



**2010 ABA Orlando Midyear Meeting  
CLE Programs  
As of December 21, 2009**

Date	Start & End Time	Event Name	Sponsor	Hotel	Description
Wed Feb 3	08:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m.	HIV/AIDS Law and Practice Conference	ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee <a href="http://www.abanet.org/AIDS/">http://www.abanet.org/AIDS/</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Benefits Institute Filing the Successful Social Security Claim Daniel Fortuno, Benefits Education Center, San Francisco, CA Filing the Successful Social Security Claim Social Security Mock Hearing
Wed Feb 3	10:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m.	HIV/AIDS Law and Practice Conference	ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee <a href="http://www.abanet.org/AIDS/">http://www.abanet.org/AIDS/</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Taking Stock, Looking Ahead, is a pre-eminent multi-disciplinary continuing legal education (CLE) conference addressing the continuum of legal issues HIV/AIDS poses to lawyers across the profession. Held bi-annually, the conference gathers lawyers and policy advocates from around the country to examine cutting-edge issues, explore innovative strategies, and build community bonds. This year's conference also will feature a track designed specifically for healthcare professionals, case workers, and social service providers to examine how HIV-related law and policy affects their work, and to enlighten lawyers about the needs and experiences of non-lawyers in working with HIV-positive persons.
Fri Feb 5	08:30 a.m. to 09:30 a.m.	Anatomy of Business Law Part 4: The Real Estate Ropes	Young Lawyers Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Particularly in today's difficult economy, even experienced practitioners face challenges in real estate transactions. Deals take months to close. Funding is sparse or hard to obtain. Foreclosures and short sales are commonplace. Title companies have tightened their belts, limiting their flexibility in resolving issues. All this combines to make even the most "basic of deals riddled with pitfalls. This program will combine knowledge and experience to provide attendees the tools necessary to "know the ropes" of a real estate transaction. Guiding you from beginning to end, participants will learn the advantages of checklists, the components of a common transaction and suggestions for dealing with issue that may arise.

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Fri Feb 5	08:30 a.m. to 09:30 a.m.	The Changing Face of Discrimination: From Where We've Been to Where We're Going in Civil Rights Law	Young Lawyers Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	From the Civil Rights Act of 1961 to today, the definition of "discrimination" has evolved. In this program, panelists will explore how the Civil Rights Act was intended to address discrimination and how current day discrimination issues, including national origin, sexual identity and reverse discrimination fit into that statute. The discussion will include an analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Ricci v. DeStefano and its aftermath.
Fri Feb 5	08:30 a.m. to 09:30 a.m.	Fundamentals of Appellate Brief Writing	Young Lawyers Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Learn from two appellate judges and an experienced appellate practitioner, who will discuss what it takes to write an effective appellate brief. The insights to be gained from the panelists will benefit both inexperienced lawyers looking to become better brief writers as well as experienced lawyers looking to hone their skills. The program is co-sponsored by the Council of Appellate Lawyers.
Fri Feb 5	08:30 a.m. to 09:30 a.m.	How to Get What You Want: Embracing the Art of Negotiation in Your Personal and Professional Life	Young Lawyers Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Lawyers use negotiation techniques every day, against opposing parties in transactions and in litigation. In this program, learn to enhance your negotiating techniques and use them in other relationships: with clients, as employees or employers, and in your life outside the office.
Fri Feb 5	09:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Transportation Impact Fees CLE	State and Local Government Law <a href="http://www.abanet.org/statelocal/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/statelocal/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	The CLE will focus on cutting edge changes in Impact Mobility Fees including a national analysis and an analysis of Florida's current legislative and regulatory showdown over Impact Mobility Fees. The panel will feature land use & planning experts, impact fee specialists, local government representatives and private developer representatives.
Fri Feb 5	09:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	New Developments in E-Discovery	Young Lawyers Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/yld/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	E-Discovery is a constantly evolving area of law and litigators are charged with the duty of remaining current with this evolution. Both case law and evidentiary rules in various jurisdictions are regularly updated and improved to keep up with the new scenarios the legal world regularly encounters. This program gives litigators around the country a snapshot of the current state of e-discovery law. Presented with perspective from vendors, judges and lawyers, this program provides lawyers the opportunity to ask questions about the current e-discovery landscape.

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Fri Feb 5	11:30 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.	Reining In Costs and Delays in Commercial and Construction Arbitration	Dispute Resolution <a href="http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Experienced arbitrators and advocates will share effective strategies for containing costs and managing the clock in arbitration. Topics include: discovery shortcuts that work (and those that don't); effective use of a bifurcated proceeding; balancing the parties' need for information with the arbitration goal of less discovery; how to manage delay causing tactics; how to pre-select arbitrators who will commit to a faster hearing date; plus, contract drafting tips to prevent disputes after the arbitration proceeding has begun.
Fri Feb 5	12:30 p.m. to 02:30 p.m.	Smart Soloing: Effective Strategies for Diverse Lawyers	General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division <a href="http://new.abanet.org/divisions/genpractice/Pages/default.aspx">http://new.abanet.org/divisions/genpractice/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	In the current employment environment, many lawyers are turning to solo/small firm practice. This program is designed to help the new solo/small firm lawyer build the skills needed to run a successful practice. Topics include how to run an office, how to handle billing and technology to make your practice easier and efficient, how to market yourself and your practice effectively, how to use bar association contacts for guidance and mentoring, how to identify and solve ethical dilemmas and how to avoid disciplinary action. The program will also address some of the barriers and opportunities by minority and women solo and small firm practitioners. Strategies and resource information will be shared to overcome barriers, to capitalize on opportunities and to develop a support network to make your practice successful. This is a part of the Presidential Diversity Commission's series, which is designed to help diverse lawyers advance their legal careers.

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Fri Feb 5	01:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.	Prosecuting and Defending Immigration- Based Criminal Offenses: What Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys Should Know	Criminal Justice Section <a href="http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Swan	In many cities across the nation large numbers of non-citizens face prosecution in criminal courts, and with growing frequency these offenses involve immigration based crimes (re-entry after deportation, fraudulent passports, false claims to citizenship, altered passports, etc). The elements of the underlying offense will often involve an examination of previous immigration proceedings and immigration law. Additionally, these individuals are unaware of the collateral consequences of a conviction in subsequent immigration proceedings. Prosecutors, defense counsel, and judges have little experience with immigration law, how to examine an "A-file" and how a particular result will affect immigration status. The law regarding what constitutes a "crime involving moral turpitude" or an "aggravated felony" is complex. Further, in <i>Padilla v. Kentucky</i> , that was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in October 2009, a decision is expected regarding criminal defense attorney's duties in regards to immigration. This two-part program will address the charging and plea offer decisions made prosecutors and the due diligence, research, investigation, and advice defense counsel should give to a client, as well as sentencing determinations for judges when a non-citizen is facing criminal charges, specifically the immigration-based crimes.
Fri Feb 5	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	Current Trends and Developments in International Arbitration	Dispute Resolution <a href="http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Learn about the most significant trends and recent developments in international arbitration today from a panel of lawyers with decades of experience representing clients in international arbitrations all over the globe. Topics will include: efforts by international arbitral tribunals to reduce time and costs by revising their rules and guidelines; hot issues in enforceability; the threat of corruption and its effect on the arbitration process; and what implications the proposed Arbitration Fairness Act would have on international arbitration. Bring your questions for the panel. This program is co-sponsored by the International Law Section.

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Fri Feb 5	02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	Debatable Dilemmas: Real World Mediation Ethics for Litigators and Mediators	Dispute Resolution <a href="http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	This program will address challenging mediation ethics issues such as conflicts of interest, competence, settlement authority, insurance coverage, mediator's opinions on case value, settlement confidentiality clauses, and more. Panelists will also consider whether selected state ethics opinions available on the ABA's online National Clearinghouse for Mediator Ethics Opinions got it right.
Fri Feb 5	03:45 p.m. to 05:15 p.m.	Effective Advocacy in Mediations	Dispute Resolution <a href="http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/dispute/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Four experienced mediators representing the solo practitioner, large private law firm, government mediator and a general counsel will discuss strategies for enhancing settlement success in mediation. The panel will focus on mediation efficiency, advocacy, issue identification and how to work through an impasse. Topics include: successful tools used by mediators and advocates; how to best prepare for mediation; when to use a Power Point presentation; streamlining issues; selecting the mediator; ethical considerations and organizational tips.
Fri Feb 5	04:00 p.m. to 05:30 p.m.	How a Battle for Adoption Rights Became a 1st Amendment Keller Issue	Individual Rights and Responsibilities <a href="http://www.abanet.org/irr/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/irr/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Two recent court decisions (In re: Gill and Liberty Counsel v. FL Bar Board of Governors) have placed Florida at the center of the struggle against banning adoption and fostering by gay people. While these decisions were hailed as important victories by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) advocates, they have had serious implications far beyond the sphere of LGBT parenting rights. From setting limits on what a bar association can say on behalf of its members under the Keller decision to determining what rights and liberties can be decided at the ballot box, this panel will provide an in-depth look at what these decisions mean for you.

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Fri Feb 5	04:00 p.m. to 05:30 p.m.	Inside the Supreme Court: the Personalities and Philosophies of the Justices	Judicial Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/jd/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/jd/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	This is an enrichment program designed to attract many ABA members because of the general interest in learning more about the Justices, the internal operations of the Court, and the process of reviewing certiorari applications, conducting oral arguments, and deciding argued cases. The speakers will discuss the backgrounds, experiences, personalities and judicial and personal philosophies of current and recent members of the Supreme Court. The speakers have had various associations with the Justices. One is a former U.S. Circuit Judge, a former Solicitor General, and a current law school dean who has argued many cases before the Court; one is a nationally renowned law school professor who served as a law clerk to Justice Blackmun, has argued many cases before the court, and has published extensively about the Court and its Justices; and one is an award-winning journalist who covered the Court for ABC News for over two decades, who is a recognized expert on the Court, its Justices and its decisions, and has been a visiting professor at several law schools. The program also will hopefully promote an understanding of the humanity of the individual Justices, as well as providing an insight into the Court's internal operations.

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Sat Feb 6	11:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.	Summit on Indigent Defense Improvements: A National Forum for Bar Leaders	Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants <a href="http://www.abanet.org/legal-services/sclaid/">http://www.abanet.org/legal-services/sclaid/</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	The 6th Annual ABA Summit on Indigent Defense Improvements: A National Forum for Bar Leaders provides an opportunity for leaders of state and local bars to learn about issues in indigent criminal defense that impact the bar, and to discuss solutions with their peers. This year's event will feature a discussion with Barry Scheck about wrongful conviction and other high costs of inadequate representation. Speakers will include bar leaders from Texas and representatives of the Dallas District Attorney's Office, which has created a special "conviction integrity" unit. Bar and judicial leaders from Michigan will discuss collaborations for reform in that state. The event will focus on how bar leaders can become involved and contribute their skills and views toward reform efforts. The Summit is free, and includes CLE credit and a complimentary luncheon. For more information, and to register, go to: <a href="https://www.abanet.org/legal-services/sclaid/defender/conference.html">https://www.abanet.org/legal-services/sclaid/defender/conference.html</a>
Sat Feb 6	01:00 p.m. to 02:30 p.m.	The 5000 Year Old Formula: Negotiation From Moses To Next Monday Morning - The Rules Haven't Changed	General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division <a href="http://new.abanet.org/divisions/genpractice/Pages/default.aspx">http://new.abanet.org/divisions/genpractice/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	This fast paced 90 minute program is based on Lee Hetherington's innovative law school course on negotiation. It provides a practical framework designed for lawyers engaged in both deal making and the settlement of litigation and other disputes. It draws heavily from his book, The Lawyer's Guide To Negotiation: A Strategic Approach to Better Contracts and Settlements (with Frascogna) second edition, published by the American Bar Association. This book is a former main selection of the Lawyers Book Club and is used as a text in selected American Law Schools.

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Sat Feb 6	02:00 p.m. to 04:30 p.m.	Fellows CLE Research Seminar: Asian Legal Revivals	American Bar Foundation <a href="http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/index.html">http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/index.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	Bryant Garth's forthcoming book (with Yves Dezalay, 2010 University of Chicago Press), <i>Asian Legal Revivals: Lawyer-Compradors and Colonial Strategies in the Shaping of Asian States</i> , explores the conditions that have led to a "revival" of the role of lawyers and the rule of law in a group of Asian countries. It is based on close to 400 interviews in Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and South Korea. Drawing on this work, the panel will examine the roles of colonial relationships and Cold War influences in these countries. Are lawyers inevitably opponents of authoritarianism? How do the actions of the United States affect the rule of law in other countries? What is the relationship between activist NGOs and corporate law firms? Another major theme, which builds on Garth and Dezalay's prior work, is the enduring link between social status and legal influence.
Sat Feb 6	02:30 p.m. to 04:30 p.m.	Diversity on the Bench: Is the "Wise Latina" a Myth?	Judicial Division <a href="http://www.abanet.org/jd/home.html">http://www.abanet.org/jd/home.html</a>	Walt Disney World Dolphin	The recent Supreme Court confirmation hearing of Justice Sonia Sotomayor was dominated by 32 words excerpted from one of her many speeches: "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life." The notion that judges' decisionmaking might be affected by their gender and race or ethnicity is repugnant to those who view "judging" as the sterile, bloodless, objective disposition of cases, without regard to judges' personal backgrounds, biases, attitudes, and ideologies. But a growing number of studies are now demonstrating the dramatic impact that judges' gender and race/ethnicity may have, at least in certain types of cases. What does this fascinating and provocative research mean for the justice system? First and foremost, the studies underscore the importance of diversity on the bench generally, and on appellate panels in particular. Indeed, diversity may in fact be outcome-determinative. But what about trial judges, who hear cases alone? Can judges really check their individual identities at the courthouse door? Should appellate courts closely scrutinize trial judges' decisions in cases where the new studies suggest that a judge's gender and/or race/ethnicity might well make a difference? Are there systemic changes that should be made? Given the disparities in case outcomes documented in this extraordinary body of research, what can be done to promote accuracy, fairness, consistency, and predictability in judicial decisionmaking, to ensure that "the rule of law" prevails?