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HOW TO REPRESENT AN ALCOHOLIC CLIENT

A Tool Kit for Lawyers



**Pennsylvania CLE Credit: 2 Hours
(Ethics)**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009
2:00 p.m.**

LOCATION

**Courtyard Marriott at Willow Grove
2350 Easton Road Route 611
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THE ALCOHOLIC CLIENT

Of the many ways to lose a client probably none is more effective than for the lawyer to say, "You are an alcoholic." Or, "You have a problem with liquor." It is not surprising, therefore, that many lawyers are "representing around" a substance abuse issue

Nevertheless, the lawyer who does not learn to identify, assess, and advise the client who is a problem drinker and may be an alcoholic cannot adequately serve that client, and may unwittingly do more harm than good. Moreover, as a practical matter, there are many, many people who suffer from alcohol abuse, so there is hardly a lawyer who will not meet such a client.

The aim of this seminar is to help attorneys provide effective legal assistance to an alcoholic client whether that card is face up (as in a DUI case), or face down (as in family law, bankruptcy, criminal law, personal injury, employment law or some other area of legal specialization).

- * **Learn to make an accurate assessment of your client's involvement with alcohol at the initial client interview**
- * **Work the case even when the client is (consciously or unconsciously) denying a problem**
- * **Discover how the "lawyer approach" is far superior to the get-them-to-admit-they-have-a-problem "social worker" method.**
- * **Understand the neurochemistry of addictions.**
- * **Learn how to work with an impaired attorney colleague.**

FACULTY

Nancy C. Wear is a sole practitioner based in Coral Gables, Florida and a specialist in civil and criminal appeals. Ms. Wear has 30 plus years of successful appellate experience. A former police officer and prosecutor, she is a sought after seminar speaker and author of many interesting articles and columns, including, In the Solution; Identifying the Alcoholic Client, published in the American Bar Association magazine (Vol. 19, Number 7 October/November 2002).

Kenneth J. Hagreen is the executive director of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania, Inc., a not-for-profit lawyer assistance program that runs a confidential helpline service for Pennsylvania's lawyers and judges who are in distress because of alcohol, drugs, gambling, depression, anxiety, stress and other serious emotional or mental health issues. He is a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania (1994) and South Carolina (1977) and received a Special Achievement Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association (2000).

"If you understand addictions, you have the key to understanding a ton of people." Kenneth J. Hagreen

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