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April 5, 2018

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Kristin L. Aiello, Esq.
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Schedule and Faculty

8:00 REGISTRATION

8:30 JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES AND MEDIATIONS: BEST PRACTICES FOR ACHIEVING A FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR YOUR CLIENT IN EMPLOYMENT CASES

A panel of experienced neutrals will discuss best practices for judicial settlement conferences and mediations in employment law cases, including preparing your client and engaging them in the process, deciding who to bring and what materials to share with the neutral, developing and modifying negotiation strategies, using the neutral to help manage difficult clients, and confirming the essential settlement provisions

Magistrate Judge John C. Nivison, U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, Bangor

Jerrold A. Crouter, Esq., Drummond Woodsum, Portland

Maria C. Fox, Esq., MittelAsen LLC, Portland

9:30 SEXUAL HARASSMENT UPDATE IN THE WAKE OF A WAVE

Whether or not sexual harassment is actually on the rise, the #MeToo movement and a doubling in sexual harassment complaints filed with the Maine Human Rights Commission since 2015 reflect a trend worthy of attention. This panel will discuss a wide range of hot topics in the sexual harassment arena, including recent developments in the law, the extent to which “real life” resembles or differs from the allegations and scandals dominating the headlines, preventing and responding to retaliation, and proposed changes to the bar rules. The panel will also cover settlement of sexual harassment claims, including the pros and cons of confidentiality, generally and specifically in light of recent changes in the law.

Robert C. Brooks, Esq., Verrill Dana LLP, Portland

Elizabeth L.J. Burnett, Esq., Ociepka & Burnett PA, Belfast

Chad T. Hansen, Esq., Maine Employee Rights Group LLC, Portland

Katharine I. Rand, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland

10:45 BREAK

11:00 WHAT'S NEW (AND NOT SO NEW) WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: UPDATES, RECURRING ISSUES, AND INTERSECTION WITH OTHER LAWS

Through real-world examples and interactive discussion, this session will explore common pitfalls employers and employees face as they navigate the complex legal framework for workers with disabilities, serious health conditions, and caregiver responsibilities. The panelists will provide updates on recent developments in ADA, MHRA, and FMLA coverage, including the Law Court's recent decision in *Carnicella v. Mercy Hospital*. This session will also address recurring issues affecting both employers and employees and will explore the dreaded ADA/FMLA/workers' compensation triangle.

Carol J. Garvan, Esq., Johnson Webbert & Young LLP, Augusta

Anne-Marie L. Storey, Esq., Rudman Winchell, Bangor

Shiloh D. Theberge, Esq., Littler Mendelson, Portland

Valerie Z. Wicks, Esq., Johnson Webbert & Young LLP, Augusta

12:15 LUNCH (INCLUDED)

1:00 ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER LANDSCAPE

Once again, 12 months have passed, leaving us with a shifting picture of employee rights and employment discrimination law. In the last year we saw employers' obligations to provide leaves of absence as reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities narrowed; the Maine Human Rights Act further limited employment discrimination by “employers”; tax reform impacted settlements; recreational marijuana was legalized; and the federal government sought to roll back legal protections for gender identity. In this session, the panelists will survey these developments and other court decisions, legislation, and administrative actions that altered the legal landscape this past year.

John P. Gause, Esq., Eastern Maine Law LLC, Bangor

Peter D. Lowe, Esq., Brann & Isaacson LLP, Lewiston

2:15 BREAK

2:30 THE ETHICS

Join us on the MSBA red carpet for an interactive session as our straight-from-Hollywood (well, the Hollywood Casino maybe) panelists navigate the rules of professional responsibility and other ethical dilemmas that arise in the practice of employment law with fact patterns that will address conflicts of interest, contact with represented parties, inadvertent disclosure, and other current ethical topics.

Alan P. Kelley, Esq., Board of Overseers of the Bar, Augusta

Stacey D. Neumann, Esq., Murray Plumb & Murray, Portland

Thad B. Zmistowski, Esq., Eaton Peabody, Bangor

3:30 ADJOURN

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