

Stuart Teicher, Esq.
The CLE Performer
Course List 2020/21

Programs in Ethics & Writing

My cutting edge topics and one-of-a-kind teaching style make my programs the most unique ethics courses around.

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Programs inspired by our changing times

This is a 2-3 hour program.

The world has changed. Let's sort it out

The upheaval we experienced in 2020 has profound impacts on the practice. Whether it's COVID, working from home, or everything else, there are both practical and ethics implications for lawyers. Join the CLE Performer as he explores the danger zones, and presents it with his unusual "New Jersey Flair." Topics include:

- Changing tech and competence — Rules 1.1
- The challenges of remote supervision — Rules 5.1 and 5.3
- Protesting and the ethics rules — Rule 8.4(b)
- Ways the Millennials are changing the practice — Rule 2.1
- The mental health issues caused by the new remote existence in the practice

These are 1-hour programs— the topics are some of the elements in the half-day program above, but they've been expanded into individual 1-hour programs.

How Millennials Have Changed Some Key Ethics Concepts

The most talked about generation in a long time is bringing a changed mindset to the practice, and that's good. Sometimes. But what's sure is that they are morphing some key ethics concepts. In this program, Stuart Teicher, "the CLE Performer" will provide a warning to all—the changers and the changees. He'll focus on the impact of Rule 1.4 Communication, 5.1 Supervision, and 2.1 Advisor.

Can Lawyers Protest...Ethically?

There are limits on lawyers when we protest & engage in civil disobedience that don't exist for the rest of society. And when a protest escalates to violence? Join the CLE Performer, "Stuart Teicher" as he evaluates limits on free speech and the implications of criminal behavior. Rules 8.4 & 3.4

The Tech Never Stops

New advancements in tech are a given. And the ethics concerns with each of them are a given as well. In this program the CLE Performer, Stuart Teicher talk about Tik Tok, Zoom, and a bunch of other new issues that should concern lawyers. Rules 1.1, 1.4, 5.3 are discussed.

Tech Programs

This program lasts from 1-3 hours, tailored to suit your needs

The Cyborgs are Coming! The Cyborgs are Coming! The ethical concerns with the latest technology disruptions

Lots of speakers warn about the run-of-the-mill ethical concerns with technology, but only a select few understand the deep cuts— the cutting edge concerns that are shifting the practice of law and causing ethical headaches for sophisticated lawyers. Join “the CLE Performer” Stuart Teicher, Esq., as he explains both the expanding ethical pitfalls and the evolving ethical duties that lawyers face when using new technology. Attendees will learn about:

- The dangers that don't get discussed like the paradigm shift being caused by Wikileaks and Snowden, and the pitfalls from the LinkedIn/Microsoft merger
- A few ethical words about Artificial Intelligence...in Plain English: Every tech guru tells you you need to understand artificial intelligence. But not a single one of them knows how it fits into the attorney ethics rules. (Rules 8.4, 5.3, 1.1)
- Phish-Hooked: The Ethical Implications of Getting Scammed Online. Whether it's ransomware, bogus escrow agent arrangements, or fake disciplinary notices, lawyers need to be aware of the hustles being used to scam lawyers. Stuart helps clarify a lawyer's obligations when they become a target of online trickery. (Helpful Bar opinions from Alaska #2016-1, Ohio #2016-8, DC Bar #371).
- -How your personal tweets could cause conflicts that can cost the firm business
- -The ethical implications of retweeting (Rule 4.1) and the pending terrorism criminal case that could have ethics implications for lawyers

Non-Tech Programs

All of these programs last from 1-3 hours, tailored to suit your needs

The Fear Factor—How Good Lawyers get into Bad Ethical Trouble

The scariest stories that lawyers hear are those tales where responsible lawyers who care about acting in an ethically appropriate way end up getting into disciplinary trouble. In this program, Stuart Teicher, Esq., “the CLE Performer” reviews key rules that most lawyers sort-of know, but might not appreciate in detail. Learn the key things to watch out for in misrepresentation (Rule 4.1), conflicts (Rule 1.7), reporting misconduct (Rule 8.3), and more. You’ll leave this seminar a safer, stronger attorney.

The Code of Kryptonite: Ethical Limitations on Lawyers’ Superpowers.

Did the drafters of our ethics code believe that lawyers are superheroes? It seems so. In this unique program, Stuart Teicher, Esq. (the “CLE Performer”) weaves together talk of superpowers, superheroes, and other fun stuff to explain important ethics rules and explore both the breadth and limitations on a lawyer’s power. Topics Include:

- The allocation of decision making authority between lawyer and client (Rule 1.2)
- The rule about withdrawing from representation (Rule 1.16)
- Our duties as an advisor (Rule 2.1)
- And more...

Everything I need to know about legal ethics I learned from the Kardashians.

You thought the Kardashians were all about bling and nonsense, didn’t you? Well they are. But only Stuart Teicher (the “CLE Performer”) can teach how they also allow lawyers to learn important lessons about legal ethics. Join Stuart as he explains the importance of confidentiality when dealing with new technologies (Rule 1.6), trial publicity issues (Rule 3.6), the duty to self-report mistakes (Rule 8.3 and 1.4) and much more.

Exit Row Ethics: What Rude Airline Travel Stories Teach About Attorney Ethics

Program Description: Stuart Teicher has traveled the world as a professional legal educator and he’s seen all kinds of bad behavior. Coincidentally, it mirrors a lot of the bad behavior he’s seen as an attorney ethics investigator. Join the CLE Performer as he draws parallels between passengers and practitioners and explains key ethics rules that will help every lawyer stay safe in their practice. Rules include misrepresentation (4.1), respect for third persons (4.4), and misconduct (8.4).

Specialty Courses

Substance Abuse:

When Moonshine Loses its Luster: Lawyers and Substance Abuse – What we all need to know about substance abuse in the legal profession. The symptoms, causes, pitfalls, and treatment options.

What Lindsay Lohan Teaches Lawyers About Substance Abuse

Ms. Lohan has had a checkered career...which has been plagued by substance abuse. Believe it or not, but there are a lot of lessons that lawyers could learn from her story. Come listen to the tales of a hollywood “legend” and learn lessons that could help lawyers avoid the perils of substance abuse.

Elimination of Bias:

Guess Who's Coming to Court A variety of steps have been taken to eliminate the blatant forms of improper discrimination in the profession. However, what about the not-so blatant activity? In this intriguing program, Stuart Teicher talks about the sneaky stuff-- those hidden manifestations of bias that exist in the interpersonal relationships among members of the bar. Join us for an eye-opening program that will help you recognize and learn a few tips that can be used to eliminate the hidden bias and discrimination in the practice of law.

Bias has Been Eliminated...Hypothetically Speaking

The occurrence of stereotypically outlandish bias has decreased in recent years (thankfully). But that doesn't mean that we've eliminated bias from the profession. In fact, it unfortunately continues to exist in more subtle ways. Join the “CLE Performer,” Stuart Teicher, Esq., as he uses several hypothetical examples to reveal how bias manifests itself in the practice...and what lawyers can do to eliminate it from the profession (This program relies heavily on hypotheticals. If your group likes to ask questions and speak up, then this is a good one).

Writing

Fluff is for Pillows, Not Legal Writing *1 - 3 hour program, depending upon your needs.* In this program, Stuart Teicher, Esq, explains the fundamental elements for writing in the modern practice: a new paradigm called the “Surgical Strike.” Stuart explains how lawyers can make their writings clear, concise, and direct by using Plain English and also by placing renewed relevance on the building blocks of our writing. Get down and dirty with some technicalities of sentence structure, get the lowdown on Stuart's "Shortwriting" method for reducing long sentences, and (if time permits) get the skinny on "the only punctuation you'll ever need to know.”

Semicolons are Stupid, and other Legal Writing Myths *(1 hour program)*

Stuart Teicher, Esq. used to think that semi-colons were stupid. But oh, how he was wrong! The details of a legal writing are actually critical elements in being persuasive. Join the “CLE Performer,” as he explains how small elements like punctuation are relevant (and helpful) to lawyers when they write.

Bio of Stuart I. Teicher, Esq.

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Stuart I. Teicher, Esq. is a professional legal educator who focuses on ethics law and writing instruction. A practicing attorney for over 25 years, Stuart's career is now dedicated to helping fellow attorneys survive the practice of law and thrive in the profession. Mr. Teicher teaches seminars, provides in-house training to law firms and legal departments, provides CLE instruction at law firm client events, and also gives keynote speeches at conventions and association meetings.

Stuart helps attorneys get better at what they do (and enjoy the process) through his entertaining and educational CLE Performances. Thomson Reuters published a book he wrote entitled, [Navigating the Legal Ethics of Social Media and Technology](#). Stuart also speaks about "Practical Ethics"-- those lessons hidden in the ethics rules that enhance a lawyer's practice.

Mr. Teicher is a Supreme Court appointee to the New Jersey District Ethics Committee where he investigates and prosecutes grievances filed against attorneys, Mr. Teicher is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law where he teaches Professional Responsibility, and he is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he teaches undergraduate writing courses.