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TRIALS OF THE CENTURIES: Learning from History

December 10, 2021

9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

6.0 CLE Hour (including 2.0 Professional Conduct)

Featuring Attorney Joel Oster

What do Socrates, John Scopes, and OJ Simpson have in common? They were all notorious figures whose cases shaped our modern system of justice. This class examines high profile cases through the lens of history, and ends with a distribution of "Darwinian Awards" to the best and the worst "actors" in legal history.

AGENDA

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. **The Trial of Socrates**
→The importance of cross-examination in learning the truth
→The conflict between pure democracy and rule by philosopher kings still rages in the courtroom today
→Can flaws in the jury system be fixed?
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. ***Marbury v. Madison***
→Navigating the politics of the apolitical branch of government
→The limitations of judicial review in a post-court packing legal system
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:15-12:15 p.m. **Leopold and Loeb**
→Strategies for litigating death penalty cases
→Future of death penalty cases
→Criminal sentencing and youth
- 12:15-12:45 p.m. Lunch Break

12:45-1:45 p.m.

The State of Tennessee v. John Thomas Scopes

- Strategies for litigating counter culture cases
- Using the media ethically: How the court of public opinion impacts the court of law
- Overturning precedent one chunk at a time

1:45-2:45 p.m.

The Trial of Orenthal Simpson

- Trial strategies and blunders of the prosecution
- Winning in court by the counter-punch and other winning defense strategies
- How the defense goaded the prosecution into blunders

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Darwinian Awards (Professional Conduct)

- The Darwinian Award for Stumbling out of the Gate (violating Rule 8.4 for lying on resume)
- The Darwinian Award for Worst Legal Advice (attorney disbarred for advising client to put sign up in yard announcing illegal activity in house)
- The Darwinian Award for Acting Like a Toddler (violating Rule 8.4 and 3.3 for throwing a tantrum in court)
- The Darwinian Award for Mishandling Client's Money (violating Rule 1.15 for using client monies to fund strip club)
- The Darwinian Award for Judicial Jealousy (violating Rule 3.3 and 8.4 for forging judge's signature on order)
- The Darwinian Award for Creativity in Argument (attorney disciplined for filing brief in excess of 14,000 words by deleting spaces between words)
- The Darwinian Award for Handling Opposing Counsel (violating Rule 8.4 for creating fake dating profile for opposing counsel)

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