Happy New Year From the CLE Institute

This January, start the new year off by attending a 4 evening session Bridge the Gap. This is a great way to earn all 16 MCLE credits required for first or second year newly admitted attorneys, as well as serves as a great refresher course for more seasoned attorneys. If you can’t make it to the entire program, mix and match the sessions that work best for you.

**Session A: Legal Research/Summary Jury Trials**  
January 11: 3 Skills; 1 PP

**Session B: Practical Advice on Transitioning to the Legal Profession**  
January 18: .5 Ethics; 2.5 PP; 1 Skills

**Session C: E-Discovery**  
January 25: 1 Ethics; 1 Skills; 2 PP

**Session D: A Day in the Life on an Employment Law Office**  
February 1: 1.5 Ethics; 1.5 PP; 1 Skills

CLE Institute Focuses on Real Estate and Construction Law This January

For attorneys interested in real estate and construction law issues, the CLE Institute will be offering a diverse selection of programs in the area this January.

Start the new year off with **Co-ops and Condos: Law and Practice** on January 9. **Jeffrey Schwartz**, Wolf, Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP, will discuss the important issues involved in negotiating and finalizing co-op and condominium deals, as well as the unique legal and regulatory issues surrounding living in co-ops and condominiums. The respective rights of the co-op/condominium and the shareholder/unit-owner are discussed as well the rights of developers involved in the sale of new buildings.

On January 10, join us for a half day program on **NYC Zoning**

**Law and Green Technology**, co-sponsored by **NYCLA’s Real Property Section**. Program Chair **Juan Reyes III**, Reed Smith LLP, has assembled an expert faculty including **Costa Constantinides**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Councilmember James F. Gennaro, (Chair of the Environmental Committee of the NYC Council); **Wayne Hawley**, General Counsel, Conflicts of Interest Board; **David Rubenstein**, Michael, Levitt & Rubenstein; **John Weiss**, Deputy Counsel, Landmarks Preservation Commission; and **Barak Wrobel**, Counsel, Department of City Planning, to focus on the issues involved with land use and zoning in New York City, including the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure and Environmental Review and ethical issues involved in land use and zoning cases. Attendees will also hear updates from the Board of Standards and Appeals, the Landmark Preservation Commission and the NYC Buildings Department.

On Monday, January 30, **NYCLA’s Construction Law Committee** will present Construction Site Consultants: The Project Team Beyond/Behind The Owner, Contractor and Architect. Program Chair **Ariel Weinstock**, Katsky Korins, LLP, has assembled a panel of experts who will discuss the roles played by consultants on construction projects, including expeditors, schedulers and accountants who specialize in construction accounting. Learn from the experts what goes on behind the scenes and beyond the customary players of owners, contractors and architects.
In a world obsessed with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Clouds, lawyers have to be more mindful than ever of how the new technology affects their reputations, the way they deal with clients – and even the way they practice law.

On January 31, the CLE Institute, in conjunction with the Cyberspace Committee, welcome Stephanie L. Kimbro, author of *Virtual Law Practice: How to Deliver Legal Services Online*, ABA/LPM Publishing (2010) and VirtualLawPractice.org Blog, for a program on How to Be a Virtual Lawyer. The course will focus on how to deliver legal services online by creating a virtual law office that is either completely web-based or by integrating a virtual law office into a traditional practice. Not only will Stephanie discuss setting up a virtual office, but she will also talk about unbundling legal services, marketing a virtual law practice, the use of social media by lawyers, cloud computing and best practices for the online delivery of legal services. Ethical issues relating to delivering legal services online will also be covered, including the unauthorized practice of law, multijurisdictional law firms, defining the scope of representation, authenticating client identity, determining client competency, duties to prospective clients, establishing the attorney/client relationship online and taking online payments.

Attorneys new to legal practice won’t want to miss *Transitioning to Legal Practice*, on Wednesday evening, January 18 (also section B of the 4 evening Bridge the Gap). Three separate panels will cover issues of concern to new lawyers:

- **From Party to Professional: Updating Your Online Presence**
  **Speaker: Elizabeth Cronise McLaughlin, T**HL Consulting LLC
  Learn how to make the transition to the legal profession by updating the information clients and other professionals can obtain about you, especially on the web and social media sites. Topics to be covered include the importance of a professional on-line presence; choosing where to have an on-line presence; drawing boundaries around your online presence; and updating your profile to meet professional standards.

- **Credit Reporting and Repair**
  **Speakers: Anthony Davenport, Regal Solutions Corp. and Bruce L. Resnick, Summit Financial Resources, Inc.**
  Gain an understanding of the credit reporting system, credit scores and credit related legislation. Find out how to read a credit report. Learn the ins and outs of improving your and your clients’ credit scores as well as credit repair.

- **Dealing with Student Loans and Loan Consolidation**
  **Speakers: Gary Carpenter, CPA, National College Advocacy Group and Bruce L. Resnick, SummitFinancial Resources, Inc.**
  Learn about the types of student loans graduates may have and the pros and cons of consolidating student loans. Gain an understanding of how to consolidate student loans, the ramifications of recent legislation, as well as President Obama’s Student Loan Announcement of October 25, 2011.

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**NYCLA’s Civil Court Practice Section Co-sponsors Program on Summary Jury Trials**

On Wednesday, January 11th, NYCLA’s Civil Court Practice Section welcomes Hon. Lucindo Suarez, Statewide Coordinator for Summary Jury Trials, to discuss the benefits of the one day jury trial that combines the flexibility and cost effectiveness of arbitration with the structure of a conventional trial. Summary Jury Trials (SJT) can be either binding or non-binding, and parties have used the verdicts in non-binding cases as a settlement guide to predict how an actual jury would determine damages or resolve a contested issue. The arbitration-like format allows the parties to try cases and resolve issues without having to expend countless dollars on medical experts and other witnesses.

Some of the topics to be discussed include: conducting a summary jury trial; benefits of a summary jury trial; cases suitable for summary jury trials; the rules and procedures of SJTs; the courts’ experience with summary jury trials; and the goal of the Office of Court Administration to have a summary jury trial program in each judicial district within one year.

Learn about this new dispute resolution technique that can save your clients time and money – while still affording them their day in court.

**Note:** This program is also a portion of section A of the 4 evening Bridge the Gap.
Focus on Tax Issues This January

NYCLA’s Taxation Committee will co-sponsor a program on Hot Topics in NYS and Local Taxation on Tuesday, January 17. Program Chair Megan L. Brackney, Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP has assembled a panel of experts including Jack Trachtenberg, NY Taxpayer Advocate; William J. Comiskey, Hodgson Russ, LLP (and Former NYS Deputy Commissioner for Tax Enforcement); Leah Robinson, McDermott Will Emery; Lance E. Rothenberg, Hodgson Russ, LLP to discuss the latest developments and hot button issues associated with taxation at the state and local level in New York, including recent and pending legislation and how it will affect you and your clients.

Ethics Institute Update

The most recent release of NYCLA’s Ethics Institute’s publication, The New York Rules of Professional Responsibility, published by Oxford University Press, is now available. The analysis, practice pointers and commentary have been updated to include recent court decisions, ethics opinions, trends and warnings. The Editorial Board also welcomes new Rules Editor Laura Smith, Executive Director of the New York State court system’s Judicial Campaign Ethics Center and Staff Council for Ethics. For more information, and to order your copy go to http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Law/?view=usa

Save the Date:

Dealing With Ethical Issues Facing Intellectual Property Practitioners
Thursday, February 2

Calendaring as a Risk Management Strategy
Thursday, Feb. 2

IP Protection in the Apparel & Fashion Industries
Tuesday, Feb. 7

Succession Planning for Attorneys and Business Clients
Thursday, Feb. 9

2012 Matrimonial and Family Law Institute,
Wednesday, Feb 15

For complete program descriptions, faculty, registration information and pricing, consult our website at www.nycla.org

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CO-OP AND CONDO LAW AND PRACTICE
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012; 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
3 MCLE Credits: 1 Ethics; 2 Skills, Transitional and Non-transitional
☐ NYCLA Member: $125  •  ☐ Non-member: $175

NYC ZONING AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012; 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM
5.5 MCLE Credits; Credit breakdown tbd; Transitional and Non-transitional
☐ NYCLA Member: $150  •  ☐ Non-member: $200

BRIDGE THE GAP: 4 EVENING PROGRAM
CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18, 25 AND FEB. 1, 2011
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
16 MCLE Credits: 3 Ethics; 7PP/LPM; 6 Skills; Transitional and Non-transitional
Full Program
☐ NYCLA Member: $255  •  ☐ Non-Member: $355
Single Session
☐ NYCLA Member: $100  •  ☐ Non-Member: $150
I would like to attend: __________________________

SUMMARY JURY TRIALS: BECOMING A PART OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE FABRIC*
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011; 3:00 PM – 8:45 PM
2.5 MCLE Credits: 1 PP; 1.5 Skills; Transitional and Non-transitional
☐ NYCLA Member: $75  •  ☐ Non-member: $125
*Also a portion of Section A of 4 Evening Bridge the Gap

HOT TOPICS IN NY’S LOCAL TAXATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012; 6:00 PM -9:00 PM
3 MCLE Credits: 3 PP; Transitional and Non-transitional
☐ NYCLA Member: $125  •  ☐ Non-Member: $175

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TRANSITIONING TO LEGAL PRACTICE*
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012; 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
4 MCLE Credits: .5 Ethics; 2.5 PP; 1 Skills; Transitional and Non-transitional
(Also NJ)
☐ NYCLA Member: $100  •  ☐ Non-Member: $150

*Also Section B of 4 Evening Bridge the Gap

E-DISCOVERY 101: A PRACTITIONER’S GUIDE*
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012; 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
4 MCLE Credits: 1 Ethics; 1 Skills; 2 PP; Transitional and Non-transitional
(Also NJ)
☐ NYCLA Member: $100  •  ☐ Non-member: $150

*Also Section C of 4 Evening Bridge the Gap

CONSTRUCTION SITE CONSULTANTS: THE PROJECT TEAM BEYOND/BEHIND THE OWNER, CONTRACTOR AND ARCHITECT
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012; 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
3 MCLE Credits: 2 PP; 1 Skills; Transitional and Non-transitional
☐ NYCLA Member: $125  •  ☐ Non-Member: $175
☐ Non-attorney: $25

HOW TO BE A VIRTUAL LAWYER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012; 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
2 MCLE Credits: 1 Ethics; 1 PP; Transitional and Non-transitional
(Also NJ)
☐ NYCLA Member: $55  •  ☐ Non-Member: $75

A DAY IN THE LIFE ON AN EMPLOYMENT LAW OFFICE*
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012; 5:30 PM –9:00 PM
4 MCLE Credits: 1.5 Ethics; 1.5 PP; 1 Skills; Transitional and Non-transitional
☐ NYCLA Member: $100  •  ☐ Non-Member: $150

*Also Section D of 4 Evening Bridge the Gap

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