

Program List — 2022-2023

**Ethics, Writing, and “Specialty Credits”  
like Diversity and Substance Abuse/Mental Health**

*Note: This list isn't exhaustive...it's only a list of programs that are popular right now. If you're looking for a program on a particular topic, let me know...I've been teaching for years and I'm sure I have a program on the topic.*

**Half Day Ethics Programs** (which could all be done in 1 hour sessions as well):

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

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.

Topic discussed include:

- Sneaking into first class and other deceptive tactics (Rule 8.4)
- Leaving the window shade open and other unprofessional behavior reflected in the rules (Rule 1.2)
- Wear your pajamas on the plane, but not in court (professionalism issues)
- Small airplane bottles of booze can lead to large substance abuse problems
- And more...

Ethics Lessons from a Jersey Guy (this is a half-day program, but I can do it in an hour version if you'd like)

You've heard all the stereotypes about New Jersey? Well, some are true, and some not so much. But you might be surprised by how the myths, realities, and Hollywood fictions about the Garden State teach valuable ethics lessons to lawyers. Join the CLE Performer, Stuart Teicher, Esq., as he explains how his home state illustrates critical ethic lessons for lawyers. Topics include:

- The value of keeping your mouth shut (Rule 1.6)
- Communicating with clients safely (Rule 1.4)
- Why every lawyer needs to know the latest about anti-corruption and Rule 1.2
- Issues with Deep Fakes (Rule 3.3)
- What to do if you're hacked (ABA Opinion 493)
- And much more...

### The world has changed. Let's sort it out

The upheaval we experienced recently has had 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

### **One hour ethics programs:**

#### The Bad Lawyers of Hollywood: An Ethics Program

Whether it's fictional lawyers in film, or real lawyers who represent celebrities, a ton of these characters have committed ethical violations. Join the CLE Performer Stuart Teicher as he explores the misdeeds of the real and fake lawyers of Hollywood (Rules 1.5, 8.4 and 3.5 addressed)

#### The Ethical Dangers of 'Getting Into Bed' with Your Clients

Getting a gift from a client? Going into business with a client? Having a relationship with a client? It's all covered by Rule 1.8. Join the CLE performer as he explains how issues of loyalty and confidentiality could arise between lawyer and client.

#### Cash, Coin, Cheddar, Dough: Ethical issues with money and billing.

Lawyers make all kinds of mistakes when billing and dealing with client funds. Sometimes they are accidentally, other times more nefarious. Join the CLE Performer, Stuart Teicher, Esq., as he explores these concerns. Rules 1.5, 8.4, and 1.15 will be discussed.

#### Infamous People that Shaped the Corporate Law Ethics Rules

The ethics code directly affects many areas of corporate law. It touches on everything from internal investigations, confidentiality, cybersecurity, wondering 'who is the client', and supervision. Many lawyers are not aware that these ethics rules originate from, and are illustrated by, the actions of some infamous people, including Bernie Madoff, Charlie Sheen, and Enron leadership, to name a few. Come join Stuart Teicher, Esq, as he discusses privilege, the "two hats" issue, and some quirks posed by a post-COVID world.

### **Mental Health:**

#### What my Facebook Posts Teach about Lawyer Mental Health (1 hour)

Stuart Teicher, Esq., posts some funny stuff while on the road as a CLE teacher. Like most of society he documents his life on FaceBook. But the difference is that most of his posts actually teach some important mental health lessons for lawyers. Join him as he discusses how lawyers are affected by anxiety, compassion fatigue, over-functioning, and more.

### 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.

### **Diversity/bias:**

#### What the Blues Teach about Bias and Inclusion in the Law

Jazz and The Blues are about a lot of things, including struggle, culture, bias, inclusion, change, and resilience. Each of those concepts are critical to understanding and combatting bias in the practice of law. Join the CLE Performer, Stuart Teicher, Esq., as he connects the world of jazz and the blues to diversity and inclusion in the legal world.

#### Guess Who's Coming to Court — A program about bias and inclusion

A variety of steps have been taken to eliminate the blatant forms of improper discrimination in the profession. But discrimination still exists...in a different form. 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 discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity and disability and learn tips that can be used to eliminate the hidden bias and discrimination in the practice of law.

### **Legal 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)

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.

#### Breaking out of the form: Smart direction for better drafting (1 hour)

It's time to write contracts differently! Stuart Teicher, Esq (the "CLE Performer") uses his unique style to explain why lawyers need to break free from the restrictions of the past — those dreaded forms.