



**United States District Court
District of Nevada**

2007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**“The Good, the Bad,
and the Angry:
Ethical Practice in Nevada Federal Courts”**

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**Golden Nugget Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada**

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2 Hours of Ethics Credits**

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The District Conference provides a wonderful opportunity for members of the bar to interact with members of the federal judiciary. This year's program features six different educational opportunities: three plenary sessions dealing with ethics, privacy, and anger management; and three breakout sessions targeted to civil, criminal, and bankruptcy practitioners. The conference will also include State of the Court Addresses by Chief Judge Roger L. Hunt, United States District Court; and Chief Judge Gregg W. Zive, United States Bankruptcy Court. The conference will conclude with an open forum discussion with the federal judges. In addition, you can satisfy all of your required CLE ethics credits by attending this one program!

Registration/Continental Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Conference Begins at 8:30 a.m.
Conference Concludes at 4:30 p.m.
Registration Fee - \$125.00 Due by April 20, 2007
Questions please call (702) 464-5456



Conference Agenda

- 8:30 - 9:15 Welcoming: Judge Bruce A. Markell
State of the District - Chief Judge Roger L. Hunt
State of the Bankruptcy Court - Chief Judge Gregg W. Zive
- 9:15 - 10:30 (Almost) Everything We Need to Know About Ethics We Learned in Kindergarten: This session will focus on how the images of lawyers in the movies can distort clients' views about good lawyering and also lawyers' views about appropriate ethical behavior. Panelists: Professor Nancy B. Rapoport, Esq., Donald J. Campbell, Esq., and Assistant Bar Counsel, Mr. Phillip Pattee, Esq.
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 Privacy Pitfalls in 2007: Where did Hewlett-Packard go wrong? When does your investigator cross the line? How much of a problem is it if your client does not have a privacy policy on their website? Is it better to not have a policy and keep your privacy promises private? What does the FTC think about this and why are they sending your clients a letter? What is the best way for your client to handle a data breach? As technology continues to advance at a rapid rate, every person and every company becomes a potential victim. This valuable session, with real life examples, will explore and navigate the latest trends and emerging topics on various privacy issues and how to avoid violating the law or becoming a victim. Panelists: Dr. Christopher T. Pierson, Esq. and Mr. Douglass A. Mitchell, Esq..
- 12:00 - 1:15 Lunch and Presentation: Anger Management to Reduce Stress and Avoid Ethical Problems - Dr. Louis F. Mortillaro.
- 1:30 - 3:00 Breakout Sessions
- ADR and the Business Client in Federal Litigation: With the advent of ADR and a business climate that discourages litigation, what are business clients' expectations of courts and counsel in court-sponsored ADR? What are business clients' attitudes about court-sponsored ADR? What is the role of in-house counsel in ADR decisions? What are particular problems that arise in mediating with business clients, large or small? What do courts expect from counsel and the business client? Panelists: United States Magistrate Judge Peggy A. Leen, Mr. Colby J. Williams, Esq., Mr. Mark W. Russell, Esq., and Mr. Bruce E. Meyerson, Esq., moderator.
- Hot Topics in Criminal Practice: A lively dialogue on current issues in criminal practice including discovery, civility, and new local rules. Panelists: Chief United States District Judge Roger L. Hunt, United States Magistrate Judge Lawrence R. Leavitt; Federal Public Defender Franny A. Forsman; Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve W. Myhre, and Mr. Daniel J. Albrechts, Esq..
- Bankruptcy: Anatomy of a Sanction: Do Standard Practices Meet Ethical and Procedural Standards? The panel will discuss ethical standards governing practice in Nevada bankruptcy courts, including a review of recent decisions illustrating the failure to comply with such standards. The presentation is intended to be an interactive format, affording participants the ability to participate in discussions regarding ethical issues faced by Nevada bankruptcy practitioners. Panelists: United States Bankruptcy Judge Mike K. Nakagawa, Ms. Nancy B. Rapoport, Esq., and Ms. Candace C. Carlyon, Esq.
- 3:00 - 3:15 Break
- 3:15 - 4:30 Open Forum Discussion with the Bench:
District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrate Judges.
Moderators: Ms. Kathleen M. Paustian, Esq. and Ms. Elissa F. Cadish, Esq.

Please join the Nevada Chapter of the Federal Bar Association for its annual dinner on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Please contact Gavin Jangard at 702-669-4600 or at gjangard@hollandhart.com for reservations and additional information. Please note, this is a separate event from the District Conference.

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Attorneys desiring to learn more about federal practice and interact with the federal judges are encouraged to attend.

NEVADA CLE CREDIT:

6.0 hours of Nevada Continuing Legal Education credit, including 2.0 hours of ethics credit, has been approved.

REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fee for the conference is \$125 and should be received by April 20, 2007. Refunds, less a \$25.00 processing fee, will be given for cancellations requested by April 27, 2007. No refunds will be given after April 27, 2007.

HOTEL ROOMS:

The Golden Nugget Hotel is holding a limited number of rooms for participants at the rate of \$79 double occupancy; plus 11% room tax. Each additional person in the same room is \$20. For reservations, please call 800-634-3454 and mention the United States District Court Conference to receive the special room rate. The reservation deadline is April 2, 2007.

MEALS:

Continental breakfast, lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments are included in the registration fee.

QUESTIONS:

Questions about the conference may be directed to Lance S. Wilson, District Court Executive, at 702-464-5456.

Guest Speakers

Bruce E. Meyerson is a mediator, arbitrator, and trainer in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center (1972) where he was an Editor of the Law Journal. Mr. Meyerson began his practice as the Executive Director of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. He served on the Arizona Court of Appeals for five years and has been General Counsel of Arizona State University. From 1990 through 2000, Mr. Meyerson practiced commercial and employment litigation with Meyer, Hendricks, Victor, Osborn & Maledon, and Steptoe & Johnson.

Dr. Christopher T. Pierson is an attorney in the Phoenix office of Lewis and Roca, LLP. He established the firm's Cybersecurity and Cyberliability practice group and counsels corporate clients on ways to control their information technology issues including hacking attacks, data extortion, data theft, and other types of data breaches. In addition, he counsels clients on compliance with state and federal laws, regulatory compliance issues, and privacy laws affecting electronic information. He is also the President of the FBI's information sharing partnership with the private sector on the 13 critical infrastructures: Phoenix InfraGard.

Dr. Louis F. Mortillaro, Phd. is a licensed Psychologist for the State of Nevada and received his Ph.D. from the United States International University in 1978. Dr. Mortillaro holds a Certificate of Specialization in Clinical Neuropsychology, a Masters Degree in Public Administration, and a Masters of Science in Counseling & School Psychology from the University of Southern California. In private practice since 1989, Dr. Mortillaro has received numerous awards, including being named the 2003 Nevada Psychologist of the Year by the Nevada State Psychological Association.

Professor Nancy B. Rapoport is a Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center and served as Dean and Professor of Law from July 2000-May 2006. Professor Rapoport received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Rice University and her J.D. from Stanford Law School. Professor Rapoport practiced law with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco and has served in various faculty positions at the Ohio State University College of Law and the University of Nebraska College of Law where she served as Dean from 1998-2000. In June, 2007, Professor Rapoport will become the Gordon & Silver, Ltd., Professor of Law at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.