



Wyoming State Bar

Annual Meeting & Judicial Conference

2026



September 16 - 18, 2026

WYO Sports Ranch
Casper, Wyoming

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President's Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Wyoming State Bar, I am pleased to invite you to the 2026 Annual Meeting & Judicial Conference in Casper, Wyoming. As tradition holds, the Bar President chooses the Annual Meeting location, and I'm delighted to have selected Casper—a community proud of the Natrona County Mustangs, the Kelly Walsh Trojans, the Casper College T Birds, and the minor league Spuds—to host this year's gathering at the new Wyoming Sports Ranch.



This year's program promises to be one of our most engaging and dynamic yet. CLE offerings include timely, practice-relevant sessions on data centers; navigating legal ethics; inside the Gaming Commission; professional sports/anti doping/safe sports; and the NIL revolution. We are honored to feature standout Wyoming athlete Jonny Kulow—a freestyle/utility swimmer for Arizona State University, a 10 time CSCAA All-American, former USA National Junior Team member, and five time NCAA champion—as part of our Sports Ranch programming.

Beyond the substantive presentations, the Annual Meeting will include a Welcome Reception at The Barn by The Five Deuces and numerous opportunities for networking with colleagues and members of the judiciary.

I appreciate the continued support that makes this conference a success each year, and I look forward to welcoming you to Casper for what promises to be a memorable and enriching event.

P. Craig Silva
President

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WYO Sports Ranch



Casper has always needed more space for youth sports activities. In 2021, a small group of people decided to create a solution for this local problem. The idea started as a single court facility for low-cost rent only. The more the idea was discussed within the community, the more it quickly grew.

Could they build enough courts to host regional or maybe national tournaments and help the economy of our community and state? Could they add indoor turf to support the multitude of outdoor sports programs struggling to train in the winter? Could they add programs to help reduce injuries in athletes while promoting long-term physical and mental wellness?

The answer was “Yes they can.” The solution was the WYO Sports Ranch.

So the WYO Complex was created as a 501(c)3 tasked with raising the money to build the WYO Sports Ranch, overseeing its daily operations, and ensuring its success long into the future.

The WYO Complex Board of Directors (which includes Casper lawyer Kyle Ridgeway) is proud of what the WYO Sports Ranch has become and what it brings to Casper. It is far more than a simple practice facility for youth. It is a facility for hosting local, regional and national tournaments, for community events and trade shows, for school district support, a place for beginners and elite athletes alike, and a facility with growing opportunities and possibilities for Casper and Central Wyoming.

Schedule-At-A-Glance

Wednesday, September 16th

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens		WYO Sports Ranch
8:15 - 11:45 a.m.	PLENARY: The Lawyer’s Compass—Character, Ethics and Trust in Modern Legal Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John E. Moore, III 	WYO Sports Ranch
12:00 - 1:20 p.m.	Judicial Luncheon (open to all in-person registrants) Beyond Partisanship: Understanding America’s Declining Trust in Public Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. David C. Earnest 	WYO Sports Ranch
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: The Numbers Behind the Divorce: What Family Law Attorneys Need to Know About Small Business Taxes, Valuation and Income Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conner C. Hunsaker 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: The “High-Performance” Paradox: Sustaining Excellence Without Burnout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason E. Ochs (Moderator) Donald S. Bellamy Erin E. Berry Hunter L. Peterson Hon. Antoinette Williams 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: The Monster Under the Bed: Sleeping Well in a World of Undue Influence Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Kilpatrick 	WYO Sports Ranch
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break		
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Civil Law Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily S. Madden 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Behind the Wagering: Inside the Gaming Commission and State Gaming Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. Craig Silva (Moderator) Russell Krause Nicholas Laramendy Michael Steinberg Christopher Williams 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: T&E’s Believe it or Not! Surprising Bequest Cases from Around the Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Kilpatrick 	WYO Sports Ranch
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Break		
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Digital Evidence in an Era of Exploding Data, Cloud Sync, Encryption and AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ovie L. Carroll 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: And We’re Off to the Races ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traci L. Lacock Kyle A. Ridgeway 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Criminal Law Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny L. Craig 	WYO Sports Ranch
5:15 p.m.	Welcome Reception		The Barn by The Five Deuces LLC

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Thursday, September 17th

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
6:30 a.m.	Race Judicata		Tate Pumphouse
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Data Centers in the Cowboy State: What Lawyers Need to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian A. Annes 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Development in and Around Indian Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken Ahmann Jacob M. Dillon Timothy H. McLaughlin Pilar Thomas 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Wyoming's State Constitution: Cut and Paste Job or Pioneering?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert B. Keiter William P. Schwartz Samuel Western 	WYO Sports Ranch
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Bench Marks: Understanding How Judges are Chosen in Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Lynne J. Boomgaarden Rick Fagnant Devon P. O'Connell 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Criminal Law Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny L. Craig 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: The Integrity Crisis: Navigating the Legal and Ethical Challenges of the Evolving Sports Betting Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Heap 	WYO Sports Ranch
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: The NIL Revolution: Navigating the New Legal Frontier of Collegiate Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason E. Ochs 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Conscious Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sybil Dunlop 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Jurisdiction, Rule of Law & Structural Resilience in Digital Asset Wealth Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt T. McClintock 	WYO Sports Ranch
12:00 - 1:20 p.m.	Access to Justice Luncheon From Legal Aid to Justice Infrastructure: Reimagining Access to Legal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashley Campbell 	WYO Sports Ranch

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Thursday, September 17th, continued

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	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Beyond NIL—Emerging Legal Issues in Professional and Amateur Sports (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly Shick Michelle Steinfeld Guiselle Torres 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: The Affirmative Action Decisions Came Out as We Expected. What Now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sybil Dunlop 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: When Competence Cracks: Burnout, Boundaries and Ethical Risk in the Modern Legal Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cody M. Jerabek 	WYO Sports Ranch
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Beyond NIL—Emerging Legal Issues in Professional and Amateur Sports (Part 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly Shick Michelle Steinfeld Guiselle Torres 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Code, Counsel and Clarity: On the Range, On the Chain and On the Hill (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Alston Julie A. Hill Miles Jennings Matt D. Kaufman David Kerr Chris Land Flavia B. Naves Ari Redbord Christopher Rothfuss 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Securing Your Small & Solo Legal Practice—A Real-World Cybersecurity Conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Baker Shelby N. Price 	WYO Sports Ranch
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: AI and Bias: How to Ensure that AI Works For You and Not Against You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sybil Dunlop 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Code, Counsel and Clarity: On the Range, On the Chain and On the Hill (Part 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Alston Julie A. Hill Miles Jennings Matt D. Kaufman David Kerr Chris Land Flavia B. Naves Ari Redbord Christopher Rothfuss 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Presuming 50/50: Policy, Practice, and the Future of Custody Determinations in Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry V. Crago Mary “Jenny” Hall Elizabeth B. Lance 	WYO Sports Ranch
6:00 p.m.	Pre-Banquet Cocktail Party		WYO Sports Ranch
7:00 p.m.	2026 Annual Banquet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonny Kulow WYO Sports Ranch

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Friday, September 18th

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyson E. Logan Devon P. O'Connell 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Ethics Hotline FAQs—What Lawyers Are Asking About	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark W. Gifford 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Civil Law Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily S. Madden 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Specie Specifics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lawrence D. Hilton 	WYO Sports Ranch
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Ringing the Bell Without Sounding the Alarm: IPO Lessons from the Trenches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flavia B. Naves Jonathan Truppman 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Artificial Intelligence & Attorney Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blake A. Klinkner 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: The Other Side of Sentencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Shannon 	WYO Sports Ranch
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Introducing Decisis, Your Free Legal Research Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyler Allison 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Federal Court in Wyoming: What State-Court Lawyers Sometimes Get Wrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben J. Rowland (Moderator) Amanda F. Esch Kevin K. Kessner Hon. Kelly H. Rankin 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Follow the Money: Crypto, AI & the New Architecture of Financial Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Lee 	WYO Sports Ranch
12:00 - 1:20 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting Luncheon (open to all in-person registrants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison O. Gee 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: No Country for Young Lawyers? Wyoming's Legal Desert Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kayla A. Albertson (Moderator) Angie M. Dorsch Loretta H. Kallas Marshall E. Keller Alan Romero Ryan A. Semerad 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: 2026 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blake A. Klinkner 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Objection, Stereotype: A Candid Conversation about Assumptions Across the Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy D. Michaels (Moderator) Amanda M. Good Hon. Stuart S. Healy, III Clayton M. Melinkovich Devon W. Petersen G. Bryan Ulmer Emily R. Williams 	WYO Sports Ranch

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Friday, September 18th

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Preparing Your Clients Before DHS Comes Knocking: I-9 Compliance and Employer Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy L. DeLancey Samantha Wolfe 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 2: Workplace Investigation? Drama, Duties and the Consequences of Dereliction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalie R. Lynch 	WYO Sports Ranch
	BREAKOUT 3: Mens Rea: It's the Thought That Counts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devon W. Petersen 	WYO Sports Ranch
	CONCLUSION OF 2026 ANNUAL MEETING		

2026 CLE Committee

Thank you to this year's Continuing Legal Education Committee for its hard work and dedication in developing the programming for this year's Annual Meeting. Their thoughtful planning and commitment to providing timely, high-quality educational opportunities are greatly appreciated and help make the Annual Meeting a success.

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Wednesday, September 16th

8:15 - 11:45 a.m.

PLENARY: The Lawyer's Compass—Character, Ethics, and Trust in Modern Legal Practice

CLE: 3/3 Ethics

Presented by: John E. Moore, III

As attorneys, we face declining public confidence in our profession while technology, competition, and changing client expectations continue to reshape the practice of law. Our future success—and the future of the profession—depends upon our ability to build trust, demonstrate character, and earn confidence in every professional interaction.

In this opening plenary, John Moore explores the challenges facing today's legal profession and provides practical, concrete strategies for becoming a more trusted practitioner. Participants will examine the relationship between competence, character, ethics, and professional fulfillment, while learning how trust can serve as a powerful driver of personal success, client relationships, leadership, and professional reputation.

This opening plenary offers a thoughtful framework for lawyers seeking to strengthen their practice, enhance their impact, and help restore confidence in the legal profession.

12:00 - 1:20 p.m.

Judicial Luncheon

(open to all in-person registrants)

Beyond Partisanship: Understanding America's Declining Trust in Public Institutions

Presented by: David C. Earnest, Ph.D.

Why do Americans have so little trust in institutions? In this talk, Dr. Earnest, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and professor of political science at South Dakota State University, reviews data from the annual General Social Survey that tracks changes over the last five decades in Americans' perceptions of institutions. These include views on Congress, the presidency, and courts, as well as nongovernmental institutions like the media, higher education, and organized religion. He will also examine changes in the demographic and geographic composition of the two major American political parties. Contrary to popular opinion, distrust of institutions is not a partisan issue: though

some differences exist, Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike show broad patterns of long-term decline in trust. Rather, the contemporary era of distrust corresponds to the declining competitiveness in Congressional elections, widening urban-rural disparities, and the proliferation of new media outlets for journalism. He will conclude by exploring promising strategies for strengthening the civic bond between citizens and public servants.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: The Numbers Behind the Divorce: What Family Law Attorneys Need to Know About Small Business Taxes, Valuation and Income Determination

CLE: 1

Presented by: Conner C. Hunsaker

Sponsored by the Children & Family Law Section

This course will explore the key financial and tax issues family law attorneys encounter when representing self-employed individuals, focusing on how tax returns, business valuations, and income determination analyses intersect in divorce and support matters. Attendees will learn to identify tax return items that may affect reported income, cash flow, and business value, including pass-through income, officer compensation, depreciation, discretionary expenses, retained earnings, and nonrecurring adjustments. The presentation will also address common valuation concepts in closely held business disputes, including normalized earnings, reasonable compensation, goodwill, discounts, and the difference between business value and income available for support. Through a practical, client-focused lens, this course will help participants better understand what financial information to request, where issues commonly arise, and how to work effectively with CPA and valuation experts.

BREAKOUT 2: The “High-Performance” Paradox: Sustaining Excellence Without Burnout

CLE: 1/0.5 Ethics

Presented by: Jason E. Ochs (Moderator), Donald S. Bellamy, Erin E. Berry, Hunter L. Peterson & Hon. Antoinette Williams

Sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Well-Being

This panel discussion aims to reframe wellness not as “soft” self-care, but as professional competency required for high-level advocacy. Well-being will always need a focus on a culture of leadership and the “bravery” of vulnerability in a profession that prizes invulnerability. It will also connect well-being directly to the Rules of Professional Conduct. While the rules are not the primary focus of this presentation, it cannot go without mentioning them in part. The overall goal is to help focus the audience on wellness for people who don’t have time for wellness.

BREAKOUT 3: The Monster Under the Bed: Sleeping Well in a World of Undue Influence Claims

CLE: 1

Presented by: Jack Kilpatrick

Sponsored by the Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust & Probate Section & the Wyoming Community Foundation

For many Trusts and Estates attorneys, claims of undue influence are the monsters hiding under the bed. You never really know when it will pop up or if it is even there at all. This program will walk attendees through different laws surrounding undue influence, stories of undue influence from real cases, red flags to look for, and strategies to protect both yourself as the drafting attorney and your client’s true intentions. Lastly, because sometimes litigation is unavoidable, we will discuss undue influence litigation from the perspective of the plaintiff, defendant, and the most common key witness, the drafting attorney.

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 2025-2026, 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: Behind the Wagering: Inside the Gaming Commission and State Gaming Revenue

CLE: 1

Presented by: P. Craig Silva (Moderator), Russell Krause, Nicholas Laramendy, Michael Steinberg & Christopher Williams

Betting on Wyoming, this presentation will introduce attorneys to the regulatory backbone of the state’s booming gaming sector—the Wyoming Gaming Commission—and explain how lawful gaming transforms local economies, fills vacant commercial space, and generates substantial tax revenue (e.g., November 2025—gross revenue from gaming at \$23,751,232.51 with tax revenue at \$4,765,489.69; in December 2025—gross revenue at \$24,511,111.16 with tax revenue at \$4,886,232.54).

Panelists will include Executive Director Nicholas Laramendy, Deputy Director and Special Agent Supervisor Michael Steinberg, Senior Inspection Specialist Russell Krause, and Senior Auditor Christopher Williams. They will explain their roles and the Commission’s mission to protect the wagering public and safeguard health, safety, and welfare in all gaming and pari-mutuel activity, outline licensing, enforcement, and compliance priorities, and equip counsel with practical guidance for advising developers, operators, and municipalities engaged in wager-driven revitalization.

BREAKOUT 3: T&E’s Believe it or Not! Surprising Bequest Cases from Around the Country

CLE: 1

Presented by: Jack Kilpatrick

Sponsored by the Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust & Probate Section & the Wyoming Community Foundation

The most common, and least satisfying, answer a lawyer can give their client is “it depends.” We have all done it and we will continue to do it. These cases are why the law remains

unpredictable. This program will discuss probate, estate planning, and bequest administration cases from multiple jurisdictions around the country. All of these cases will involve an unusual set of facts or holding. We will examine examples of defective wills, issues in beneficiary designations, lost wills, and reopening closed estates.

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

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4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Digital Evidence in an Era of Exploding Data, Cloud Sync, Encryption and AI

CLE: 1

Presented by: Ovie L. Carroll

Every investigation now lives in a digital world. From mobile phones, cloud storage, synchronized browsers, social media, encrypted devices, and artificial intelligence, today's evidence is created everywhere, replicated constantly, and often lost before investigators realize it exists. This presentation challenges listeners to rethink digital evidence across the full investigative lifecycle: before the search, during the search, after seizure, and at trial.

Using vivid examples and practical forensic concepts, the session explains why digital investigative analysis is not simply "pushing buttons," but the disciplined process of identifying, preserving, analyzing, and telling the story of what happened on a device or across an account ecosystem. Attendees will hear why live systems matter, how RAM can contain critical evidence such as encryption keys, cloud activity, searches, chats, and geolocation data, and why pulling the plug can destroy irreplaceable evidence.

The presentation also addresses the growing threat of AI-generated media and disinformation, emphasizing the need for trained cyber professionals who can validate authenticity through artifacts, metadata, file structure, and forensic context. From Locard's Exchange Principle to deleted files, hash values, cloud evidence, browser synchronization, and courtroom trust, this session reinforces a central message: digital evidence is everywhere, but only trained investigative analysts can preserve it, interpret it, and tell the truth it contains.

BREAKOUT 2: And We're Off to the Races...

CLE: 1

Presented by: Traci L. Lacock & Kyle A. Ridgeway

This program offers a comprehensive look at Wyoming's dynamic horse racing industry, tracing its evolution from traditional live racing to the innovative world of Historic Horse Racing (HHR). Attendees will gain practical insight into the licensing process, regulatory requirements, economic impact, and the legal framework governing both live and historic horse racing in the state. A central focus of the program is the symbiotic relationship between HHR terminals and live racing operations—and the pivotal role HHR has played in preserving and revitalizing Wyoming's horse racing industry. Participants will also receive an overview of the permitting process and the structure of regulated gaming in Wyoming, equipping practitioners with the foundational knowledge needed to advise clients operating in this specialized space.

BREAKOUT 2: Criminal Law Update

CLE: 1

Presented by: Jenny L. Craig

Offered again Thursday!

Get up to speed on all of the developments in criminal law at this year's Criminal Law Update. We will discuss important Wyoming state legislative changes, as well as how the Wyoming Supreme Court has been viewing juvenile life sentences, self-defense, search and seizure, conditional guilty pleas, deferred prosecutions, and much more!

5:15 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Location: The Barn by The Five Deuces

The Wyoming State Bar is pleased to welcome Annual Meeting registrants, guests, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors to a special Welcome Reception at The Barn by The Five Deuces.



This special gathering provides an excellent opportunity to reconnect with long-time friends, build new professional relationships, and engage with members of Wyoming's legal community in a relaxed and welcoming setting. We encourage you to attend and help us kick off the Annual Meeting with an evening of connection, collaboration and camaraderie.

Thursday, September 17th

6:30 a.m.

Race Judicata

Location: Tate Pumphouse

Lace up your running shoes and get ready to hit the road! This year's 5k is along the Platte River and Three Crowns Golf Course. The run will begin at the Tate Pumphouse in Downtown Casper. This is the perfect opportunity to get some exercise, enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Platte 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: Data Centers in the Cowboy State: What Lawyers Need to Know

CLE: 1

Presented by: Brian A. Annes

Sponsored by the Energy & Natural Resources Section

Wyoming is in the middle of a multi-billion-dollar data center boom, and the legal work touches nearly every practice area. From Industrial Siting Council permitting to large-load utility tariffs, co-located power generation, water appropriation, air quality compliance, and tax structuring, these projects are creating complex, sustained demand for Wyoming practitioners. This session offers a developer-side perspective on the regulatory and transactional framework governing AI infrastructure in the state, the competitive dynamics shaping site selection, and the emerging policy questions that will define the next phase of development.

BREAKOUT 2: Development in and Around Indian Country

CLE: 1

Presented by: Ken Ahmann, Jacob M. Dillon, Timothy H. McLaughlin & Pilar Thomas

Sponsored by the Federal Indian and Tribal Law Section

Indian Country contains tremendous development opportunities for both tribal members and non-members. However, development in Indian Country presents unique chal-

lenges which often require Indian law expertise to navigate. These challenges may include, but are by no means limited to, questions concerning the nature and scope of tribal jurisdiction, compliance with tribal employment requirements (i.e., TERO), compliance with statutory historic preservation and tribal consultation requirements, and, when applicable, compliance with tribal environmental regulations issued pursuant to the federal Clean Air and Water Acts.

The presentation will include (1) a brief history and overview of tribal employment regulations and common issues arising in the employment context, (2) a discussion of project finance and leasing opportunities, (3) an overview of federal and state historic preservation requirements and common issues arising therefrom, and (4) the scope of tribal environmental regulations and pitfalls to avoid.

BREAKOUT 3: Wyoming's State Constitution: Cut and Paste Job or Pioneering?

CLE: 1

Presented by: Robert B. Keiter, William P. Schwartz & Samuel Western

Wyoming historian T.A. Larson claimed the Wyoming Constitution was mostly a hodge-podge job lifted from the constitutions of other states with "little originality." This panel will test that claim with regard to several provisions reflecting our founders' unusually deep if not unique commitment to protecting the political rights of citizens from legislative encroachment through guarantees and prohibitions related to citizenship, voting rights, and elections. Those attending will come away with a deeper understanding of the constitutional origin and meaning of Wyoming's state motto "equal rights" as well as what our constitution teaches about "election integrity."

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

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BREAKOUT 1: Bench Marks: Understanding How Judges are Chosen in Wyoming

CLE: 1

Presented by: Hon. Lynne J. Boomgaarden, Rick Fagnant & Devon P. O'Connell

The path from candidate to bench in Wyoming is far more transparent and straightforward than headlines may suggest. This 60-minute presentation by Chief Justice Lynne Boomgaarden, Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC), JNC non-lawyer member Rick Fagnant, and former JNC Commissioner Devon O'Connell peels back the intricacies of the judicial nomination process from soup to nuts. Designed for lawyers who desire to become a judge, and for all folks who want a better understanding of the workings of the JNC, this presentation will explain the process from expression of interest to retention and all steps in between. This program will be interactive, and questions/concerns are welcome.

BREAKOUT 2: Criminal Law Update

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BREAKOUT 3: The Integrity Crisis: Navigating the Legal and Ethical Challenges of the Evolving Sports Betting Landscape

CLE: 1

Presented by: Matt Heap

The explosive growth of the regulated sports betting eco-system presents a host of complex legal and ethical challenges for regulators, governing bodies, and legal counsel. This session will provide a critical examination of the current wagering landscape and the integrity threats it poses.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

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10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: The NIL Revolution: Navigating the New Legal Frontier of Collegiate Athletics

CLE: 1

Presented by: Jason E. Ochs

This presentation explores the seismic shift in collegiate athletics following the landmark *NCAA v. Alston* decision and the subsequent dissolution of the amateurism model. We will trace the legal lineage from the *O'Bannon v. NCAA* antitrust litigation to the current "Wild West" landscape of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL), examining the mechanics of booster-led collectives and the looming Title IX and antitrust challenges facing Division I institutions. Moving beyond the current chaos, the session will propose a framework for stabilization. Finally, consider if this new landscape may be suitable for an additional income stream in your firm.

BREAKOUT 2: Conscious Inclusion

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Sybil Dunlop

The opposite of unconscious bias isn't the absence of bias—it's conscious inclusion. This session explores how the brain builds mental shortcuts to navigate a complex world, and how those same shortcuts quietly distort our judgment about everything from risk to credibility to talent. Participants will learn where these biases come from, why even well-intentioned people fall prey to them, and—most importantly—concrete strategies to interrupt and override them in real time. The goal is practical: to replace automatic, error-prone snap judgments with deliberate, inclusive decision-making that helps organizations recognize and develop talent they might otherwise overlook.

BREAKOUT 3: Jurisdiction, Rule of Law & Structural Resilience in Digital Asset Wealth Planning

CLE: 1

Presented by: Matt T. McClintock

Professional advisors increasingly encounter clients with significant digital asset holdings, concentrated wealth positions, and cross-border complexity. Yet many advisors still lack a durable framework for addressing the tax, governance, fiduciary, and trust-structure complexities that arise when significant digital asset holdings are integrated into long-term planning. This program explores how jurisdictional selection, custody infrastructure, rule-of-law considerations, regulatory concentration risk, tax and compliance issues, fiduciary responsibilities, ethical considerations, and cross-border compliance affect planning for clients with significant digital asset positions. Attendees will gain practical insight into designing resilient, multi-jurisdiction planning structures that preserve flexibility, governance discipline, and long-term structural integrity.

12:00 - 1:20 p.m.

Access to Justice Luncheon

(open to all in-person registrants)

Presented by: Ashley Campbell

From Legal Aid to Justice Infrastructure: Reimagining Access to Legal Services

In her keynote, "From Legal Aid to Justice Infrastructure," Campbell will explore how legal aid organizations can move beyond traditional direct representation models to help build modern statewide justice systems capable of reaching people in underserved communities.

Drawing on the work of Legal Aid of North Carolina's Innovation Lab, launched in 2023, Campbell will discuss how technology, mobile services, online intake systems, data-informed delivery, court partnerships, and statewide collaboration can expand access to justice while preserving the essential role of lawyers and human-centered advocacy.

The presentation will also share how Legal Aid of North Carolina is studying access models from the healthcare sector, including hub-and-spoke service delivery, telehealth-style approaches, MyChart type client portals and regional infrastructure systems, to better serve communities facing attorney shortages, geographic isolation, and growing unmet legal needs.

Campbell will discuss the concept of "justice ecosystems" and the opportunity for courts, bar associations, legal aid organizations, pro bono attorneys, technologists, and com-

munity institutions to work together to create durable systems that make legal help more accessible, responsive, and scalable.

The keynote will also reflect on the importance of pro bono service and the legal profession's enduring responsibility to ensure that justice is not limited by income, geography, or circumstance.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Beyond NIL – Emerging Legal Issues in Professional and Amateur Sports (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Holly Shick, Michelle Steinfeld & Guiselle Torres

As the legal landscape in sports continues to evolve beyond the foundational framework of name, image, and likeness (NIL), organizations are confronting an expanding set of complex and rapidly developing legal challenges. This panel brings together leading in-house general counsel and compliance executives from across professional and amateur sports to explore the emerging issues shaping the future of the industry.

Panelists will examine the legal and operational implications of the continued growth of sports betting, including integrity concerns, regulatory frameworks, and partnerships between leagues, teams, and gaming operators. The panel will also explore data privacy and cybersecurity risks unique to sports organizations, as well as commercial rights and brand management strategies, including the protection and enforcement of trademarks and copyrights in an increasingly digital and global marketplace, with particular attention to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, the rise of deepfakes, and new approaches to safeguarding athletes—not only their NIL rights, but also their reputations, identities, and mental well-being. The discussion will also address SafeSport considerations, with a focus on investigations, reporting mechanisms, and best practices for fostering safe, accountable environments for athletes. Finally, panelists will discuss shifting models of athlete compensation, including developments in collective bargaining agreements and broader questions around labor rights and economic participation across both professional and amateur athletics.

BREAKOUT 2: The Affirmative Action Decisions Came Out as We Expected. What Now?

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Sybil Dunlop

The Supreme Court's affirmative action rulings landed largely as many observers predicted—but the harder questions came afterward. This session cuts through the noise to address what has actually changed in the legal landscape surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and, just as importantly, what has not. Participants will get a clear-eyed look at how the decisions reshape the rules of the road for employers and institutions, where genuine legal risk now lies, and where DEI programming remains on solid footing. The aim is to leave attendees better equipped to advise clients and organizations with confidence rather than fear.

BREAKOUT 3: When Competence Cracks: Burnout, Boundaries, and Ethical Risk in the Modern Legal Profession

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Cody M. Jerabek

The legal profession operates under sustained pressure that often normalizes overwork, emotional exhaustion, and blurred personal boundaries. While burnout and chronic stress are frequently framed as personal wellness concerns, they increasingly function as precursors to ethical lapses that threaten client interests and professional integrity. This presentation examines how the cumulative effects of stress and overextension directly implicate core duties under the Rules of Professional Conduct, including competence, diligence, communication, and supervision.

The program begins by identifying common structural and cultural stressors within legal practice and how they gradually erode judgment and professional boundaries. Participants will explore how ethical risk often develops long before recognizable misconduct occurs, instead appearing as missed deadlines, impaired communication, diminished focus, or emotional disengagement from clients and colleagues. Particular attention is given to how lawyers often normalize these warning signs as part of the practice of law rather than recognizing them as signals of ethical vulnerability.

Drawing on observations from lawyer assistance work, this presentation reflects what is most often seen long before lawyers reach a point of crisis or discipline. The discussion emphasizes early recognition, practical intervention, and reframing boundary setting and self-awareness as components of ethical competence that protect both clients and the long-term sustainability of the lawyer.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

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2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: BREAKOUT 1: Beyond NIL – Emerging Legal Issues in Professional and Amateur Sports (Part 2)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Holly Shick, Michelle Steinfeld & Guiselle Torres

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BREAKOUT 2: Code, Counsel and Clarity: On the Range, On the Chain and On the Hill (Part 1)

CLE: 1

Presented by: Eric Alston, Julie A. Hill, Miles Jennings, Matt D. Kaufman, David Kerr, Chris Land, Flavia B. Naves, Ari Redbord & Chris Rothfuss

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BREAKOUT 3: Securing Your Small & Solo Legal Practice—A Real-World Cybersecurity Conversation

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Laura Baker & Shelby N. Price

Sponsored by the Business Law Section

Small and solo law practices can achieve strong, effective cybersecurity without contracted or dedicated IT staff. This session features an interactive discussion focused on practical cybersecurity for small legal practices. Through a real-world case study, attendees will learn how a non-technical attorney successfully secured dozens of cloud systems and a home office in just a few months. The conversation will address common misconceptions, highlight what actually works, and outline achievable steps to reduce risk. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies, increased confidence, and a clearer understanding of how to protect client data, maintain secure operations, and meet professional responsibility obligations in an increasingly complex digital environment.

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

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4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: AI and Bias: How to Ensure that AI Works For You and Not Against You

CLE: 1

Presented by: Sybil Dunlop

It is tempting to assume that handing a decision to a computer removes human bias from the equation. The opposite is often true. Because AI systems learn from human-generated inputs, they can absorb, amplify, and obscure the very biases we hope to eliminate—all behind a veneer of objectivity that makes the results harder to question. This session examines how bias enters AI tools, why “the algorithm said so” is a dangerous place to stop asking questions, and what practical safeguards can help ensure these tools serve fairness rather than undermine it. Attendees will leave knowing how to use AI as a genuine asset while staying alert to its blind spots.

BREAKOUT 2: Code, Counsel and Clarity: On the Range, On the Chain and On the Hill (Part 2)

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BREAKOUT 3: Presuming 50/50: Policy, Practice, and the Future of Custody Determinations in Wyoming

CLE: 1

Presented by: Barry V. Crago, Mary "Jenny" Hall & Elizabeth B. Lance

Sponsored by the Children & Family Law Section

Across the country, legislatures are considering proposals that would establish a presumption of equal parenting time in custody cases, and similar discussions have emerged in Wyoming. This panel will explore the policy motivations behind these initiatives and consider how a presumption of 50/50 custody could impact family law practice and decision-making in Wyoming. Panelists with experience in legislative policy, family law practice, and child advocacy will discuss potential benefits and challenges of a presumptive equal parenting framework, including how such a presumption may interact with Wyoming's best interest of the child standard. The program will also include discussion surrounding relevant Wyoming case law on the topic and address practical considerations for attorneys and Guardians ad Litem if such policies were adopted.

6:00 p.m.

Pre-Banquet Cocktail Party @ WYO Sports Ranch

7:00 p.m.

2026 Annual Banquet @ WYO Sports Ranch (open to all in-person registrants)

Keynote Speaker: Jonny Kulow

From Wyoming Waters to the World Stage: The Journey to Excellence

Jonny Kulow, a Wyoming native and elite swimmer, shares his journey from local beginnings to competing on some of the sport's biggest stages, including Olympic Trials and collegiate success at Arizona State University. In this inspiring keynote, Jonny reflects on how his experiences in Wyoming shaped his path, highlights moments from his college and international career, and offers three powerful lessons for achieving excellence both in and out of the pool: building a strong support system, embracing challenges, and staying present in the moment. With an authentic and forward-looking perspective, Jonny will leave audiences motivated to pursue their own goals and excited for what lies ahead—both for him and for themselves.

Jonny Kulow

is a 2026 graduate of Arizona State University, where he earned a degree in medical microbiology with an emphasis in viral fitness research. A native of Lander, Wyoming, Kulow was recruited to



ASU as a member of the university's elite sprint swimming program following a decorated high school career that included four consecutive Lander Valley High School Tigers state team titles and more than 70 age-group state records.

At ASU, Kulow contributed to multiple championship teams, including the program's first NCAA national title, and earned numerous collegiate honors, including NCAA championships, NCAA records, and 22 All-American distinctions. Internationally, he represented Team USA at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, earning six medals, and later won gold and bronze medals at the 2025 World Championships.

In the classroom, Kulow maintained a 4.0 GPA, was named to the Dean's List all eight semesters, graduated summa cum laude, and received the 2026 NCAA Elite 90 Award, presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA at the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Kulow plans to continue training toward the 2028 Olympic Games while pursuing flight training and a future career as an airline pilot.

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 60 and 50 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, but they have also helped shape its future. We are grateful for their enduring commitment, their wisdom and their example.

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

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Robert J. Wyatt

Friday, September 18th

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 & Devon P. O'Connell

What if the best thing you could do for your practice started before you ever got to the office? Practicing law is demanding, and it takes a toll on all of us. The pressure, the pace, the weight of other people's problems—it adds up. But it's remarkable what even a few minutes of quiet in the morning can do to help you show up sharper, steadier, and more grounded. A growing body of research on lawyer well-being confirms what many attorneys are discovering firsthand: simple mindfulness practices aren't just good for your health—they can make you better at your job.

Trial lawyers and yoga/mindfulness teachers Tyson Logan and Devon O'Connell will share a simple morning routine built around three tools—breathwork, meditation, and yoga—that you can do anywhere, anytime, without any books, guru, or studio. We'll introduce each tool and then guide you through a few minutes of practice so you can experience it for yourself.

No experience necessary. Beginners and skeptics are especially welcome—just bring your curiosity. Busy minds and busy bodies love to breathe and move. It might surprise you how easy this stuff is and how good it feels to start the day a little differently.

Comfortable seats, cushions and mats, good music, coffee & tea provided. Come as you are!

8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Ethics Hotline FAQs—What Lawyers Are Asking About

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Mark W. Gifford

This one-hour presentation by Bar Counsel Mark Gifford will cover the most frequent topics raised by users of the Eth-

ics Hotline, including conflicts of interest, withdrawing from representation, fee disputes with clients, and several others. Pick up some tips that will help you stay out of ethical hot water!

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 2025-2026, 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: Specie Specifics

CLE: 1

Presented by: Lawrence D. Hilton

In 2018, adoption of the Wyoming Legal Tender Act introduced gold and silver specie into the state's monetary lexicon. Since then, the sound money movement has been gaining momentum each successive year. This last legislative session alone, more than 100 specie-related bills were introduced across the country—more than double the prior year. In this session, we'll explore what members of the Wyoming State Bar can do to keep abreast of this emerging trend of monetary reform. Intelligent choice in currency, contract strategies, money transmission mechanisms, accounting protocols, as well as various approaches to federal and state tax compliance will all be considered. Attendees will become better prepared to advise clients regarding the effective use of specie currencies in today's rapidly evolving monetary environment.

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Break

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9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Ringing the Bell Without Sounding the Alarm: IPO Lessons from the Trenches

CLE: 1

Presented by: Flavia B. Naves & Jonathan Truppan

Taking a company public is equal parts preparation, execution, and adaptability. In this candid fireside chat, two seasoned legal leaders—each with firsthand experience guiding public companies—share practical insights on navigating the IPO journey from planning to listing day. The discussion will explore how legal teams can partner effectively with business leaders, anticipate common challenges, manage competing priorities, and respond when the unexpected inevitably arises. Through real-world stories, lessons learned, and actionable guidance, attendees will gain a clearer understanding of what it takes to reach the finish line and support a successful transition to life as a public company.

BREAKOUT 2: Artificial Intelligence & Attorney Ethics

CLE: 1/1 Ethics

Presented by: Blake A. Klinkner

This CLE will explain the present and future of artificial intelligence in the practice of law, and how attorney use of artificial intelligence implicates attorney professional responsibility. Attendees will learn of the many ways in which artificial intelligence is currently being used by attorneys, and attendees will also learn of ways in which rapidly-developing artificial intelligence may be used by attorneys in the future. Attendees will also learn of the key ways in which artificial intelligence improves and impairs attorneys' abilities to ethically represent their clients. Attendees will have a greater understanding of the many ways in which artificial intelligence is revolutionizing the practice of law, and will receive clear direction in how they may utilize artificial intelligence in accordance with their professional responsibilities.

BREAKOUT 3: The Other Side of Sentencing

CLE: 1

Presented by: Dan Shannon

Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Section

The judge has spoken, but for your client, the real sentence is just beginning. This session pulls back the curtain on the post-sentencing world most attorneys never see: good time credits, inmate programs, and relief opportunities that can

dramatically shape how much time a client actually serves and what life looks like beyond the walls. Whether you're a defender, a prosecutor, or somewhere in between, this is the hour that changes how you think about every sentencing hearing.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

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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: Federal Court in Wyoming: What State-Court Lawyers Sometimes Get Wrong

CLE: 1

Presented by: Ben J. Rowland (Moderator), Amanda F. Esch, Kevin K. Kessner & Hon. Kelly H. Rankin

Sponsored by the Federal Bar Section

This program will provide Wyoming practitioners—particularly those whose primary work occurs in state court—with a practical, candid look at common pitfalls encountered when litigating in the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming. The session will include a supporting PowerPoint presentation and a three-person panel discussing removal mistakes, pleading standards post-Twombly/Iqbal, scheduling orders and discovery expectations, summary judgment practice, and sanctions. The program will be facilitated by Ben Rowland, who will lead the discussion, integrate supporting slides, and pose scenario-based questions to guide panel dialogue. Attendees will receive practical, jurisdiction specific insights and strategies.

BREAKOUT 3: Follow the Money: Crypto, AI & the New Architecture of Financial Crime

CLE: 1

Presented by: James Lee

Financial crime has gone digital and it's evolving faster than traditional investigative models can keep up. From crypto-enabled fraud and AI-driven scams to Chinese money laundering networks, cartel typologies, and blockchain tracing, this session takes attendees inside the modern illicit finance ecosystem. Through real world investigations, emerging threat intelligence, and lessons learned from leading some of the world's most significant crypto cases, attendees will gain practical insight into how criminals move value today and how law enforcement and the private sector are adapting together. If you want to understand where financial crime investigations are headed next, this is a session you do not want to miss.

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; P. Craig Silva, 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, Kelly Neville, and learn of recent developments at the American Bar Association.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: No Country for Young Lawyers? Wyoming's Legal Desert Crisis

CLE: 1

Presented by: Kayla A. Albertson (Moderator), Angie M. Dorsch, Loretta H. Kallas, Marshall E. Keller, Alan Romero & Ryan A. Semerad

Sponsored by the Young Lawyer Section

What happens when entire communities struggle to find a lawyer? Wyoming is facing a growing attorney shortage, particularly in rural areas where access to legal services is becoming increasingly limited. This timely panel will examine why young lawyers are leaving—or never coming at all—and how the resulting “legal deserts” are affecting courts, clients, and communities across the state. Panelists

will discuss mentorship, burnout, economic realities, shifting career expectations, and the role technology and innovation may play in the future of Wyoming practice. Whether you practice in Cheyenne or a town with one stoplight, this conversation impacts all of us.

BREAKOUT 2: 2026 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Update

CLE: 1

Presented by: Blake A. Klinkner

This CLE will discuss a number of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions addressing the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The past couple years—and the 2025/2026 term in particular—witnessed multiple cases before the High Court addressing a number of civil procedure matters including subject matter jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction, venue, removal, case dismissal, relief from a judgment or order, attorney fee shifting, and the Erie Doctrine. Attendees will learn of key updates to civil procedural practice in light of these recent important decisions from the Supreme Court concerning the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

BREAKOUT 3: Objection, Stereotype: A Candid Conversation about Assumptions Across the Profession

CLE: 1

Presented by: Jeremy D. Michaels (Moderator), Amanda M. Good, Hon. Stuart S. Healy, Clayton M. Melinkovich, Devon W. Petersen, G. Bryan Ulmer & Emily R. Williams

Every corner of the legal profession has its own stereotypes: Plaintiffs' lawyers are greedy. Civil defense lawyers are beholden to insurance companies. Prosecutors overcharge. Criminal defense lawyers defend the indefensible. Judges have forgotten what practice is like. The list goes on. Even in a close-knit bar, these assumptions can take root and affect how we work with—or against—one another. This moderated panel will bring together perspectives from across the profession for a candid conversation about what others assume about us, what they may not see, and how we can work better together without compromising our different roles.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: Preparing Your Clients Before DHS Comes Knocking: I-9 Compliance and Employer Readiness

CLE: 1

Presented by: Cindy L. DeLancey & Samantha Wolfe

Federal agencies are conducting more employment verification audits than ever before, and Wyoming employers in agriculture, energy, hospitality, and healthcare face particular exposure. You don't need to be an immigration specialist to help your clients prepare. This session gives business attorneys a clear, practical understanding of I-9 requirements, the types of government investigations employers may face, how to advise clients on their rights and obligations during an audit, and how to build internal compliance programs that demonstrate good faith and reduce liability.

BREAKOUT 2: Workplace Investigation? Drama, Duties, and the Consequences of Dereliction

CLE: 1

Presented by: Natalie R. Lynch

What do you mean workplace investigations have been federal law for 65 years? Why would you even do a workplace investigation? Lawyers CAN do investigations but should they? What happens when a workplace complaint turns into legal chaos? This fast-paced program walks attorneys through the drama, duties, and real-world consequences surrounding workplace investigations. Using practical examples and issue-spotting exercises, attendees will learn how to identify red flags, structure defensible investigations, evaluate evidence, navigate EEOC guidance, and avoid the common mistakes that fuel litigation. From hostile work environment claims to executive misconduct, this session delivers practical strategies, cautionary tales, and actionable insight attorneys can immediately use to protect clients and minimize risk before the next complaint escalates.

BREAKOUT 3: Mens Rea: It's the Thought That Counts

CLE: 1

Presented by: Devon W. Petersen

In law school we are taught that a crime requires two elements: an actus reus (a bad act) and mens rea (a bad intent). However, the Wyoming Supreme Court has defined the term "knowingly" as simply voluntarily doing an act that ends up resulting in a crime, regardless of a person's state of mind. The Wyoming Supreme Court has acknowledged that "crimes that only require the mens rea of 'knowingly'

have the potential to result in troublesome outcomes depending on the circumstances surrounding its application." Hopefully this presentation will get you to think about criminal intent, and maybe even act.

Speaker Biographies



Ken Ahmann
Colusa Indian Energy
Jenks, Oklahoma

Ken Ahmann is the COO of Colusa Indian Energy, the only Tribally owned microgrid and cogeneration power plant developer in the nation. Ken has worked in Indian Country for two decades as the creator and Director of the Tribal Utility Authority for the Colusa Indian Community. He is an evangelist for Tribal energy sovereignty who seeks to help empower Tribes from coast to coast to hold control of their own energy futures. Ken is Vice Chairman of the board of Tribal Energy Solutions, a non-profit whose mission is to electrify the 13,000+ families with no access to electricity across the Navajo Nation. Ken also serves on the Colusa Indian Community's Economic Development Corporation Board and on the Developer Advisory Council for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Ken is a San Diego State University alum with degrees in Business Administration, Political Science, and Interdisciplinary Studies, and he holds numerous energy industry certifications. His extensive experience includes constructing, operating, and managing over 50 cogeneration microgrids across the country.



Kayla A. Albertson
Albertson Legal LLC
Casper, Wyoming

Kayla Albertson is a Wyoming native, and a solo attorney based in Casper. She runs her own practice, focusing on estate planning, probate, business law, and real estate, and launched her firm to build a legal career with more freedom, creativity, and connection. When she's not drafting trusts or meeting with clients, you can usually find her lifting weights, hiking with her daughter and dogs, or chasing down the best iced vanilla latte in town. Kayla's favorite part of the job is helping people feel more empowered and less intimidated by the legal process. Kayla currently serves as the Chair of the Wyoming State Bar Young Lawyer Section.



Tyler Alison
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.



Eric Alston
University of Wyoming
College of Law
Laramie, Wyoming

Eric Alston is an Assistant Professor at the University of Wyoming, where he joined the faculty in early 2026. He previously served as Scholar in Residence in the Finance Division and Faculty Director of the Hernando de Soto Capital Markets Program at the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado Boulder, and he continues to serve as a Research Associate with the Comparative Constitutions Project. He holds a JD from the University of Chicago and an MA in Economics from the University of Maryland.

Alston's research and teaching apply the toolkits of law and economics and institutional analysis to the development of property rights along frontiers, the design and implementation of constitutions, and digital governance challenges, with particular emphasis on cryptocurrencies and blockchain networks. His publications span constitutional design studies, the emergence of economic institutions in the frontier American West, and the governance of blockchain networks.

His current grant work includes a National Science Foundation project examining the development of Colorado through land entry records and census data, and a Templeton World Charity Foundation project on quantitative

measures of digital currency market development and manipulation. Alston's outreach and service include advising constitutional design projects and providing governance design expertise for digitally networked organizations, including one of the world's first data trusts.



Brian A. Annes
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Outside of her legal practice, Erin is deeply committed to her family. She is the proud mother of two children, who are both her greatest joy and her greatest challenge. In her free time, she enjoys pottery, gardening, and cooking.



Hon. Lynnette J. Boomgaarden
Wyoming Supreme Court
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Lynne J. Boomgaarden was appointed to the Wyoming Supreme Court by Governor Matt Mead; she was sworn in on February 20, 2018, and chaired the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission from 2018-2025. She became Chief Justice on May 28, 2025. Prior to joining the court, Justice Boomgaarden was in private practice with Crowley Fleck, PLLP; served as Director, Office of State Lands and Investments; and was an Assistant Professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Wade Brorby, U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Justice Boomgaarden is a Wyoming native, receiving her J.D. with honor from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1991 and her B.S. from the University of Wyoming in 1983. She also is a wife, mother, Nana, horsewoman, and all-around outdoor enthusiast.



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Ashley Campbell is the CEO of Legal Aid of North Carolina and has spent her career working across multiple dimensions of the legal system as a legal aid staff attorney, pro bono volunteer, nonprofit board member, private civil litigator, law professor, and now state-wide legal aid CEO. She brings a rare depth of experience to conversations about access to justice and legal system reform.

Campbell is also the child of a domestic violence survivor, an experience that deeply shaped her understanding of how life-changing and life-transforming access to legal help can be for vulnerable families and individuals navigating crisis.

Under her leadership, Legal Aid of North Carolina launched its Innovation Lab in 2023 to explore how technology, data, and new service delivery models can responsibly expand access to civil legal help across North Carolina, particularly in rural and underserved communities.



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Angie Dorsch is the Executive Director of Equal Justice Wyoming. Angie attended law school at Texas Tech University School of Law where she completed a joint degree program. She was awarded a JD with honors and an MS in financial planning in December 2004. She also received her MBA from Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business in 2008. Angie practiced with the nonprofit firm Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas from 2005 until

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A nationally recognized educator and public speaker, Sybil speaks across the country on trial practice, depositions, the psychology of persuasion, the elimination of bias, and legal writing. Her award-winning training programs have earned acclaim from Fortune 100 companies, government institutions, and law firms. Chambers USA describes her as "brilliant, responsive" and "a go-to solution for complex disputes." Minnesota Lawyer has named her "Attorney of the Year" three times and, in 2026, named her to the Minnesota Legal 250, its premier recognition of the most influential attorneys in the state.



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Richard "Rick" Fagnant is a semi-retired Certified Public Accountant with more than 49 years of experience in accounting, taxation, consulting, and estate planning. After earning a B.S. from the University of Wyoming in 1977, he joined a Lander, Wyoming, CPA firm, eventually becoming a partner in 1988. He sold his ownership interest in 2020, and the firm is now known as Summit West CPA Group, where he continues to assist with income tax and estate planning engagements. A CPA since 1984, Rick has been actively involved in the accounting profession through leadership roles with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Wyoming Society of Certified Public Accountants, including serving on boards, representing Wyoming on the AICPA Council, and serving as president of the Wyoming Society. He was appointed by Governor Mark Gordon to the Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants, where he served from 2019–2025 and became chairman in 2025. Beyond his professional career, Rick has held leadership positions in numerous civic and community organizations, including Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Wyoming Community Foundation, and the Wyoming Judicial Nomi-

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Hon. Stuart S. Healy
Sixth Judicial District Court
Gillette, Wyoming

Judge Stuart Healy was appointed District Court Judge in the Sixth Judicial District in 2020. Before becoming a judge, he was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for 15 years. He also practiced law and worked as a deputy county and prosecuting attorney in Sheridan.



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As a true fan of the University of Wyoming, Dean Hill's signs supporting Cowboy Athletics have appeared on ESPN's College Game Day. You can often find Dean Hill at War Memorial Stadium or the Arena Auditorium cheering on the Cowboys. Go Pokes!



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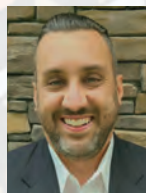
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Kevin Kessner has deep roots as a native to Wyoming, developing a strong connection to the state's unique culture and natural beauty. Kevin attended the University of Wyoming, earning his undergraduate degree before graduating from University of Wyoming College of Law in 2007. His passion for the law led him to start his legal career at Yonkee & Toner, LLP in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Through hard work and dedication, Kevin became a partner in the firm just four years later, in 2011. Over the years, his practice has evolved, but he continues to collaborate closely with his colleagues at Yonkee & Toner, LLP—partners and friends who have been instrumental in shaping his professional path. Kevin's legal expertise spans a broad range of areas, though his practice primarily focuses on business, trust and estate, personal injury and commercial litigation, as well as transactional law in business and trust and estate planning.

In addition to his legal career, Kevin is deeply committed to serving his community as evidenced by the numerous leadership and volunteer roles he serves. Outside the office, Kevin is a devoted family man. He cherishes spending time with his wife and children, whether they're exploring Wyoming's great outdoors, skiing, fishing, or hiking. He also has a passion for travel and enjoys experiencing different cultures and landscapes around the world.



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Jim served as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer with IRS Criminal Investigation for more than 29 years. He served as the Chief of IRS Criminal Investigation from October 2020 to April 2024. In this position, Jim oversaw a worldwide staff of approximately 3,400 employees, including 2,300 special agents in 20 Field Offices and 11 foreign countries. He led and oversaw some of the most significant investigations of financial crimes involving tax, money laundering, public corruption, cyber, ID theft, narcotics and terrorist-financing in the history of the division. Prior to this assignment, Jim’s executive positions included serving as the Deputy Chief of CI, Director of Field Operations-North, Director of Field Operations-South, Director of Strategy, Executive Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Field Office and Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Field Office.

Jim was honored with the 2023 Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Executive (SES) Recipient by President Joe Biden. This prestigious award—and Distinguished Rank—is among the most esteemed recognitions in career civil service and is a testament to the exceptional leadership and contributions of Chief Lee to federal law enforcement.



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Tyson is also a certified yoga instructor and breathwork practitioner (Yoga Alliance RYT-200) who discovered that the same skills that make a great trial lawyer—presence, breath, connection, and body awareness—are the skills you build on the mat. He integrates mindfulness and physical practice into his trial preparation, his teaching, and his daily life. He leads the Blue Zone Workshop series, immersive

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After graduating from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 2019, she clerked for the Honorable Kelly H. Rankin of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming.

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Evergreen, Colorado

As co-founder of Bespoke Group, Matt McClintock helps ultra-affluent, globally mobile families create order, continuity, and meaning in their wealth. With more than 20 years of experience as an estate planning attorney and national educator, he guides clients through both the strategic and human dimensions of family capital, building coordinated wealth systems that align advi-

sors and structures around each family's goals. Recognized as a pioneer in integrating traditional wealth frameworks with Bitcoin and digital-asset ownership, his work emphasizes client control, privacy, and multigenerational planning.



Timothy H. McLaughlin
Rey-Bear McLaughlin, LLP
Spokane, Washington

Timothy H. McLaughlin is a Navajo Nation member and a partner at the law firm Rey-Bear McLaughlin, where his practice includes tribal business law, aquaculture development, joint ventures, and employment matters. He was raised on the Navajo Nation for most of his life.

McLaughlin is best known as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Navajo Transitional Energy Co. (NTEC), an autonomous commercial entity created by the Navajo Nation to achieve greater sovereignty over its natural resources.

NTEC owns the Navajo Mine and holds a seven percent interest in the Four Corners Power Plant, and it operates mines in Montana and Wyoming. The company's mission is to promote the development of Navajo resources, energy, and power, while supporting economic, financial, social, and cultural wellbeing for the Navajo people.



Clayton M. Melinkovich
Sublette County Attorney's Office
Pinedale, Wyoming

Clayton Melinkovich is a graduate of the University of Wyoming College of Law and is in his first term as County Attorney for Sublette County. He has two daughters who are active in sports in their respective schools in Pinedale, love mountain biking and skiing, and all things outdoors.



Jeremy D. Michaels
Michaels & Michaels, PC
Gillette, Wyoming

Born in 1954 and raised in New York City, Jeremy Michaels received his B.A. from Colgate University in December 1974 and his J.D. from Case Western University in January 1978, clerking while in law school for a federal judge in the Sixth Judicial District in Ohio. He moved to Wyoming in 1978, and has been licensed to practice law in Wyoming since that time; he is also licensed in New York, Colorado, and admitted to a wide variety of federal courts, including The United States Supreme Court, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, United States Court of Military Appeals,

United States Tax Court, and United States Court of International Trade. He has long been the recipient of the highest attorney rating (A-V) provided by nationwide rating service Martindale-Hubbell. Now in private practice with his wife and law partner Deborah, Mr. Michaels first served as a legal advisor to Wyoming law enforcement, training in the areas of search and seizure, use of deadly force, and police policy; he volunteered his time for ten years as a certified police instructor; during these years, he also maintained an active private general law practice, and was also a Deputy Campbell County and Prosecuting Attorney (criminal division). In 1984, he was appointed as the first County Court Judge for the Sixth Judicial District and is a graduate of the General Jurisdiction class of the National Judicial College, where he has taken other judicial in-residence classes, ultimately being appointed to the position of Faculty Advisor. Mr. Michaels' practice is primarily limited to matters of wrongful death, personal injury, medical negligence, and Circuit and District Court criminal defense. He has served continuously as a Sixth District Court Commissioner since 1984 and previously served as a County (now Circuit) Court Commissioner. Mr. Michaels was elected by the Wyoming Bar membership in 2010 to a four-year term on the Judicial Nominating Commission. Mr. Michaels lives in Gillette, Wyoming, with his wife Deborah; they have two adult children, Julian (graduate of Colgate University and University of Colorado at Boulder) and Eva (graduate of Washington University and current student at Duke University Law).



John E. Moore, III
Dean, Mead, Minton & Moore
Vero Beach, Florida

John E. Moore, III is a nationally recognized attorney, mediator, CPA, and educator who is known for his engaging presentation style, practical insights, and passion for helping lawyers achieve both professional success and personal fulfillment. A frequent continuing legal education and motivational speaker, John presents programs throughout the United States on professionalism, trust, practice management, personal development, charitable planning, and financial, tax, and estate planning matters.

John is a shareholder with Dean, Mead, Minton & Moore in Vero Beach, Florida, where he maintains an active estate planning practice. He is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator and a Certified Public Accountant. His diverse professional experience includes service with Arthur Andersen LLP, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Government National Mortgage Association, as well as private practice in both large and small firm environments.

A lifelong resident of Florida's Treasure Coast, John has dedicated countless hours to serving his community. His com-

mitment to public service has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Florida Bar President's Award and the Florida Rural Legal Services Award for Pro Bono Service in Florida's 19th Judicial Circuit. He currently serves as an Aircraft Commander in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

John is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized by Florida Trend magazine as one of Florida's Legal Elite attorneys in the area of Wills, Trusts, and Estates. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of Virginia.



Flavia B. Naves
Hathaway & Kunz, LLP
Cheyenne, Wyoming

A seasoned in-house counsel who has supported companies at all stages of expansion and development, Flavia is a legal and compliance executive with valuable expertise in strategic planning and operations of financial services businesses. Known for her entrepreneurial vision, resourcefulness, and ability to quickly pivot, Flavia has extensive relationships with numerous top firms in the banking, money transmission and payments industries, and regularly practices before state and federal banking departments and agencies. Flavia is Of Counsel at the Cheyenne-based law firm of Hathaway & Kunz, where she advises companies on corporate and licensing matters, and has been appointed a Commissioner with the State of Wyoming to its Stable Token Commission. Flavia has previously held key positions at industry giants like Circle, Intuit, and Worldpay. Flavia obtained her legal degree from Pontificia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais and a certificate of U.S. legal studies from Widener University Commonwealth Law School.



Devon P. O'Connell
Pence and MacMillan LLC
Laramie, Wyoming

Devon O'Connell is a member and owner of the law firm Pence and MacMillan LLC in Laramie, Wyoming. She graduated with Honor from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 2000. She is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Devon served as the 100th President of the Wyoming State Bar in 2015 and the President of the Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association in 2013. She is a former Commissioner of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Devon has served as a Wyoming State Bar Commissioner from the Second Judicial District and as President-Elect and Vice President of the Wyoming State Bar. Additionally, she

has served on the Board of Professional Responsibility, the Permanent Civil Rules Committee, the Fee Dispute Committee and served as the Vice Chair of the Board of Continuing Legal Education.

Devon is a certified mediator. She received her mediation training at CDR Associates in Boulder and at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. She is active in a number of community and civic organizations such as the University of Wyoming Art Museum Board and the UW Law School Advisory Board. She is a 2012 graduate of Leadership Wyoming.

Devon is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 500) and teaches yoga at legal events and conferences.

Her practice focuses on mediation, family law, civil litigation and civil general practice.

Devon, her partner Pete Gosar and their Australian Shepherds Olive and Owen live in Laramie and love to hike, ski, backpack, read, and travel.



Jason E. Ochs
Ochs Law Firm, PC
Jackson, Wyoming

Jason E. Ochs is the founder of Ochs Law Firm in Jackson, Wyoming, where he leads a nationally recognized practice specializing in high-stakes personal injury, mass torts, and complex civil litigation. Licensed in six states, Jason has served as lead counsel in some of the country's most significant multi-district litigations and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Jason brings a unique, trial-tested perspective to the evolving legal complexities of NIL and institutional accountability in collegiate athletics.



Devon W. Petersen
Fleener Petersen Law
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Devon Petersen is a partner in the firm of Fleener Petersen, LLC, specializing in high exposure criminal defense cases and trial practice. Devon has tried over thirty criminal jury trials in courts all around the State of Wyoming and argued multiple cases to the Wyoming Supreme Court. Devon has also been an adjunct professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law teaching trial practice and is a frequent presenter at the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Trial Lawyers' Association, and the Wyoming State Bar.



Hunter L. Petersen
Uinta County Attorney's Office
Evanston, Wyoming

Hunter Peterson is a Deputy County Attorney in Uinta County. He lives in Evanston with his wife and 6-year old daughter. He enjoys working in the County Attorney's office because of the daily opportunities to work on a variety of impactful cases.

Hunter is originally from Bridger Valley, Wyoming, and graduated in 2018 from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Botany. Hunter attended law school in Nevada at UNLV. He was admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 2023. Hunter serves on the Young Lawyer Section board, and volunteers as the YLS representative to the Bar's Well-Being Committee.



Shelby N. Price
McDonough Law Group
Laramie, Wyoming

Shelby N. Price (Hughes) is a Senior Associate Attorney at McDonough Law Group. She helps businesses protect and grow their brands through trademark registrations and business law services, including entity formations and organizational structuring. She is a Wyoming native and a graduate of the University of Wyoming College of Law.



Hon. Kelly H. Rankin
U.S. District Court
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Kelly Rankin is the Chief District Judge for the District of Wyoming. He was appointed by President Joe Biden in 2024. Before his appointment Judge Rankin served 12 years as the Chief Magistrate Judge for the District of Wyoming. In 2008 he was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming. He also served in that office as the Criminal Chief and as Assistant United States Attorney overseeing the organized crime and drug enforcement task force. Judge Rankin previously served as counsel to former Governor Dave Freudenthal. He was twice elected as the Park County Attorney and earlier served as a Deputy County Attorney in both Park and Lincoln Counties. Judge Rankin also worked in private practice in Cody. He obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wyoming.



Ari Redbord
TRM Labs
Washington, D.C.

Ari Redbord is the Global Head of Policy at TRM Labs. Prior to joining TRM, Ari was the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary and the Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence at the U.S. Treasury.

Ari worked with teams from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), and other Treasury components to use sanctions and other regulatory tools to effectively safeguard the financial system from illicit use by terrorist financiers, weapons of mass destruction proliferators, drug kingpins, and other rogue actors, including Iran, Syria, North Korea and Venezuela. In addition, Ari worked closely with regulators, the Hill and the interagency on issues related to the Bank Secrecy Act, cryptocurrency, and anti-money laundering strategies.



Kyle A. Ridgeway
WERCS
Casper, Wyoming

Kyle Ridgeway is the Chief Executive Officer for WERCS (307 First) whose mission is to own, operate, invest in and grow Wyoming businesses (www.307first.com). Kyle has a B.S. in Economics from Gonzaga University and a J.D. from the University of Wyoming. Prior to entering business, Kyle was a practicing attorney in Casper for nearly ten years. In his role at WERCS, Kyle is currently President of the Wyoming Downs and 307 Horse Racing joint venture; and Mountain West Technologies Corporation (a Wyoming based internet service provider). In addition, Kyle serves as a board member for a variety of Wyoming non-profits.



Alan Romero
University of Wyoming
College of Law
Laramie, Wyoming

Alan Romero is Senior Associate Dean, William T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, and Director of the Rural Law Center at the University of Wyoming College of Law. He previously taught at the University of North Dakota, University of Idaho and University of Chicago. He has taught a variety of property-related courses and published a book and articles about property law, including issues such as takings, rural property law and land use regulation. Professor Romero received a B.A. summa cum laude from Brigham Young University in 1990 and a J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1993, where he served as Pres-

ident of the Harvard Journal on Legislation and Director of the Harvard Legislative Research Bureau.



Christopher Rothfuss
University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming

Dr. Christopher Rothfuss has been the Senate Minority Leader of the Wyoming State Senate since 2013, representing District 9 from Laramie, Wyoming. He was first elected to the Wyoming State Senate in 2010. He is co-chair of the Wyoming Blockchain Select Committee and serves on the Senate Education Committee, the Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee, the Management Council and numerous other select committees and task forces. In addition to his legislative responsibilities, Dr. Rothfuss is an advanced technology consultant and a visiting Professor for the Honors College at the University of Wyoming.



Benjamin J. Rowland
Davis & Cannon, LLP
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Benjamin J. Rowland is a partner at Davis & Cannon LLP in Cheyenne where his practice focuses on commercial litigation in state and federal courts. Before joining the firm in 2018, Ben served as an assistant city attorney for Cheyenne, where he handled complex municipal matters. He previously clerked for the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming and for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Earlier in his career before and during law school, Ben worked at an international law firm in Washington, D.C. He earned his J.D. from the Catholic University of America and his undergraduate degree from Duke University, where he was a member of the swim team.



William P. Schwartz
Parsons Behle & Latimer
Jackson, Wyoming

Bill Schwartz is a long-time Wyoming lawyer, 1983 graduate of the University of Wyoming College of Law, and counsel member of the firm Parsons Behle & Latimer in Jackson. He grew up in Casper where his grandfather settled in 1910 as a boilermaker for the Burlington Northern. Bill obtained his undergraduate degree in American Studies from Stanford University, which spawned his lifelong interest in American history and constitutional law. He has been actively involved for many years with the We the People program in Wyoming, and is also active in "Rule of Law" and democracy efforts in Wyoming.



Ryan A. Semerad
Fuller & Semerad, LLC
Casper, Wyoming

Ryan Semerad is a trial attorney and the owner of Fuller & Semerad, LLC, a law firm based in Casper. Ryan’s practice focuses on complex criminal and civil trial work and appeals. Ryan is a graduate of Union College (NY) and the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. 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 in Las Vegas, Nevada. After his clerkship, Ryan joined Holland & Hart LLP focusing on commercial litigation and appeals. Ryan relocated to Casper, Wyoming, in 2020. Ryan is the immediate past-chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the Wyoming State Bar, a member of the Wyoming Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, and a board member of the Casper Recreation Foundation.



Daniel Shannon
Wyoming Department of
Corrections
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Director Daniel Shannon brings 40 years of correctional experience to our agency leadership. He has been Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) Director for the past six years and has held correction leadership positions within two state agencies. As a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Director Shannon’s tenure includes positions such as parole agent, correction officer, corporal, unit manager and warden to name a few. He is currently the chairman of the 14 Western State Correctional Agencies.



Holly Shick
US Olympic & Paralympic
Committee
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Holly Shick serves as Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer at the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), where she leads the organization’s enterprise-wide ethics, compliance, and integrity programs. In this role, she is responsible for developing and overseeing policies and initiatives that promote ethical conduct, accountability, and a culture of integrity across the Olympic and Paralympic movement in the United States.

Holly brings deep experience in compliance, investigations, and governance, with a focus on ensuring adherence to regulatory requirements, safeguarding athlete well-being, and advancing best practices in organizational accountability.

She works closely with senior leadership, the Board of Directors, and key stakeholders to manage risk, enhance transparency, and strengthen trust within the sports ecosystem. Her work is central to upholding USOPC’s commitment to ethical excellence, including oversight of reporting mechanisms, education and training programs, and internal controls designed to prevent and address misconduct.



P. Craig Silva
Office of the Federal Public
Defender - District of Wyoming
Casper, Wyoming

P. Craig Silva graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1996. He clerked for Judge Jere 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 the firm in 2024 to work for the Federal Public Defender’s Office in Casper, Wyoming. He is the current President of the Wyoming State Bar. He is a board member of WTLA, a member of NACDL, and DLAW.



Michael Steinberg
Wyoming Gaming Commission
Casper, Wyoming

Michael Steinberg serves as Deputy Director and Special Agent Supervisor for Gaming Compliance for the State of Wyoming. A Rawlins native, he holds a B.S. from the University of Wyoming. His law enforcement career began in 1997 with the Natrona County Sheriff’s Office, from which he retired in 2019, and he joined the Gaming Commission in 2020. At the commission, he has served as Operations Manager and currently as Special Agent Supervisor and Deputy Director.



Michelle Steinfeld
USA Swimming
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Michelle Steinfeld serves as Secretary & General Counsel of USA Swimming, the national governing body for the sport in the United States. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing all legal affairs, corporate governance, and compliance functions for the organization, and providing strategic counsel to senior leadership and the Board of Directors on a wide range of legal and commercial matters.

Michelle brings extensive experience in sports and com-

mercial law, governance, risk management, and regulatory compliance. She plays a critical role in shaping and implementing policies that support athlete safety, data privacy and intellectual property rights, organizational integrity and operational excellence, while ensuring alignment with federal law, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee requirements, and international sport regulations.

As Corporate Secretary, Michelle supports the Board of Directors in fulfilling its governance responsibilities, managing board processes, and advising on best practices in nonprofit governance. Her work helps advance USA Swimming's mission to promote the sport, support athletes at all levels, and uphold the highest standards of ethics and accountability.



Pilar Thomas
University of Arizona
School of Law
Tucson, Arizona

Pilar Thomas (Pascua Yaqui) recently retired from the active practice of law and is now an adjunct professor at both the University of Arizona School of Law and Arizona State University College of Law, where she teaches Indian Energy Law. She retired as a partner in Quarles & Brady's Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Practice Group where she provided strategic legal advice to tribes, tribal enterprises, and renewable energy companies related to clean energy development, finance and transactions and economic development on Indian lands. Ms. Thomas was a political appointee under President Obama, and served as the Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior and as the Deputy Director for the Office of Indian Energy in the US Department of Energy. She has also served as the interim Attorney General and Chief of Staff for Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Indian Resources Section. She is a board member for Western Resources Advocates and the GRID Alternatives Energy Resiliency Fund, and is the Vice-Chair at large for the ABA Section on Energy Environment and Resources Indigenous Resources Committee. She received her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law, magna cum laude, with a certificate in Indian law, and her B.A. in Economics from Stanford University.



Guiselle Torres
Denver Summit FC
Denver, Colorado

Guiselle Torres serves as the General Counsel of Denver Summit FC, a professional women's soccer team based in Denver, Colorado, and the first professional women's sports team in Colorado since 1998.

Guiselle leads the club's legal and governance functions and advises on a broad range of issues across the rapidly evolving sports industry. In her role, she provides legal and strategic counsel on matters including sponsorship and media rights, league compliance, and risk management, helping to position the club for sustainable growth and competitive success.

Guiselle brings experience from previous roles at United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee, Major League Soccer and Fox Cable Networks. With a strong background in sports law, entertainment, licensing, intellectual property, collective bargaining, community engagement, corporate law and more, Guiselle brings a practical, business-oriented perspective to complex legal challenges facing professional sports organizations today.

Her work sits at the intersection of law, business, compliance, and athletics, with particular focus on navigating regulatory frameworks, structuring commercial partnerships, and supporting innovation within the newly emerging landscape of women's professional soccer.



Johnathan Truppman
Flow
Miami, Florida

Jonathan Truppman is General Counsel of Flow, the a16z-backed real estate and technology company redefining the multifamily residential experience. He has taken two tech companies from early stage through IPO and public operations—ODDITY Tech Ltd. (Nasdaq; \$2B valuation) and Casper Sleep Inc. (NYSE; subsequent PE take-private).

Prior to Flow, Jonathan served as Chief Legal Officer of ODDITY Tech and General Counsel of Casper, where he led all aspects of public company readiness, SEC reporting, governance, and M&A. Earlier in his career, he was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and clerked for the Honorable Victor Marrero in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

A founding member of The L Suite (formerly TechGC), Jonathan is a frequent speaker on in-house legal leadership, IPOs, and venture-backed company scaling. He holds a J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School and a B.A. magna cum laude from Columbia University and is admitted to practice in New York and Florida.



G. Bryan Ulmer, III
The Spence Law Firm, LLC
Jackson, Wyoming

Bryan Ulmer is a lawyer practicing at The Spence Law Firm, LLC in Jackson, Wyoming. Bryan has successfully represented plaintiffs across the country in serious injury and wrongful death cases stemming from industrial accidents, medical malpractice, civil rights violations and more.

Bryan is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocates and is Board Certified in Trial Advocacy and Pretrial Practice by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He currently serves the bar as a member of the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics where he is Immediate Past Chair and current Chair of the Rule Committee.



Samuel Western
Sheridan, Wyoming

Samuel Western has been writing about the west for over 40 years. He spent 25 years as the Northern Rockies correspondent for The Economist. His latest book of nonfiction is

The Spirit of 1889, Restoring the Lost Promise of the High Plains and Northern Rockies, published by the University of Kansas Press. He lives in Sheridan, Wyoming.



Hon. Antoinette L.M. 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 degrees 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 and as a special assistant United States Attorney before her appointment by Governor Matthew Mead in 2014 to her current position as a Circuit Court Judge for the First Judicial District.



Christopher Williams
Wyoming Gaming Commission
Casper, Wyoming

Christopher Williams is the Senior Auditor for the Wyoming Gaming Commission, a position he has held since 2023. He began his career in law enforcement in 2004 with the City of Casper, serving 12 years as a patrol officer, detective, and court bailiff. Prior to joining the Commission, he also worked as an insurance agent and registered representative in the financial services industry.



Emily R. Williams
Wyoming Public Defender's Office
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Emily Williams is a Wyoming native currently in her sixth year of practice as a criminal defense attorney in the Cheyenne Public Defender's Office. Her case load consists primarily of violent and non-violent felonies with some misdemeanor and juvenile cases as well. She is the defense attorney on the Laramie County Drug Court team and enjoys a focus on rehabilitation and treatment for criminal defendants struggling with mental health, trauma, addiction and poverty.



Samantha D. Wolfe
Holland & Hart, LLP
Denver, Colorado

Samantha Wolfe is a Partner at Holland Hart LLP in Denver, where she counsels employers on the full spectrum of immigration compliance, from hiring and retaining foreign national workers to establishing defensible I-9 compliance programs and responding to government audits and investigations. Her practice spans employment-based visa petitions, employer compliance training, federal litigation, and removal defense, including representation of detained individuals. Samantha advises clients ranging from small businesses to multinational enterprises across industries including agriculture, energy, hospitality, and healthcare. She is fluent in Spanish and takes a people-first approach, developing creative, individualized solutions to each client's needs.

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 26, 2026, to be entered in the drawing to win a full refund of your registration fees. Enjoy reduced registration rates if you register by August 26th. Rates will increase August 27th. 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 2, 2026. If cancellation is received between September 3-8th at 5:00 p.m., refunds will be given less a 30% processing fee. After September 8th, 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 program. 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.

Lodging

All CLE programs and most social events will take place at the WYO Sports Ranch. There is no hotel block; however, there are numerous hotels close to the Sports Ranch.

- Hilton Garden Inn - (307) 266-1300
- Hampton Inn & Suites - (307) 235-6668
- Ramkota Hotel - (307) 266-6000
- Homewood Suites by Hilton - (800) 445-8667
- La Quinta Inn by Wyndham - (307) 265-1200

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. 26)
- New Active Member Attorneys (practicing five years or less) \$225 (\$275 after Aug. 26)
- Emeritus \$100 (\$150 after Aug. 26)
- Law Students\$25
- 2026 Law School Graduates..... \$25 (\$75 after Aug. 26)
- Non-Member \$600 (\$650 after Aug. 26)

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. 26)
(includes 6 CLE credits/3.5 ethics, online materials, Judicial Luncheon and Welcome Reception)
- Thursday\$200 (\$250 after Aug. 26)
(includes 6 CLE credits/4 ethics, online materials, Access to Justice Luncheon and Cocktail Party/Annual Banquet)
- Friday\$200 (\$250 after Aug. 26)
(includes 6 CLE credits/2.5 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. 26)
- New Active Full Virtual Registration \$225 (\$275 after Aug. 26)
- Emeritus Full Virtual Registration \$100 (\$150 after Aug. 26)
- Non-Member Full \$600 (\$650 after Aug. 26)
- Wednesday Only.....\$200 (\$250 after Aug. 26)
- Thursday Only.....\$200 (\$250 after Aug. 26)
- Friday Only\$200 (\$250 after Aug. 26)

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. 26)
- Social Events Only - Multiple Events (all-inclusive).....\$85 (\$135 after Aug. 26)

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 16th

TIME	CLE/ETHICS	COURSE
8:15 - 11:45 a.m.	3/3	1. ___ The Lawyer's Compass—Character, Ethics, and Trust in Modern Legal Practice
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0	2. ___ The Numbers Behind the Divorce: What Family Law Attorneys Need to Know About Small Business Taxes, Valuation and Income Determination
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0,5	3. ___ The "High-Performance" Paradox: Sustaining Excellence Without Burnout
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0	4. ___ The Monster Under the Bed: Sleeping Well in a World of Undue Influence Claims
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	5. ___ Civil Law Update
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	6. ___ Behind the Wagering: Inside the Gaming Commission and State Gaming Revenue
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	7. ___ T&E's Believe it or Not! Surprising Bequest Cases from Around the Country
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	8. ___ Digital Evidence in an Era of Exploding Data, Cloud Sync, Encryption and AI
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	9. ___ And We're Off to the Races...
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	10. ___ Criminal Law Update

Thursday, September 17th

TIME	CLE/ETHICS	COURSE
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	11. ___ Data Centers in the Cowboy State: What Lawyers Need to Know
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	12. ___ Development in and Around Indian Country
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	13. ___ Wyoming's State Constitution: Cut and Paste Job or Pioneering?
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	14. ___ Bench Marks: Understanding How Judges are Chosen in Wyoming
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	15. ___ Criminal Law Update
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	16. ___ The Integrity Crisis: Navigating the Legal and Ethical Challenges of the Evolving Sports Betting Landscape
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	17. ___ The NIL Revolution: Navigating the New Legal Frontier of Collegiate Athletics
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/1	18. ___ Conscious Inclusion
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	19. ___ Jurisdiction, Rule of Law & Structural Resilience in Digital Asset Wealth Planning
1:30 - 3:45 p.m.	2/0	20. ___ Beyond NIL – Emerging Legal Issues in Professional and Amateur Sports
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/1	21. ___ The Affirmative Action Decisions Came Out as We Expected. What Now?
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/1	22. ___ When Competence Cracks: Burnout, Boundaries, and Ethical Risk in the Modern Legal Profession
2:45 - 5:00 p.m.	2/0	23. ___ Code, Counsel and Clarity: On the Range, On the Chain and On the Hill
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/1	24. ___ Securing Your Small & Solo Legal Practice—A Real-World Cybersecurity Conversation
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	25. ___ AI and Bias: How to Ensure that AI Works For You and Not Against You
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	1/0	26. ___ Presuming 50/50: Policy, Practice, and the Future of Custody Determinations in Wyoming

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TIME	CLE/ETHICS	COURSE
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	1/0,5	27. ___ Rise & Shine. Breathwork, Meditation & Yoga for Real People: A Quick & Easy Morning Routine to Start Your Days Better
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/1	28. ___ Ethics Hotline FAQs – What Lawyers Are Asking About
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	29. ___ Civil Law Update
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	1/0	30. ___ Specie Specifics
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	31. ___ Ringing the Bell Without Sounding the Alarm: IPO Lessons from the Trenches
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/1	32. ___ Artificial Intelligence & Attorney Ethics
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	1/0	33. ___ The Other Side of Sentencing
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	34. ___ Introducing Decisis, Your Free Legal Research Tool
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	35. ___ Federal Court in Wyoming: What State-Court Lawyers Sometimes Get Wrong
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	1/0	36. ___ Follow the Money: Crypto, AI & the New Architecture of Financial Crime
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0	37. ___ No Country for Young Lawyers? Wyoming's Legal Desert Crisis
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0	38. ___ 2026 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Update
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	1/0	39. ___ Objection, Stereotype: A Candid Conversation about Assumptions Across the Profession
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	40. ___ Preparing Your Clients Before DHS Comes Knocking: I-9 Compliance and Employer Readiness
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	41. ___ Workplace Investigation? Drama, Duties, and the Consequences of Dereliction
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	1/0	42. ___ Mens Rea: It's the Thought That Counts