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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & SCHEDULE

PART I: March 4, 2024 (Monday) / 12:00 - 1:00 PM (PT)

The AI Advantage – Pioneering Legal Frontiers and Enhancing Access to Justice

- Dispelling myths about AI
- What AI is, how it works, and its use in the legal profession
- Improving access to justice with AI
- AI's impact on written advocacy and judicial decision-making
- Common fears about the use of AI in the practice of law
- Ethical issues associated with AI

PART II: March 5, 2024 (Tuesday) / 12:00 - 1:00 PM (PT)

PAGA Litigation – Issues to Watch in 2024

- Interpreting and rewriting arbitration agreements
- Potential impact of offensive non-mutual collateral estoppel
- Lessons from *Estrada v. Royalty Carpet Mills*
- November 2024 PAGA Ballot Initiative

PART III: March 6, 2024 (Wednesday) / 12:00 - 1:00 PM (PT)

Judicial Independence – Electoral Challenges and Ethical Constraints

- How California's judges and justices are elected and appointed
- When a judge is the focus of an electoral challenge or recall campaign
- How judicial elections challenge our ideal of judicial independence
- How attorneys can participate in the process

PART IV: March 7, 2024 (Thursday) / 12:00 - 1:00 PM (PT)

Voir Dire – What Works, What Doesn't, and What Crosses the Line

- Understanding and identifying juror bias
- The purposes of voir dire, by statute and from the participants' perspectives
- "Improper questions" under Code of Civil Procedure §222.5
- Analysis of questions that might "cross the line"

PART V: March 8, 2024 (Friday) / 12:00 - 1:00 PM (PT)

Why Civility Matters – the Role of Judges, Lawyers, and Litigants

- Impact of civility on litigation efficiency and efficacy, the public trust, and the justice system
- Recent developments, including regulation and litigation outcomes
- What judges can and can't do to address incivility
- Ways you can promote civility

1-HOUR BONUS SESSION / KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

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Courageous Justice – A Conversation with Associate Justice Kelli Evans of the California Supreme Court

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