive Vice President and Trust Officer of Wyoming Bank & Trust where he is in charge of the administration of personal and corporate trusts. Mr. Bohl has been a trust officer since 1981. He received his B.S. degree in business management from the University of Wyoming and his J.D. degree from the University of Wyoming College of Law. He is past President of the Laramie County Bar Association and is a member of the Colorado State Bar, Wyoming State Bar, Laramie County Bar Association, the Southeast Wyoming Estate Planning Council and the Wyoming Trust Association. He is also a National Association of Estate Planning Councils Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®).



Lauren B. Browne
Mannen Browne LLC
Jackson, Wyoming

Lauren Browne was born in Illinois but grew up in Miami, Florida. When she was eight years old, her family began traveling to Wyoming every year. She and her husband made the decision to relocate to Jackson to be near extended family after their first son was born. Lauren, Edward, and their sons enjoy all the valley has to offer, including skiing, camping, fly fishing, hiking, and



horseback riding. Lauren graduated from the Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006 and is a partner at Mannen Browne LLC. Lauren's practice focuses exclusively on family law, including but not limited to, divorce, custody, paternity, custody modifications, adoptions, guardianships, surrogacy, and the negotiation of prenuptial agreements. Lauren also represents children as a Guardian ad Litem in custody matters. Prior to forming Mannen Browne, Lauren had her own solo practice for five years and served as the Executive Director of the Teton County Access to Justice Center from 2014-2015. Later, she served on the board from 2015-2020. Lauren is also licensed in California and practiced family law and civil litigation in Los Angeles and Orange County for six years. In Los Angeles, she was a volunteer attorney with the Los Angeles Domestic Violence Clinic. Lauren serves as a member of the Wyoming State Bar Family Law Section Council. She also is a guest speaker and panelist at seminars throughout Wyoming.



Shaina A. Case
Hathaway & Kunz, LLP
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Shaina A. Case is a client-centered attorney, focusing her practice primarily in trusts and estate law. She believes that a well-prepared estate plan is a gift we bestow upon ourselves while alive and well, and one of the last gifts we can leave our loved ones.

She specializes in designing both will- and trust-centered estate plans to assist her clients in avoiding probate, to ensure their overall goals and plans for distribution to their beneficiaries are achieved, and to plan for potential incapacity by preparing financial and medical powers of attorney. She also assists with elements of complex estate planning, including avoiding federal estate and GST tax, offering asset protection trust services and other irrevocable trust planning, and special needs trust planning.

The estate administration side of Shaina's practice is emphasized in advising personal representatives through court-supervised probates, while the trust administration side of Shaina's practice focuses on representing trustees during both lifetime and death administration.

At its core, Shaina's client-centered practice means she cares about those she represents and ensures her clients are informed and heard.



Hon. Jason M. Conder
Ninth Judicial District Court
Lander, Wyoming

Hon. Jason M. Conder is a District Court judge in the Ninth Judicial District Court and has been serving since 2019. From 2005-2019, Judge Conder served as Assistant U.S. Attorney. Prior to that, from 2003-2005 Judge Conder was a Deputy County Attorney in Uinta County, Wyoming. From 2002-2003, Judge Conder served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Terrance L. O'Brien, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and from 2001-2002, Judge Conder served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Clarence A. Brimmer, U.S. District Court Judge.



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Teresa Jacobs-Castano is a licensed clinical social worker and licensed addictions therapist. She has been assisting others develop the insight, awareness, and skills necessary to implement change and develop a healthy, connected lifestyle for over 26 years in her profession. She has a Master's in Social Work with a specialization in child welfare and has been working with families, children, and adolescents throughout her career. She originally started her career at Albany County Department of Family Services but has been one of the owners at the Clinic for Mental Health and Wellness since 2016. She has been in private practice for over 26 years and has expertise in facilitating co-parenting, mediation, and custody evaluations. She has been teaching a co-parenting class with Marce Nesslinger and teaching about developmentally appropriate coparenting plans at the law school in its clinic for over 20 years. She has testified in various courts across the state as an expert witness in custody cases. Additionally, she provides supervision and treatment for the substance abuse programming. She has developed specialized skills in working directly with adolescents and adults in the area of addictions. She provides substance abuse evaluations for adults and adolescents. She has been trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), which has been beneficial in her work with trauma victims. Over the years she has acquired the therapeutic tools necessary to help individuals address frequent treatment concerns such as depression, grief and anxiety. She has found that individuals and families enter treatment with the ability to create lasting change and healing in their lives. She appreciates and is grateful for the opportunity to assist in facilitating this process.





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In 2017, Wyoming Governor Mead appointed Matt to the Wyoming ENDOW Council, tasked with crafting a new 20-year economic diversification strategy for the State of Wyoming. Additionally, Matt was appointed by the Wyoming Supreme Court to assist in the establishment of the newly launched Chancery Court. In 2018, Matt's expertise was further recognized with reappointments by Governor Mead and subsequently by Governor Mark Gordon to the Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology, and Digital Innovation, where he continues to serve today.

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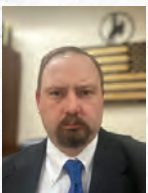


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Sulaiman Raja is an assistant director (and attorney) of the Wyoming Children's Law Center, which is based out of Laramie and has serviced all the 23 counties in Wyoming. Sulaiman has represented parents in special education matters, administrative due process hearings with the Wyoming Department of Education, as well as parents whose children are subject to CHINS and delinquency proceedings in juvenile court. In his free time, Sulaiman loves sipping coffee, ruminating on some good words, spending time with his wife, and being in the mountains and wild places of the world with his family and friends.



Mario M. Rampulla
Prehoda, Edwards & Rampulla, LLC
Laramie, Wyoming

Mario Rampulla is a partner at Prehoda, Edwards & Rampulla, LLC, in Laramie, Wyoming, where he focuses his practice on estate planning, representing trustees and personal representatives in administrative matters. Mario's expertise in federal estate, gift, and income tax issues allows him to provide guidance in complex estate planning strategies. In addition to his private practice, Mario is an adjunct professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law and has served as the faculty director of the Estate Planning and Probate Clinic, where he has mentored law students since 2018.



Matthew Roob
Spectrum Gaming
Horsham, Pennsylvania

Matthew Roob is the Senior Vice President, Financial Analyst for Spectrum Gaming Group. Mr. Roob's gaming experience began in 1994 when he worked with first movers in riverboat casino markets. He is experienced in gaming market analysis, feasibility studies, strategic planning, operational analysis, development consulting, sports betting, and related topics. He has provided financial analysis on iGaming, strategic planning for tribal

casinos, market analyses, and statewide gaming analyses in several states including Wyoming. Mr. Roob joined Spectrum Gaming Group in 2019, which produced the "Wyoming Gaming Expansion Study," submitted to the Wyoming Gaming Commission in November of 2024.



Tucker J. Ruby
Johnson County Attorney's
Office
Buffalo, Wyoming

Tucker Ruby was born and raised in Johnson County, Wyoming, on his family's ranch. He began his legal career with Goddard, Wages & Vogel in Buffalo, Wyoming in 2010 practicing in multiple areas including civil litigation, estate planning and criminal defense. He began serving as the Johnson County & Prosecuting Attorney in 2015 and currently serves as the President of the Wyoming County & Prosecuting Attorney's Association. He enjoys spending time with his wife and children and helping on the family ranch in his free time.



Kylie M. Schmidt
Ogborn Mihm LLP
Jackson, Wyoming

Kylie M. Schmidt is a partner at Ogborn Mihm, LLP. She has devoted her career to representing plaintiffs in personal injury, wrongful death, and medical malpractice matters. While Jackson is her home base, Kylie represents clients throughout the Mountain West (and beyond).

Kylie previously served on the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association's Board of Directors and chaired the organization's New Lawyers Division and Amicus Curiae Committee. She is currently on the board of the Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association, co-chairs the Women's Caucus, and is a state delegate for the American Association for Justice.

As a child, Kylie's family required her to write, address, and mail thank you notes before she was allowed to spend any birthday money from family members. She owes her professional etiquette as an adult to the lessons instilled by her parents.





Katie Schroder
Davis Graham
Denver, Colorado

Katie Schroder is a partner at Davis Graham in Denver, Colorado, where her practice focuses on all aspects of energy development on federal lands. Ms. Schroder counsels clients on federal oil and gas leasing, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and National Historic Preservation Act, and federal royalty issues. Katie has litigated in federal courts across the country and regularly handles administrative appeals before the Interior Board of Land Appeals and other agencies. She holds degrees from Rice University and the University of Colorado School of Law.



Ryan A. Semerad
Fuller & Semerad Law Firm
Casper, Wyoming

Ryan Semerad is a trial attorney and the owner of Fuller & Semerad, LLC.

Ryan grew up in upstate New York. He began his legal career at Jones Day in Cleveland, Ohio. Ryan then clerked for the Honorable Michael P. Gibbons of the Nevada Court of Appeals. After clerking, Ryan joined Holland & Hart LLP's Las Vegas office. Ryan teamed up with Don Fuller's Casper-based firm in 2020.

Ryan is the chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the Wyoming State Bar and a member of the Wyoming Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee. He lives in Casper with his wife and two children.



Christopher Sherwood
Yonkee & Toner, LLP
Sheridan, Wyoming

Christopher Sherwood practices with Yonkee & Toner, LLP, in Sheridan, Wyoming. His practice is concentrated in the areas of estate planning, family business planning, real estate, and trust and probate administration. He attended law school at the University of Wyoming, and graduated in 2013, going on to clerk for the Honorable Judge Thomas T.C. Campbell. Prior to law school, Christopher worked in a bank trust department for nine years. Christopher currently serves on two Sheridan area nonprofit boards and regularly volunteers in his community, while getting out into Wyoming's outdoors with his wife, Alice, as often as possible.



P. Craig Silva
Office of the Federal Public
Defender - Districts of Colorado
and Wyoming
Casper, Wyoming

P. Craig Silva graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1996. He clerked for Judge Ryckman in the Third Judicial District. He then worked for the Public Defender's Office in Casper, Wyoming, before transitioning to the District Attorney's Office in the Seventh Judicial District. He started as an associate with Williams, Porter, Day, and Neville, P.C. in 2000 where he worked for 23 years. He left there in 2024 to work for the Federal Public Defender's Office in Casper, Wyoming. He is the current President-Elect for the Wyoming State Bar. He is a board member of WTLA, a member of NACDL, and DLAW.



Alaina M. Stedillie
Crowley Fleck PLLP
Casper, Wyoming

Alaina M. Stedillie is a shareholder in the Casper office of Crowley Fleck PLLP. Her practice focuses on commercial, tort, and employment litigation, as well as employment advising and workplace investigations. She also serves as a court-appointed GAL for children in custody disputes or for vulnerable adults. Alaina is also the current President of the Defense Lawyers Association of Wyoming (DLAW). When she's not practicing law, Alaina is busy driving her daughter around to her many activities and enjoying Wyoming's great outdoors.



Timothy M. Stubson
Crowley Fleck PLLP
Casper, Wyoming

Tim Stubson is a Partner in Crowley Fleck's Casper office. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation including litigation in the areas of employment, banking, construction, oil and gas and health care. Tim also has significant experience handling appeals before the Wyoming Supreme Court. Tim has tried cases in federal and state courts across the state of Wyoming. Tim graduated with honors from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1997. Following graduation, he clerked for U.S. District Judge William F. Downes in the District of Wyoming. Tim spent 13 years practicing with the law firm Brown, Drew & Massey LLP before joining Crowley Fleck in 2011. Tim is also active in public service and served as a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives from 2008-2016, including a term as House Majority Whip and a term as Speaker Pro Tempore. Tim and his wife, Susan, have



two sons and spend their free time enjoying Wyoming's wild spaces.



Paul Unger
Affinity Consulting
Powder Springs, Georgia

Paul Unger is an attorney and one of the founding partners of Affinity Consulting Group. Paul focuses on national speaking/training, coaching, strategic consulting, and workflow design for law firms and legal departments. He provides continuing legal education (CLE), legal-specific software training, and professional development programs for law firms and legal departments throughout North America. He is the author of dozens of publications and legal technology manuals, including recently published books, *Tame the Digital Chaos: A Lawyer's Guide to Distraction, Time, Task & Email Management* (2020), *Getting Your Digital House in Order* (2023), *PowerPoint for Legal Professionals* (2023), and *Adobe Acrobat for Legal Professionals* (2020). He served as chair of the ABA Legal Technology Resource Center (2012-13, 2013-14), chair of ABA TECHSHOW (2011), and on the Executive Board for the Association for Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA) (2017-18, 2018-19). He is an active member of the Ohio State and New York State Bar Associations. Paul specializes in time, task and distraction management, document and email management, paperless office strategies, courtroom technology, and legal-specific software training for law firms and legal departments. In his spare time, he likes to run, swim, cook, garden, and restore old homes.



Anne K. Wasserburger
Wasserburger Law, LLC
Lusk, Wyoming

Anne Wasserburger is the County Attorney for Niobrara County. She splits her time between serving the County and running Wasserburger Law, LLC, which focuses on estate planning and transactions.

Anne graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 2013. She began her career at Williams, Porter, Day and Neville, focusing on insurance defense. After relocating to Lusk in 2015, Anne worked for Harriet Hageman on a wide array of natural resource law issues.

Anne is married to Andrew Wasserburger. They have three children, Henry, Grace, and Francis. They live 30 miles outside of Lusk on the family's ranch.



David B. Weiss
Office of the Federal Public
Defender
Cheyenne, Wyoming

David Weiss has served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Wyoming for the past 17 years, representing clients in a wide range of complex federal criminal cases. Before joining the Wyoming office, he spent five years as a state public defender in Philadelphia, where he gained extensive trial and courtroom experience. With over two decades of criminal defense practice, David brings deep insight into the real-world implications of federal firearm laws, from prohibited person prosecutions to sentencing enhancements. As moderator and speaker, he will guide discussion and provide context on how recent legal and regulatory shifts are affecting the criminal defense landscape.



James T. Whiting
Whiting Law, PC
Lander, Wyoming

James Whiting is based in Lander and is an active state public defender since 2008. Prior to his time as a public defender, James served as a deputy county attorney for three years. James is an active and involved member of the Wyoming State Bar, having been elected and served two three-year terms as a Wyoming State Bar Commissioner. He now serves as the President of the Bar. He has served on the state's Juvenile Justice Panel, been a volunteer member of the Children's Justice Project for the Wyoming Supreme Court, a management member of the Fremont County Juvenile Drug Court Team, as well as a foster parent for the State of Wyoming and Utah.



Jenni Wildcat
Wyoming Gaming Commission
Casper, Wyoming

Jenni Wildcat has more than 20 years of tribal gaming and regulatory experience. In May of 2025, she was named CEO of the Northern Arapaho Tribe's Wind River Hotel and Casino. Prior to this role, she served as a regulator overseeing secretarial procedures for the Northern Arapaho Gaming Agency where she was responsible for ensuring compliance. She serves as a direct liaison with federal and tribal entities; and develops policies and procedures for agency operations. Her additional gaming experience also includes serving as the Executive Director for the Eastern Shoshone Gaming Agency and as a Gaming Inspector for the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission. In 2020, Wyoming Governor Matt Mead appointed Ms. Wild-



cat to serve as a commissioner on the Wyoming Gaming Commission.



Hon. Antoinette Williams
First Judicial District Circuit
Court
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Antoinette "Toni" Williams was raised on her family's ranch in Northeast Wyoming. She graduated from Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota, where she received her undergraduate degree in political science. Before attending law school, Toni worked for the South Dakota state legislature and later for now Senator John Thune. She received her Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Administration from the University of South Dakota. She has worked extensively as a prosecutor and trial attorney handling high profile cases, complex litigation, child abuse and sexual assault cases. Toni served as the chief deputy prosecuting attorney in Laramie County before her appointment by Governor Matthew Mead in 2014 to her current position as a Laramie County Circuit Court judge.



David J. Willms
National Wildlife Federation
Cheyenne, Wyoming

David Willms is the National Wildlife Federation's Associate Vice President for Public Lands. Before joining the Federation, David served as a natural resources policy advisor to Wyoming Governor Matthew H. Mead, and as a natural resource attorney in both the public and private sector. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Wyoming's Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources where he has taught graduate courses on the Endangered Species Act and Wildlife Law. David received a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Wyoming. He is also a Robert W. Wilson fellow in Environmental Leadership through the University of Cambridge Judge Business School. David lives in Cheyenne with his wife and three children.



Cindi Wood
Attorney at Law
Casper, Wyoming

Cindi Wood, CWLS, is a graduate of the University of Wyoming College of Law. Since 2002 she has been in private practice in Casper, Wyoming. She primarily practices in the areas of juvenile law, family law and criminal defense. Ms. Wood has received accolades for her work with parents in the juvenile court system. She

has conducted training on the representation of parents in the juvenile court system. She has been asked and has offered training to advocates against domestic violence primarily in the area of sexual assault. She has been asked and accepted to provide education to members of our community during the peoples law school which was previously offered by Casper College.



Micah Wyatt
Fremont County Attorney's
Office
Lander, Wyoming

Micah Wyatt is the newly appointed Fremont County and Prosecuting Attorney. He has been with the Fremont County Attorney's Office since 2019 practicing in Title 14 matters. Prior to coming to Fremont County, he practiced Estate Planning, Probate, Business Organizations, and Transactional Law in a family firm based in Sheridan. Micah is Wyoming-born and happy to have the opportunity to do meaningful work with a main office in Lander. When not serving the citizens of Fremont County, he spends his time hiking with his yellow Labrador, Sebastian, cooking, reading, and playing or recording music with his perpetually failing, but stalwart, Americana Duo, The Tinderwoods. In prosecution practice, Wyatt adheres to a duty to enact justice in its broad form, with a focus on balance within the adversarial system. Once described as hitting "hard, but fair," he values a system that honors the real parties in interest with the rights each party is due.





General Information

Three Easy Ways To Register!

1. Access your Member Login at www.wyomingbar.org (if paying by credit card). Make sure you are logged in to receive the member discount!
2. Mail completed registration form along with payment to:

Wyoming State Bar
P.O. Box 109
Cheyenne, WY 82003
3. Scan completed registration form and e-mail it to bbowen@wyomingbar.org (with credit card info).

Enter the Early Bird Drawing

Register by August 27, 2025, to be entered in the drawing to win a full refund of your registration fees. Enjoy reduced registration rates if you register by August 27th. Rates will increase August 28th. Those who do not pre-register may register at the door; however, the rates will be higher.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Registration refunds, less a 20% processing fee, will be given to registrants who cancel by 5:00 p.m. on or before September 3, 2025. If cancellation is received between September 4-9th at 5:00 p.m., refunds will be given less a 30% processing fee. After September 9th, no refunds will be granted.

CLE Program Materials

Once you register, you will have the opportunity to download program materials from the Bar's website prior to the Annual Meeting & Judicial Conference. It is strongly recommended that you take advantage of this opportunity if you prefer to have materials with you while attending the pro-

gram. There will be no hand-outs available at the CLE courses and we cannot guarantee adequate access to electrical outlets for those wishing to view materials from a laptop.

DOWNLOAD THE APP!

The Wyoming State Bar is excited to once again offer a mobile app for this year's Annual Meeting! Download the app by visiting the app store on your mobile device and search for "Yapp." You can also navigate to <https://my.yapp.us/B7PYVL> on your device's web browser.



The fastest way to load the URL on your phone or mobile device is to point its camera at this QR code. Tap the prompt that comes up asking you to open a URL.

Lodging

All CLE programs and most social events will take place at the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center/ UW Conference Center. The Wyoming State Bar has reserved a block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn to ensure the lowest possible rate. When you make your reservations, be sure to indicate that you are attending the Wyoming State Bar Annual Meeting & Judicial Conference. \$189 + tax. The room block will only be held until August 18, 2025. Call (307) 745-5500 to make your reservations!

Questions?

Please contact Sharon Wilkinson, Executive Director, at (307) 432-2102 or by e-mail at swilkinson@wyomingbar.org.





Registration

Online registration available
through Member Login at
www.wyomingbar.org.

1. General Information

Name _____
Attorney # _____ Law School (for law student registration) _____
Firm/Organization _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
E-mail _____

2. Full In-Person Registration Options (select one)

Includes all CLE programs, electronic materials, meals and social events.

- ☐ Active Member Attorneys \$350 (\$400 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ New Active Member Attorneys (practicing five years or less) \$225 (\$275 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Emeritus \$100 (\$150 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Law Students \$25
- ☐ 2025 Law School Graduates \$25 (\$75 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Non-Member \$600 (\$650 after Aug. 27)

3. Judicial Registration Options (Justices and Judges ONLY)

Only for FULL-TIME Supreme Court Justices, District Court & Circuit Court Judges, Chancery Court Judge or Hon. Retired

- ☐ In-Person \$150
- ☐ Virtual \$150

4. One-Day Only In-Person Registration Options (select one)

- ☐ Wednesday \$200 (\$250 after Aug. 27)
(includes 6 CLE credits/2.5 ethics, online materials, Judicial Luncheon and Welcome Reception)
- ☐ Thursday \$200 (\$250 after Aug. 27)
(includes 6 CLE credits/2 ethics, online materials, Access to Justice Luncheon and Cocktail Party/Annual Banquet)
- ☐ Friday \$200 (\$250 after Aug. 27)
(includes 6 CLE credits/4.5 ethics, online materials and Annual Business Meeting Luncheon)

For ALL (2, 3 & 4) registration options above, please indicate the social events you plan to attend.

- ☐ Judicial Luncheon (Wednesday) ☐ Annual Banquet (Thursday)
- ☐ Welcome Reception (Wednesday) ☐ Annual Business Meeting Luncheon (Friday)
- ☐ Access to Justice Luncheon (Thursday)



5. Virtual Registration Options (CLE Programs Only) (must have a Zoom account) (select one)

- ☐ Active Full Virtual Registration \$350 (\$400 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ New Active Full Virtual Registration \$225 (\$275 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Emeritus Full Virtual Registration..... \$100 (\$150 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Non-Member Full..... \$600 (\$650 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Wednesday Only..... \$200 (\$250 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Thursday Only..... \$200 (\$250 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Friday Only..... \$200 (\$250 after Aug. 27)

6. Social Events Only/Guest Registration (for members or guests)

Guest's Name _____

- ☐ Social Events Only - Single Event Only (choose any one event below) \$50 (\$100 after Aug. 27)
- ☐ Social Events Only - Multiple Events (all-inclusive)..... \$85 (\$135 after Aug. 27)

Please check all events your guest plans to attend.

- ☐ Judicial Luncheon (Wednesday) ☐ Annual Banquet (Thursday)
- ☐ Welcome Reception (Wednesday) ☐ Annual Business Meeting Luncheon (Friday)
- ☐ Access to Justice Luncheon (Thursday)

7. ☐ Race Judicata \$35

- ☐ Sign my guest up for Race Judicata \$35

Guest's Name _____

8. Dietary Restrictions

- ☐ Vegetarian Meals
- ☐ Other Dietary Restrictions (Please specify) _____

9. Total Fees \$ _____

10. Payment Options

- ☐ Payment Enclosed (checks payable to the Wyoming State Bar)
- ☐ Please charge my credit card

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Billing Address Zip Code _____

Send registration to:

Wyoming State Bar

P.O. Box 109

Cheyenne, WY 82003

bbowen@wyomingbar.org





CLE Course Selection

Please indicate the CLE courses you plan to attend or view virtually. This form must be completed and returned by all those who registered to attend in person.

Wednesday, September 17th

TIME	CLE/ETHICS	COURSE
8:15 - 11:45 a.m.	3/1	1. ____ Beyond the Brief: Modern Communication Mastery for Today's Legal Professionals
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0.5	2. ____ Mindfulness During Maddening Times
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0.5	3. ____ Zombie Bankruptcy Filings: Your Survival Guide to Handling Repeat Filers and Dismissals
1:30 - 3:45 p.m.	2/0	4. ____ Understanding Franchises - What They Are, How They're Regulated and Avoiding the "Accidental Franchise"
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	5. ____ Civil Law Update
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	6. ____ Merit Selection: Putting Wyoming's Experience in a National and Historical Context
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	7. ____ Empowering Justice: A Forward Look at Wyoming's Evolving Legislative Landscape
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	8. ____ Does Anybody Really Know What IDEA Is? Does Anybody Really Care? Yes, They Do. Yes, They Care. We Should All Care
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	9. ____ Criminal Law Update

Thursday, September 18th

TIME	CLE/ETHICS	COURSE
8:15 - 10:30 a.m.	2/0	10. ____ Federal Firearm Law After Bruen: What Every Wyoming Attorney Needs to Know
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	11. ____ The Great Public Land Debate: Litigation, Legislation, and the Future of the Public Domain
8:15 - 10:30 a.m.	2/0	12. ____ Upping the Ante - The State of Gaming in Wyoming
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	13. ____ Juvenile Defense 101 - Minor Issues: Major Legal Principles in Juvenile Justice
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0.5	14. ____ Discovery in Civil Litigation: What To Do When the Civil Discovery Process Lacks Civility
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0.5	15. ____ The 2030 Law Firm: Get Ready
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	16. ____ Juvenile Court - A Peek into the Confidential World of Abuse and Neglect Cases
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0.5	17. ____ Practical Applications of AI Tools in Legal Practice: Leveraging ChatGPT and Other AI Tools for Efficiency and Accuracy
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0.5	18. ____ Mind Your Manners, Counsel: The Unwritten Rules of Lawyer Etiquette
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	3/0	19. ____ Voir Dire, Jury Selection and Advanced Trial Tactics
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0.5	20. ____ Believe It or Not: True Stories of Workplace Discrimination - Have You Been Here or Seen This?
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	21. ____ Shared Custody in Wyoming: A Win-Win for Kids?
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	22. ____ Success and Succession in the Impossible World: Planning Considerations for the Closely Held Family Agricultural Community
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	23. ____ A Game of Chance: Insurance and the Concept of Fortuity

Friday, September 19th

TIME	CLE/ETHICS	COURSE
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	1/0.5	24. ____ Rise & Shine. Breathwork, Meditation & Yoga for Real People: A Quick & Easy Morning Routine to Start Your Days Better
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	25. ____ Ensuring Your Client's Charitable Legacy by Working Well with Charities
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	26. ____ Civil Law Update
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/1	27. ____ Construction in the Court - Build a Solid Foundation, Then Worry About Curtain Colors
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	28. ____ Best Practices and Emerging Trends in Probate, Estate Planning, Estate Administration and Charitable Planning
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	29. ____ Criminal Law Update
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	30. ____ Blockchain Technology and Digital Assets Innovation - A New Regulatory Path
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	31. ____ Introducing Decisis, Your Free Legal Research Tool
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/1	32. ____ The Journey is the Goal - Depression, Addiction and Self-Care within the Legal Field
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/1	33. ____ Balancing the Clock and the Code: Time Management to Uphold Ethical Obligations for Lawyers
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0	34. ____ For the State - Prosecutors' Approach to Criminal Litigation
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/1	35. ____ Cybersecurity & Ethical Pitfalls of Everyday Law Office Computing
1:30 - 3:45 p.m.	2/0	36. ____ "You Write Just Like a Lawyer!" Might Not Be a Compliment
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	37. ____ Trump Card on Energy
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	38. ____ AI for the Transactional Lawyer: 5 Steps to Increase Proficiency

