2024 Annual Meeting
August 11-13, 2024
Chicago, IL

Hotel Chicago
333 N. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60654

Registration is open!
WWW.CLEREG.ORG
Complete conference details including registration can be found online at: https://www.clereg.org/membership/conferences

When you complete your online registration, you can pay online or receive an invoice. All payment is due by July 19, 2024.

CONFERENCE RATES

CLEreg Member: $595 (Includes Emeritus Status)

Cancellation: All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing by 5:00 CST on Friday, July 19th. All cancellations regardless of payment status include a cancellation fee of $100.

CONFERENCE LOCATION/HOTEL

The 2024 CLEreg Annual Meeting will be held at the Hotel Chicago, 333 N. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60654.

For an online reservation link or for more details, visit: https://www.clereg.org/membership/conferences.

Room rate: $209/night for Standard and King Suites
Reservation deadline: July 19, 2024

PLANNING COMMITTEE

A big thank you to our planning committee for their efforts to bring our members quality education and networking opportunities!

Melissa Shultz, Kansas (Chair)         Dawn McKnight, Colorado
Katey Buggy, Pennsylvania             Elvia Mondragon, Colorado
Amy Frogge, Tennessee                 Jennifer Rickman, Montana
Elise Geltzer, New York               Shelley Sutton, Kansas
Jenny Hubach, Emeritus                Liz Vanderbeek, Minnesota
Karen Johnson, Illinois               Michele Wojciechowski, Tennessee
Dear MCLE Regulators and Friends of CLEReg,

On behalf of the Continuing Legal Education Regulator’s Association (CLEReg), I am pleased to invite you, your colleagues, and board/committee members to the 2024 CLEReg Annual Conference to be held from August 11-13, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois. In keeping with the purpose of CLEReg, attending the conference provides an excellent opportunity for our members to gather to support each other in our regulatory roles. Our goal for this conference is to provide opportunities for sharing knowledge, networking, and professional development training.

Highlights from our upcoming conference include sessions on: Getting Things Done: Overcoming Procrastination and Implementing Technology to Better Manage Your Time, Working Smarter, Not Harder, A Deeper Dive into Board Meetings, What’s New in Your Jurisdiction, and much more!

I would also like to invite all “new” members and regulators to join us for a brief orientation session on Sunday afternoon. This includes anyone who has been in their office or position for five years or less, you do not have to be a new member in the last year. This is an informal session that will provide opportunities to network, ask questions, and learn more about CLEReg. This will then be followed up by a welcome reception generously sponsored by the MCLE Board of the Illinois Supreme Court.

We are also excited to present the second Holly Hitchcock Award for Contributions to Continuing Legal Education. This award allows our organization to recognize an individual in the CLE regulatory realm or a jurisdiction that has shown extraordinary leadership and passion for the organization and our profession.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Jennifer Rickman
CLEReg President

CLEREG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Jennifer Rickman, Montana
Vice President: Dawn McKnight, Colorado
Treasurer: Michele Wojciechowski, Tennessee
Secretary: Liz Vanderbeek, Minnesota
Past President(s): Maria Molinelli Gonzalez, Puerto Rico & Dawn McKnight, Colorado
## CLEREG CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
### Sunday, August 11, 2024

### Pre-Conference Activities:

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<td>Welcome to Chicago - Illinois Supreme Court</td>
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<td>Re-Imagining CLE - Graham McMahon, MD, President &amp; CEO, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)</td>
<td>While legal and medical education share common challenges, the organization and administra-</td>
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<td>CLE-APLOOZA - Dan Levering, CLE Administrator, Pennsylvania &amp; Shelley Sutton, CLE and Attorney Registration Director, Kansas</td>
<td>This roundtable session allow for the sharing of updates and ideas to help regulators return to</td>
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<td>Session TBA - Erika Harold, Executive Director, Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism</td>
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**All times reflected in CST.**
**Monday, August 12, 2024 (cont):**

2:15-3:15  **Getting Things Done** - Danielle Hall, Chief of Professionalism & Outreach, Kansas Office of Judicial Administration

Any given day of the week, many of us are managing multiple projects and tasks at the same time. This juggling act, however, can lead to increased stress, missed deadlines, and mistakes when we are not managing our time or technology well or when there is a lack of systems and processes in place to get the job done. During this session, we will discuss how to utilize technology and implement workflows to make your job easier, more efficient, and less stressful. Attendees will learn time management techniques and technology tips to help them maximize their time and focus.

3:15-3:30  **Break**

3:30-4:30  **Working Smarter, Not Harder** - Danielle Hall, Chief of Professionalism & Outreach, Kansas Office of Judicial Administration

5:30  **Possible Group Outing (TBA)**

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**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

7:30-8:15  **Breakfast & Annual Business Meeting**

CLEreg Board Elections
Passing of the Gavel
Committee Reports

8:30-9:30  **Crisis Management** - Dawn McKnight, Deputy Regulation Counsel, Colorado & Stephanie Smith, Judicial Administrator, Kansas

9:30-9:45  **Break**

9:45-10:45  **Long Range Planning Update** - CLEreg Long Range Planning Committee

10:45-11:00  **Break**

11:00-12:15  **Board Meetings, Part 2!** - Timothy Shultz, Associate General Counsel, Stormont-Vail Health

This presentation is a sequel to last year's presentation, “Board Meetings: How to Run One, How to Onboard, & How to Use Board Meeting Apps.” This presentation will go deeper into how to, and how not to run a board meeting. Topics, such as how to handle the discussion monopolizer, how to run an effective board meeting when crickets seem to be participants, how to strategically develop relationships with board members, or how to deal with serious issues in the agency/organization that need to be dealt with by the board.

Additionally, your questions will be answered. If you have questions about boards, how to deal with specific board member issues, or how to handle particular situations in board meetings. Please submit your questions online before August 1, 2024.

12:15  **Conference Wrap-Up**

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**Safe Travels!**

1:00-4:00  **Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**

(Long Range Planning Committee & Executive Committee)
Chicago Insider Information

As you plan your trip, here is some wonderful insider information compiled and provided by Karen Johnson and her staff with the MCLE Board of the Illinois Supreme Court.

**Travel**
Chicago is home to two international airports: O’Hare and Midway. Ground transportation options are taxis, ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft, and the Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”) light rail.

The CTA is the lowest-cost option, with a $2.50 one-way fare. If you elect to travel by car or rideshare, construction on two major roadways near O’Hare will likely delay your trip. A one-way cab or rideshare can cost $50.00 or more, depending on the time of day and traffic.

O’Hare rapid transit
Take the [CTA Blue Line](#) between O’Hare and downtown. Blue Line station is in the lower level concourse—connects directly to Terminals 1, 2, and 3. For Terminal 5, use the free airport shuttle to the station. Allow 45-60 minutes…slower in a.m. and p.m. commute.

In downtown, exit at the Clark/Lake stop, then walk or ride about 0.5 miles to Hotel Chicago Downtown, 333 N. Dearborn St.

Midway rapid transit
Hop on the [CTA Orange Line](#) between Midway and downtown. Operates between 4:00/4:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily from the station at the Transportation Center, connected by an enclosed walkway. Follow “CTA Trains” or “Trains to City” signs and the orange line on the ground. Allow 30-45 minutes…slower in a.m. and p.m. commute.

In downtown, exit at the State/Lake stop, then walk or ride about 0.2 miles to Hotel Chicago Downtown, 333 N. Dearborn St.

**Restaurants Near the Hotel**
You will find dozens of restaurants within a short walk of the hotel. Here are some suggestions to get you started—two for fine dining and two more casual options:

Holy cow! Our beloved Harry Caray was the voice of Chicago baseball for more than 25 years. The Chicago Tribune named his namesake restaurant, [Harry Caray’s River North](#), as the “Best Steakhouse in Chicago.” With classics like prime-aged steaks, chops, and Italian dishes, it’s known for its sporty elegance, white tablecloths, and baseball memorabilia. $$$

Another steakhouse option is [Bavette’s Steakhouse and Bar](#) with a French flair that feels like a cozy speakeasy. On the list of “Travelers Choice” on Trip Advisor, “Chicago’s 14 Essential Steakhouses” on Thrillist, and “The 15 Most Romantic Restaurants in Chicago” on Time Out. [Advance reservations](#) are strongly recommended. Be ready with a [Resy](#) account (per-person charge), or luck may smile if you walk in for a table. $$$$

With a massive outdoor patio, [Barrio](#) offers a creative take on traditional Mexican fare with American influences. This casual yet lively spot is a great for enjoying tacos and margaritas. $$

For classic Italian-American comfort food in a casual setting, [Il Porcellino](#) is a neighborhood restaurant serving homemade pasta, vegetable antipasti, and daily specials. $$
**Things to Do and See Near the Hotel and Downtown**

You’ll find restaurants, shops, and nightlife along the Chicago Riverwalk, with an access point about two blocks from the hotel. Keep a lookout for the public art along the walk.

Adjacent to our hotel is **10 PIN Bowling**, a 24-lane bowling alley with an upscale grill, eight large-screen TVs, and a mahogany-and-marble bar. You can eat in the dining room or at your lane. The menu features thin-crust pizzas, salads, sandwiches, and southern fried chicken.

Check out **ART on THE MART**, a rotating art display projected on the façade of the iconic Merchandise Mart. One of the world’s largest buildings under one roof, the Mart (as the locals call it) is about a 10-minute walk west of the hotel.

Known as the birthplace of modern architecture, Chicago is home to a vast array of skyscrapers and other historic buildings. Check out a classic on North Michigan Avenue—the 36-floor Gothic Revival gem, the Tribune Tower. **Stones embedded in its exterior walls** came from monuments and battlefields worldwide, including Bunker Hill, Omaha Beach, the Great Pyramid of Giza, Westminster Abbey, the Berlin Wall, St. Peter’s Basilica, the Forbidden City, and the Kremlin.

If you continue north on Michigan Avenue from the river, you’ll walk The Magnificent Mile, known for its shopping. Nike Store, Tiffany & Co., Apple, Coach, Bloomingdale’s, and others grace this historic stretch. The only two downtown structures that survived the 1871 Great Chicago Fire still stand on this great street—the iconic **Chicago Water Tower and the Chicago Avenue Pumping Station**, flanking North Michigan Avenue at Chicago Avenue.

See Chicago’s stunning architecture from the water and learn the stories behind more than 50 buildings on the **Chicago Architecture Center’s River Cruise**, voted one of North America’s best boat tours. It sails from Michigan Avenue and East Wacker Drive, a short walk from the hotel.

Up for a longer walk? Visit the Midwest’s most popular destination, **Millennium Park**. Cross the river bridge near the hotel, stroll east on Wacker Drive, then south on Michigan Avenue. Highlights include Indian-born British sculptor **Anish Kapoor’s Cloud Gate** (locals call it “The Bean” and it’s inspired by liquid mercury), **Crown Fountain** by Spanish artist **Jaume Plensa**, and **Jay Pritzker Pavilion** from the genius of the legendary **Frank Gehry**.

If you’re an art lover up for longer walks or some Uber rides, you’ll find plenty of **outdoor art in the Loop**, Chicago’s downtown business district.

Spend an evening enjoying live blues at **Buddy Guy’s Legends** in the South Loop or even closer to the hotel at **Blue Chicago**. In mid-June, check the August schedule for performers and tickets.

**Baseball—An Early Arrival Option or Monday, August 12, Both on the South Side**

Just before our conference begins, the northside Cubs travel to play our southside team, the White Sox, at **Guaranteed Rate Field** on Saturday, August 10. **Buy tickets** soon for this crosstown rivalry! Or get tickets to see the Sox play the Yankees on Monday, August 12, 2024. No games at Wrigley during our conference.

For up-to-date info on events and other happenings in Chicago, check out **Choose Chicago** perusing “Thinks to Do in the Summer” and searching the calendar for August events will give you lots of ideas.
**SPEAKER BIOS**

**GRAHAM MCMAHON, MD, MMSC**

Graham McMahon, MD, MMSc, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), which accredits continuing medical education (CME) providers in the US and internationally, creating a framework that supports, inspires, and motivates educators to achieve their full potential. Dr. McMahon leads initiatives to accelerate learning, change, and growth, enabling clinicians and interprofessional teams in practice to optimize their performance and continuously improve care for patients, families, and communities. In addition to his role at the ACCME, Dr. McMahon serves as an Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Medical Education at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine teaching medical students and fellows and continues to care for patients with endocrine disorders at Howard Brown Health in Chicago.

**DANIELLE HALL**

Danielle Hall currently serves as the Chief of Professionalism and Outreach with the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program and as a Deputy Disciplinary Administrator with the Kansas Office of the Disciplinary Administrator. Much of her career has been dedicated to service to the public and improving the practice of law by tackling issues surrounding the connection between well-being, law practice management, and ethics and professionalism in the profession. She uses her background in each of these areas to focus on education and outreach for judges, attorneys, law students, and judicial employees.

Danielle currently serves as President-Elect for the Institute for Well-Being in Law, President-Elect of the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, and is the District 5 Rep on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors. She also serves as the Chair of the Kansas Bar Association Law Practice Management Committee and is a member of the Kansas Bar Association Ethics Advisory Committee. She is also an active member in the ABA Law Practice Division, having served on several committees, and is a regular contributor to the Product Watch column of the LP Division’s Law Practice Magazine. In her free time, she serves as an adjunct professor at Washburn School of Law, teaching law practice management and assisting with the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and coaching the competition teams. Danielle received her J.D. in 2009 from Washburn School of Law.

**TIMOTHY SHULTZ**

Timothy A. Shultz received a B.A. degree from Washburn University with a double major in history and political science and a minor in English literature. Tim received his J.D. degree from Washburn University School of Law in 1993 and was admitted to practice in Kansas State and Federal courts. After having been a partner in a number of firms over the years, most recently serving as the Managing Partner of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, LLP in Topeka, KS, he recently went in-house with Stormont Vail Health, a Northeast Kansas health system comprised of two hospitals, a number of specialty and primary care clinics and surgery centers. Prior to going in-house, Tim had a diverse practice across the middle-United States and was licensed
to practice in Districts of Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Missouri, the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, the Western District of Missouri, U.S. District Courts of Colorado, Western District of Oklahoma, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. His private practice included business, banking and transactional law, insurance and professional liability defense litigation, financial institution bonds, professional liability, employment and civil rights law, construction law, healthcare law, and general corporate law. In 2011 and again in 2013, the Kansas Governor appointed Tim to serve on the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, which regulates the pari-mutual racetracks and State-owned casinos in Kansas. In July, 2013, the Governor appointed Tim Chairman of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. Tim has volunteered his time and expertise for a number of non-profit organizations in the mid-west and has advised and served on a number of private corporation and non-profit boards.

**STEPHANIE SMITH**

Stephanie Smith is the Judicial Administrator of the Kansas State Court System. She was previously the Chief Financial Officer for the Kansas Judicial Branch. In this role, she directed the fiscal office and its accounting functions, including overseeing the approximately $192.5 million budget for the Kansas Judicial Branch. Previously, she worked as a certified public accountant for Mize Houser and Company, PA. Smith also has prior judicial branch experience working as a research attorney for the Kansas Court of Appeals. Smith serves on the NCSC Court Consulting Services Advisory Committee and is the planning chair for the Kansas CPA Society Conference on Kansas Taxes. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting degree from Washburn University, a law degree from the Washburn University School of Law and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

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