



## 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC BAR ASSOCIATION

### November All Day General Topics CLE

Friday, November 21, 2025

**Southern Hotel - 428 East Boston Street, Covington, Louisiana 70433**

This seminar has been approved for 6 hours of CLE Credit, including 2 Ethics and 1 Professionalism hour.

8:30-9:00      Coffee & Continental Breakfast During Registration  
Welcome Remarks by 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC Bar Association President Michael Nicaud

9:00-10:00      **Jessica Brewster, Clerk of Court, Leanne Kimble Eckholdt, Director of Recording**  
**Help Me, Help You: What deputy clerks wish attorneys knew.**

This presentation hopes to foster a more effective collaboration between attorneys and Clerk of Court staff by highlighting key insights from deputy clerks on common challenges, preferred practices, and simple actions attorneys can take to streamline their visits, reduce delays, and support the efficient processing of legal documents.

10:00-11:00      **Hon. Scott Gardner, Judge, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court**  
**Mad Men: Using science and spirituality to navigate difficult personalities**  
**(Professionalism)**

This CLE hour explores foundational mental health principles and their application in legal practice, including strategies for managing difficult interactions and supporting personal well-being. It delves into trauma, depression, anxiety, and developmental science to deepen understanding of client behavior and courtroom dynamics. Practical tools are offered for enhancing communication, mindfulness, and empathy with clients, opposing counsel, and the judiciary, while also addressing the court's role in fostering trauma-informed environments. Finally, it highlights the impact of nutrition, sleep, movement, and spirituality on motivation, focus, and emotional resilience—empowering legal professionals to cultivate sustainable wellness and effectiveness.

11:00-11:15      **Coffee Break**

11:15-12:15      **Hon. William J. Crain, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court**  
**Recent Developments at the Louisiana Supreme Court**

12:15-1:15      **LUNCH**

1:15-2:15      **Collin Sims, District Attorney 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District**  
**Don't Let Perjury Be The Runaway Train That Costs You Your License**  
**(Ethics)**

2:15-3:15      **Alex Reed, Esq., Parish Tillman, Esq.**  
**It's Not My Fault! An Update on Recent Tort Reform and Changes to Insurance Bad Faith Laws**

3:15-3:30      **Afternoon Break**

3:30-4:30      **Gordon Herrin, Esq.**  
**Why AI Is No Longer Optional**  
**(Ethics)**

This CLE explores the transformative role of artificial intelligence in today's legal profession. The discussion will examine the market forces and client expectations driving adoption of AI and why digital competence is now essential for every law practice. We will also consider how AI improves efficiency and profitability, enabling firms to better serve clients while strengthening their bottom line. We will address the ethical obligations and guardrails lawyers must observe to protect clients and their firms. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of why embracing AI in the legal landscape is no longer optional but unavoidable.

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Members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC Bar Association  
\_\_\_ \$225.00 through October 31, 2025  
\_\_\_ \$275.00 beginning November 1, 2025

Non-Member fee  
\_\_\_ \$325.00 through October 31, 2025  
\_\_\_ \$400.00 beginning November 1, 2025

**Payment and this form can be mailed to 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC Bar Association, PO Box 2074, Covington, Louisiana 70434**