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- **9 Hours General credit**
- **6 Hours Legal Ethics Credit**
- **1 Hour Elimination of Bias Credit**
- **1 Hour Substance Abuse Credit**

From Due Diligence to Corporate Intelligence (2 hours General credit)

Say you're working on a big case, and you need as much information on the opposing company as possible. Or perhaps you're pitching a potential new client, and want to know everything about their business for your presentation. Maybe your client's competition is developing a new product or you want to read all the news stories about some development that will affect your business or your clients'. Do you know how to get that information quickly online? And for free?

Clear explanations and hyperlinks to Internet research resources lead you on a search for a real-life answer to questions about a real-world companies.

How Public Are Public Records? (1 hour General credit)

The term "public record" has always been VERY misleading. Even though a record is "public" and available for public scrutiny in the strictest sense, in reality it may not be readily available. The availability of numerous public records online via the Internet has addressed some of the accessibility issues, but just as it's always been in the "offline" world, access to free public records via the web is a hit or miss proposition.

Each question in this quiz, and the companion article, feature, an outline of the type of information included in each specific resource discussed, and a hyperlink to take you directly there so you can see for yourself.

Conducting California Case Law Research on the Internet for FREE (2 hours general credit)

On July 6, 2000, Lexis debuted LexisONE.com, the first web site to offer a FREE, FULL TEXT searchable California case-law database (back to 1996). The free LexisONE site offers almost the same robust search engine for constructing searches as the pay Lexis site. One month later, FindLaw.com (now owned by West Publishing) debuted its free California case-law database (back to 1934). The Daily Journal Corporation also offers case-law research resources free online to subscribers of its print newspapers.

Finding Entertainment Law Resources Online: From Scholarship to Scandal (1 or 2 hours General credit)

Type "entertainment" into the Google search engine, and "about 162,000,000" results appear with E! Online topping the list. Type "entertainment law" into the Google search engine, and about 40,000,000 results are listed, with a Beverly Hills entertainment attorney's site listed first, and the Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal (COMM/ENT) not far behind. From the lowbrow to the highbrow, these searches offer an excellent summary of the range of online sources that entertainment attorneys use to stay informed. More specific questions can be addressed by refining one's search techniques.

Free Federal Legislative Research (2 hours General credit)

There are three web sites that offer free access to searchable databases of the United States Code (U.S.C.).

Even though all use the same Code (prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives), the House site is more up-to-date than the GPO or Cornell site (and also goes back further in time) often making the House's web version of the Code the preferred choice. Being "more up to date," however, does not mean current as of today. The U.S. Code is published only every six years by The Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives and is then supplemented on a regular basis.

Prevention, Detection & Treatment of Substance Abuse (1 hour credit)

In 2001, California Senate Bill 479 established the State Bar's Lawyer's Assistance Program to help attorneys with substance abuse or mental health problems. The bill's resolutions were codified in the Business & Professions Code Sections 6140.9 and 6230 - 6238.

This exercise features questions about features and benefits of the program. Answers to some of these questions can be found on the California State Bar's web page outlining the services available from the LPAP and some can be found in Business & Professions Code Sections 6140.9 and 6230 - 6238 .

Diversity Makes Cents: The Business Case for Diversity (1 hour Elimination of Bias credit)

The representation of women and minorities in major U.S. law firms, especially at the partnership level, remains abysmally low. The numbers indicate that relative to the overall population (half women; one-third minority) and that of the demographic makeup of law students, women and minorities continue to be under-represented among the partnership ranks at major law firms.

This article and quiz examine how maintaining a diverse workforce can be good for business.

Ethical Requirements of Attorney Oversight & Supervision of Paralegal Staff in California (1 hour Legal Ethics credit)

Recent changes to the California Rules of Professional Conduct spell out VERY specific requirements for minimum continuing legal education for Paralegals AND the responsibilities of Attorneys with whom they work.

This quiz is designed to give Paralegals AND Attorneys an overview of how these rules affect EACH of them.

Adhering to the California State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct (1 hour Legal Ethics credit)

The California State Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct lay out very specific guidelines to regulate the professional conduct of its members - through discipline. These rules have been adopted by the Board of Governors of the Bar and approved by the Supreme Court of California pursuant to Business & Professions Code Sections 6076 and 6077 to protect the public and to promote respect and confidence in the legal profession.

This quiz is designed to give you an overview of some of the highlights of these rules to keep in mind as you build your practice.

Ethics of Attorney Web Sites in California (1 hour Legal Ethics credit)

The Bar's standing Committee on Professional Responsibility & Conduct has issued a Formal Opinion addressing ethical issues related to attorneys announcing their services via Internet web sites.

Whether you already have your own web site or are just beginning to consider launching one, this ten question quiz will help you learn where to easily find answers to ethical questions regarding your web site.

Should You or Shouldn't You? Legal Advertising in California (1 hour Legal Ethics credit)

There are numerous ethical considerations one makes in the day to day practice of law. While some seem to follow simple common sense, others are a bit less clear.

This ten question quiz will help you learn where to easily find answers to your ethical questions utilizing free State Bar and academic resources on the Internet.

The Ethical Case For Client Satisfaction (1 hour Legal Ethics credit)

If you ask most attorneys whether their clients are satisfied, the vast majority would, of course, say "yes." If you then ask them "what makes you so sure?" the responses would typically range from "They don't complain" and "They're nice to me" to "They pay their bills" or "They continue to do business with us." A closer examination of these reasons, however, reveals that such client behavior hardly indicates satisfaction.

This exercise makes a business case for keeping clients satisfied to avoid ethics complaints from dis-satisfied clients.

How to Network Comfortably and Ethically (1 hour Legal Ethics credit)

Everyone knows that, much like diet and exercise, networking is good for you and that, similarly, there are lots of excuses for avoiding it. A better understanding of what networking really is will convince you that most anyone can learn to do it comfortably. A better understanding will also lead to a realization of how indispensable it is.

This article and quiz examine how not to run afoul of California Rules of Professional Conduct 1-320, 1-400, and 2-220.