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ELLEN FREEDMAN, CLM

Closing and Transitioning Your Practice and Safeguarding Your Clients in the Process
Closing a practice takes a good deal of time and a lot of emotional strength. It should be organized and guided by a simple but comprehensive written plan so that all necessary steps are taken. Our featured

speaker, Ellen Freedman, will cover reasons to close a practice, necessary notifications, what to do with client files, business and staff considerations, succession planning, and how to salvage your sweat equity.

About Ellen Freedman, CLM

In addition to servicing as the Law Practice Management Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Ellen is the President of Freedman Consulting, a company that assists PA law firms with the business side of the practice. She is also publisher of the Law Practice Management Blog and the founding partner of Managing Partner Development Institute™, which provides educational information and management resources to current and future managing partners of small to mid-size law firms. Ellen holds the designation of Certified Legal Manager through the Association of Legal Administrators. She was one of the first 20 in the nation to have achieved this designation. Ellen recently served as a featured speaker at the American Bar Association's 2007 National Solo and Small Firm Conference.

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ROSS L. KODNER

President of MicroLaw, Inc.
a legal technology consultancy and turnkey legal automation system provider



NERINO J. PETRO, JR.

Law Practice Management Advisor,
State Bar of Wisconsin

Gizmos and Gadgets

Have you caught the "Ross and Nerino show" at our previous conferences? Whether you have or not, you're in for a barrage of information on legal-useful (or at least legal-related) gadgets and gizmos. From the sublimely useful to the outrageously entertaining, these two masters of digital wizardry will educate you about the latest and greatest tech tools. You won't want to miss the insights from this well-sought after duo!

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Network at the Opening Reception

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This welcome event on Thursday evening features a delicious array of appetizers, an open bar, and a chance to visit with other conference attendees. You'll also have plenty of time to chat with exhibitors and learn about products and services that can make practicing law more efficient.

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This year's conference will feature some of the best and the brightest in the fields of legal technology, practice management, and substantive law.

Our speakers will provide you with practical information and new skills to improve your own practice. The full range of programs being offered assure you that every session will bring a new learning experience in addition to helping you fulfill Illinois' MCLE and PMCLE requirement.

One plenary program. Three tracks. Forty sessions. Numerous learning opportunities.

Over 40 speakers and panelists will participate in 40 sessions.

Here's a glimpse at some of the exciting sessions planned that you won't want to miss...

Civility in an Uncivilized World
Bernard Wysocki *Wysocki & Smith*
Cheryl Niro *Executive Director, Commission on Professionalism*

E-Discovery in a Small Case: What's a Lawyer To Do?
Todd Flaming *Schopf & Weiss LLP*

Effective Use of Pre-Trial Discovery in Personal Injury Litigation
Edward J. Walsh *Walsh Knippen Knight & Pollock*

Electric Filing Made Easy
Ted Newman *Judicial Support Manager, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois*
Mark V. Tortorici *Systems Manager, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

Fundamentals of Business Planning (Part 1, 2 & 3)
John Olmstead *Olmstead & Associates*

Dangerous Curves Ahead: The Crossroads of Ethics and Technology
Catherine Sanders Reach *Director, ABA Legal Technology Resource Center*
Ross Kodner *President, MicroLaw, Inc.*

Win Your Case: Practical Tips on Using the Rules of Evidence
Justice Robert J. Steigmann *Fourth District Appellate Court*
Michael A. Steigmann *Law Office of Michael A. Steigmann*

Real Estate Fraud & Identity Theft
August R. Butura *Senior Vice President & General Counsel, ATG*

PowerPoint - How to Make a Good PowerPoint (Part 1) & An Example of Presenting a PowerPoint Presentation in Court (Part 2)
Todd Flaming *Schopf & Weiss LLP*

Handling Money Properly: Trust Account Requirements and Fee Issues
Mary Andreoni *Administrative Counsel, ARDC*

How Your Paralegal Can Get You in Hot Water
Mary McDermott *Former General Counsel, ISBA*
Cliff Scott-Rudnick *Visiting Professor of Law, The John Marshall Law School*

And so much more!

For a complete schedule of speakers & topics, go to www.isba.org/solo2008

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No registration accepted without payment.

Please make checks payable to Illinois State Bar Association. Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted.

Registration Fee

Fee includes attendance at sessions of choice, admission to all meal functions, and a CD-Rom and online access to all course materials. Print materials available for an additional \$75.

Family Members & Guests

Conference attendees and their families and guests are welcome at the following events if they pay the designated fee: Thursday Evening Opening Reception, Friday Continental Breakfast and Saturday Continental Breakfast. All other scheduled meal functions and the programs are limited to attorneys who pay the conference registration fee. Pheasant Run Resort offers many activities for children and adults, as does the St. Charles area. More information about local activities is available on the conference Web site.

Special Needs

Attorney registrants who are physically challenged or have special dietary needs are welcome to contact Becky Havrilka (800.252.8908 or specialneedsSSFC@isba.org) to determine how the ISBA can accommodate participation.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received by Friday, August 22 will receive a full refund of registration fees. No refund is available for cancellations received after Friday, August 22. Registration fees are transferable to associates or colleagues in the event a registrant is unable to attend. To cancel, contact Trish Aston at 800.252.8908 or cancelSSFC@isba.org.

General Information

Form more information about the conference, please visit www.isba.org/solo2008 or call 800.252.8908.

Lodging

The conference will be hosted at the Pheasant Run Resort & Spa in historic St. Charles, Illinois. Located at Chicago's doorstep and within easy reach of area airports, the resort is set on 250 beautiful rolling acres and is home to 36 holes of championship golf, three pools, a world-class spa, and award-winning live theatre productions. All guest rooms and meeting rooms include WIFI high-speed wireless Internet access. Pheasant Run Resort & Spa, 4051 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174 (www.pheasantrun.com)

Room Reservations

A limited number of rooms are blocked at the Pheasant Run Resort through Tuesday, August 19 at the conference rate of \$139 single/double per night. Registrants must arrange for hotel accommodations directly with the resort by calling (800) 474-3272. Be sure to ask for the ISBA rate.

	Early Bird Before July 15	Regular Registration July 16-Aug. 22	Late/ Onsite Registration Aug. 23-Sept. 5	Amount Due
ISBA Member	\$275	\$300	\$350	
Non-Member	----	\$500	\$550	
Law Student	----	\$50	----	
Printed Materials (optional)			\$75	
Family Members & Guests	_____ (# of Adults)	\$40		
	_____ (# of Teens)	\$20		
	_____ (# Kids under 12)	Free		
TOTAL				\$

* Registration includes course materials on CD-Rom and through online access.

To attend the events below, you must preregister by indicating the number attending:

____ Thursday Opening Reception ____ Thursday Fastcase Training Session
____ Friday Continental Breakfast ____ Friday Fastcase Training Session
____ Friday Luncheon* ____ Saturday Continental Breakfast

(* open to lawyer registrants only)

Complete one form for each lawyer registrant. Please print or type information.

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