

9th Annual Seventh Circuit NELA Conference

“How to Win Your Case in Discovery – Or, At Least, Not Lose It!”

Monday, February 15, 2010 (Presidents’ Day – a court holiday!)

Chicago-Kent College of Law, 565 W. Adams St., Chicago, Illinois

The theme of this year’s Seventh Circuit NELA conference is “How to Win Your Case in Discovery – Or, At Least, Not Lose It!”. Following our update on developments in the Supreme Court and the 7th Circuit, the conference will feature views from the federal bench, ethical experts, and practitioners on the legal, ethical, practical, and psychological aspects of discovery.

NELA/Illinois, NELA/Indiana, and WELA intend to apply for CLE credit including ethics and professionalism credit. The amount of credit sought depends on the jurisdiction. We will also apply for CLE credit from other jurisdictions that have three or more attendees at the Conference. Attendees from other states need to apply for CLE on their own.

To register for this conference, go to the last page of this brochure.

Note: The hyperlinks in this brochure are active!! If you’re reading this in Adobe Acrobat in a computer that’s on-line, click on the hyperlink and it will open the web-window or e-mail for you!!

Program:

8:00 A.M.-9:15 A.M.: Registration and welcome

9:15 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.: Seventh Circuit and Supreme Court update

Paul W. Mollica (7th Circuit update)

Catherine Caporusso (Supreme Court update)

A review of important employment and other cases from the 7th Circuit and the Supreme Court, including jurisprudential trends and predictions of further developments in the law.

10:45 A.M.-11:00 A.M.: Morning break

11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.: Using discovery to make your case summary judgment resistant

Antoinette Choate (Moderator)

David Lee (Using pleadings, Requests to Admit, and ju-jitsu moves)

Professor Richard J. Gonzalez (Using depositions)

Learn how to create legitimate obstacles to your opponent’s bringing a summary-judgment motion, persuade your opponent that the case actually presents genuine issues of material fact, and maximize your chances of defeating those summary-judgment motions that are brought!

12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.: Lunch – and What’s new at NELA national

Bruce A. Fredrickson (NELA President)

Rebecca M. Hamburg (NELA Program Director)

1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.: Following-up on your discovery requests: Rule 37.2 and Motions to Compel

J. Bryan Wood (moderator)
Hon. Matthew Kennelly (the judicial perspective)
Megan O'Malley (the law of discovery and Motions to Compel)
Alenna Bolin (fighting your opponent's objections to your discovery)

Just because you sent out a brilliant set of discovery requests does not mean your job's over! Learn the law, the judicial perspective, and the best techniques for getting your opponent to actually comply with the law of discovery.

2:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Afternoon break

3:00 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.: E-discovery

J. Bryan Wood (moderator)
Marni Willenson
Sharon Booker Brown
Debra Bernard

E-discovery is definitely the hot discovery topic of the decade! Our expert panelists will engage in a Q & A session covering everything from the basics to the sophisticated. No question is too dumb or too advanced!

4:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.: Ethical and professional issues relating to discovery

Lisa Williams (moderator) (Ill. Atty Gen'l Civil Rights Bureau)
Martin Whitaker (ABA Center for Professional Responsibility)
Elizabeth Cohen (ABA Center for Professional Responsibility)
Tim Pierce (Wisconsin State Bar Association)

What are your ethical and professional obligations in issuing discovery and in responding to discovery? Learn the considerations and the answers from experts who literally wrote the book on those topics!

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.: Cocktails and light buffet

Conference site, neighborhood, directions, and travel:

Conference site:

The conference site is Chicago-Kent College of Law, 565 W. Adams St., in downtown Chicago. This site is a modern law school built in the early 1990's that was designed to be a comfortable environment for learning in the computer age – seats with space for notebooks (both paper and computer), excellent audio-visual capability, excellent acoustics, etc. – and will be a wonderful environment for the conference! For a virtual tour of Chicago-Kent, click here and follow the instructions: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/virtualtour/>

Registration and the bulk of the conference will be held in the 1st-floor auditorium, immediately to your right as you enter the building.

Directions and neighborhood:

For directions to the conference site, maps, lists of local hotels, etc., using Google Maps[®] click [here].

For a virtual tour of the neighborhood, click here and follow the instructions:
<http://www.kentlaw.edu/virtualtour/>

Amtrak:

The conference site is very convenient to Amtrak trains, being just 1/2 block (a few minutes walk) from Union Station. For a map of the walk, click [here]. Convenient Amtrak trains to and from other major cities in the 7th Circuit are:

- Milwaukee: Hiawatha Service #332 departs downtown Milwaukee at 8:00 A.M. and arrives at Union Station at 9:29 A.M. There is a return train (#341) that leaves Union Station at 8:05 P.M. and arrives in downtown Milwaukee at 9:34 P.M. The one-way fare is \$22.
- Madison: Drive to Milwaukee and take the Hiawatha Service (above).
- Springfield: Lincoln Service #300 departs Springfield at 6:33 A.M. and arrives at Union Station at 10:00 A.M. There is a return train (#307) that leaves Union Station at 7:00 P.M. and arrives in Springfield at 10:24 P.M. The one-way fare is \$18.
- Ft. Wayne: Lake Shore Limited #49 departs Waterloo, IN, at 7:33 A.M. and arrives at Union Station at 9:45 A.M. There is a return train (Capitol Limited #30) that leaves Union Station at 7:05 P.M. and arrives in Waterloo at 10:47 P.M. The one-way fare is \$26.
- Indianapolis: Cardinal #51 departs Indianapolis at 6:30 A.M. and arrives at Union Station at 10:35 A.M. There is a return train (Hoosier State #850) that leaves Union Station at 5:45 P.M. and arrives in Indianapolis at 11:50 P.M. The one-way fare is \$19.

To make an Amtrak reservation, click: <http://www.amtrak.com>

Metra service from southern Wisconsin and northwest Indiana:

- Kenosha: Metra Union Pacific train #330 leaves Kenosha at 7:51 A.M. and arrives at the Chicago Ogilvie train station (end of the line) at 9:15 A.M. For the schedule, click [here]. There are many convenient return trains to Kenosha from the Chicago Ogilvie train station: #357 (leave Chicago Ogilvie 6:31 P.M., arrive Kenosha 7:52 P.M.), #365 (leave Chicago Ogilvie 9:35 P.M., arrive Kenosha 11:15 P.M.), and #301 (leave Chicago Ogilvie 12:35 A.M., arrive Kenosha 2:15 A.M.) For the schedule, click [here]. The one-way fare is \$7.05. For a map of the Kenosha station, click [here]. The Chicago Ogilvie train station is about a three block walk from Chicago-Kent College of Law. For a map of the walk, click [here].
- Harvard, IL: Metra Union Pacific train #636 leaves Harvard, IL at 7:35 A.M. and arrives at the Chicago Ogilvie train station at 9:23 A.M. For the schedule, click [here]. There are many convenient return

trains to Harvard, IL from the Chicago Ogilvie train station: #653 (leave Chicago Ogilvie 6:25 P.M., arrive Harvard, IL 8:06 P.M.), #659 (leave Chicago Ogilvie 8:30 P.M., arrive Harvard, IL 10:20 P.M.), and #661 (leave Chicago Ogilvie 9:30 P.M., arrive Harvard, IL 11:20 P.M.) For the schedule, click [\[here\]](#). The one-way fare is \$8.05. For a map of the Harvard, IL station, click [\[here\]](#). The Chicago Ogilvie train station is about a three block walk from Chicago-Kent College of Law. For a map of the walk, click [\[here\]](#).

- Antioch, IL: Metra North Central train #110 leaves Antioch, IL at 6:49 A.M. and arrives at the Chicago Union (Amtrak) train station at 8:28 A.M. For the schedule, click [\[here\]](#). There are many convenient return trains to Antioch from the Chicago Union (Amtrak) train station: #117 (leave Chicago Union 6:00 P.M., arrive Antioch 7:37 P.M.), #119 (leave Chicago Union 7:00 P.M., arrive Antioch 8:34 P.M.), and #121 (leave Chicago Union 8:30 P.M., arrive Antioch, IL 10:04 P.M.) For the schedule, click [\[here\]](#). The one-way fare is \$7.05. For a map of the Antioch, IL station, click [\[here\]](#). Union Station is just ½ block (a few minutes walk) from Chicago-Kent College of Law. For a map of the walk, click [\[here\]](#).
- Northwest IN Service is available on the South Shore Line to Van Buren Street Station in Chicago. For schedules and fares, click [\[here\]](#). The walk from the Van Buren St. Station to Chicago-Kent College of Law is a little over 1 mile – about a twenty minute walk. For a map of the walk, click [\[here\]](#).

Transportation from Chicago's airports to the conference site:

As you know, Chicago has two airports: Midway and O'Hare.

There's good public transportation (El and subway lines) on the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) from either of the two airports to the conference site downtown. The Orange Line runs from Midway directly to downtown, and the Blue Line runs from O'Hare directly to downtown. The Orange Line (Midway) takes about 1/2 hour - 45 minutes, and the Blue Line (O'Hare) takes about 1 hour - 1 & 1/4 hours. The variation between a shorter and longer time depends how long you have to wait for a train at the airport and what time of day you are traveling. Also, the Blue Line is currently undergoing track repairs, which tends to slow things down.

If you're coming from Midway, the walk downtown from the Orange Line station at Quincy and Wells to the conference site is about 5 blocks (from the station, walk north on Wells to Adams; turn left on Adams and go 4 & 1/2 blocks to the conference site), and, if you're coming from O'Hare, the walk downtown from the Blue Line station at Clinton St. to the conference site is about 3 & 1/2 blocks (walk north on Clinton past Van Buren and past Jackson to Adams; turn left on Adams and go 1/2 block to the conference site). On Google Maps[®], the Quincy and Wells Orange Line (Midway) station is indicated by the blue "M" between Jackson and Adams on Wells. To see this walk, click [\[here\]](#). The Clinton Blue Line (O'Hare) station is indicated the blue "M" at the intersection of Clinton and I-290. To see this walk, click [\[here\]](#).

If you prefer to take a cab from the airport to the conference site, the travel time is roughly comparable to using public transportation, depending on the time of day and the traffic. If traffic is really bad, a cab can be significantly slower than public transportation; if traffic is very light, a cab can be significantly quicker than public transportation. Cab fare from O'Hare to downtown runs

approximately \$35 - \$45; cab fare from Midway to downtown runs approximately \$25 - \$35. The variation in cab fare depends on the traffic and the route the driver takes.

Complimentary and reduced-rate registration:

- Judges, law students, Chicago-Kent faculty members, and NELA national officers, and NELA national staff receive complimentary admission!
- Government, not-for-profit employees, and academics who are members of NELA or of any state or local NELA affiliate receive a reduced rate of \$125 (a savings of 50% off the regular rate!).
- Members of NELA or of any state or local NELA affiliate can receive a reduced “early-bird” rate of \$175 (a savings of \$75 over the regular rate!) by registering on-line on or before February 1, 2010, or by mailing in their registration with a postmark date of on or before February 1, 2010!
- NELA/Illinois is offering two scholarships to its regular members (i.e., not law students, reciprocals, etc.) in good standing for complimentary attendance at the conference. To be eligible, you must be 1) a government or non-profit employee or (2) practicing law less than 5 years or (3) have financial hardship. To apply for a scholarship, e-mail NELA/Illinois President Alejandro Caffarelli at a.caffarelli@caffarelli.com cc to NELA/Illinois Vice-President Antoinette Choate at achoate@chicagoemploymentlawyer.net a short statement setting forth why you need assistance.

NELA 7th Circuit affiliate leaders and conference committee members:

Alejandro Caffarelli	President NELA/Illinois
Jeff Hynes	President Wisconsin Employment Lawyers Ass'n
Kim Jeselskis	President NELA/Indiana
David Lee	Conference committee co-chair
Megan O'Malley	Conference committee co-chair
J. Bryan Wood	Conference committee co-chair
Rebecca Salawdeh	Wisconsin liaison
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Lisa Williams	CLE & conference evaluations coordinator
Karen Doran	Registrar
Dana Pearl	Snack & beverage coordinator
Deanne Medina	Lunch & cocktail party coordinator

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Two ways to register and pay:

1. You can register and pay on-line at www.nela-illinois.org. Just follow the links and the instructions. On-line registration should be available after mid-January 2010.

or

2. Fill out this form and mail it with your check (payable to NELA/Illinois) to:

NELA/Illinois
c/o Karen J. Doran
20 Danada Square West
Ste. 149
Wheaton, IL 60189

Caution: Do not use this Registration Form if registering and paying on-line.

Name:

E-mail address:

Telephone:

CLE jurisdictions:

Judges, law students, Chicago-Kent faculty, NELA national officers/staff

Complimentary!!!!

Government employees, not-for-profit employees, academics

(must be a member of NELA or of a state or local NELA affiliate to receive this reduced fee)

\$125

Members of NELA or of a state or local NELA affiliate:

Postmarked or registered on-line on or before February 1, 2010: \$175

Postmarked or registered on-line after February 1, 2010, and at the door: \$250

Everyone else:

\$350