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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

12:00-4:00pm **National Workshop on the Advancement of Attorney Well-Being in the Law Firm Setting with Special Guest, American Bar Association President, Hilarie Bass.**

*Presented by the American Bar Association Working Group to Advance Well-Being in the Legal Profession, Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability, Center for Professional Responsibility and the Commission on Lawyers' Assistance Programs*

In September 2017, at ABA President Hilarie Bass's request, the Board of Governors created the ABA Presidential Working Group to Advance Well-Being in the Legal Profession, with an emphasis on helping legal employers support healthy work environments.

To achieve this goal, one of the first steps is to formulate a national model policy on lawyer well-being for use in law firms. This interactive workshop is intended to create practical and workable law firm policies to reinforce lawyer well-being as a core component of the ethical obligations of competence and diligence as well as professionalism. Using a collaborative process, firm leaders, risk management providers, and subject matter experts, including members of lawyer assistance programs, will generate ideas, innovations, and tools to develop this national model. Participants will also learn ways to foster healthy lifestyles within firms as well as how to address addiction and mental health issues to help lawyers as part of a firm's risk management strategy.

Join us, along with ABA President Hilarie Bass to help shape the national model policy for law firms on lawyer well-being. Participation in this Workshop is included with conference registration; however, given its interactive nature, attendance is limited to the first 75 registrants who meet the attendance qualifications.\*\* **Lunch is included with this session.**

*\*\*Due to the nature of this program, registration is limited to law firm managing partners, senior risk managers, other law firm leaders, and the equivalent to Directors or above at insurance brokers & firms.*

3:00-7:00pm Registration

4:30-5:30pm Young Professionals Happy Hour

5:30-6:00pm Newcomer and Sponsor Reception

6:00-7:30pm All Attendee Welcome Reception

8:00pm Dinner Dine-Out (This is not a hosted event)

8:30-11:30pm **D.C. Chairs' Reception**, Fig & Olive, 934 Palmer Aly (City Center)

The D.C. chairs and their law firms, Steptoe & Johnson LLP and Williams & Connolly LLP, invite all conference attendees to join them for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Fig & Olive on Wednesday Evening.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

7:00-8:00am	Yoga
7:30-8:30am	Open 12-Step Support Group Meeting
7:30-8:45am	Continental Breakfast
7:30-4:30pm	Registration
8:00-8:30am	Young Professionals Breakfast with Experience
8:30-8:45am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
8:45-9:45am	

## Plenary Session 1

### **Government Ethics: A Risk Management Program Now at Risk**

**Walter Shaub**, *Former Director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics*

In the shadow of Watergate, Congress passed sweeping reforms with the goal of restoring the public's faith in government. Among other measures, Congress restructured the civil service, passed the Inspector General Act, and established the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE). Although public confidence in government never fully recovered from the Watergate scandal, OGE has been highly successful in overseeing a risk management program to prevent conflicts of interest. That program is now at risk, a casualty of an ongoing attack on the institutions of our republic. Former Director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics Walter Shaub will look at this spreading crisis. How can government respond when the attack comes from within? Is this merely part of a natural cycle of crisis and reform, or does it have broader implications for the future of our society's institutions?

9:45-10:00am Refreshment Break

10:00-11:15am

## Plenary Session 2

### **Lawyer Well-Being: New Responsibilities for Impaired Lawyers for Law Firms and LPL Insurers**

The impairment of lawyers by mental health issues and substance abuse problems is a matter of growing concern that has significant implications for law firms and their malpractice insurance carriers. This session will focus on the findings and recommendations of the recent report issued by the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being, *The Path to Lawyer Well-Being: Practical Recommendations for Positive Change*. Join our esteemed panel of experts who will examine the risks posed by impairment, particularly among young lawyers; discuss the key findings of the report; and provide recommendations and best practices, for both law firms and carriers, to effectively address lawyer impairment issues.

**Terry Harrell**, *Chair, ABA Working Group to Advance Well-Being in the Legal Profession; Co-Chair, ABA Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs Policy Committee, Indianapolis, IN*



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**Bree Buchanan**, *Chair, ABA Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs; Co-Chair, National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being, Austin, TX*

**Robert Denby**, *Senior Vice President-Loss Prevention, ALAS, Chicago, IL*

**Jane Broadwater Long**, *Vice President-Claims Counsel, Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky, Louisville, KY (Moderator)*

11:15-11:30am

Refreshment Break

11:30-12:30pm

**Breakout Sessions**

### Breakout 1

#### **Greatest Case Law Update Ever! Believe me, this is going to be HUGE, the Most Interactive, Biggest, Best Case Law Update Ever!**

You think you've seen it all before, but this year's case law update is going to be something totally different. Yes, you will get the legal malpractice cases you want to know about, but we guarantee this will be more interactive and entertaining than ever before. Our panel will give you insight into the latest, most important cases affecting our field. Don't be left out as we make case law updates great again!

**Arthur J. Harris**, *Senior Counsel, Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney, San Francisco, CA*

**Mark Sullivan**, *Partner, Klein Glasser Park & Lowe, Miami, FL*

**Meaghan Petetti Londergan**, *Employment and Ethics Counsel and Director, Talent Acquisition and Management, Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld LLC, Philadelphia, PA*

**Amanda K. Dudgeon**, *Partner, Chandler & Dudgeon LLC, Charleston, SC*

### Breakout 2

#### **"My Client is a Nightmare!" How to Prepare Your Difficult LPL Client for a Deposition**

It's an old saying: Good lawyers make horrible witnesses. A bad deposition by a lawyer/defendant can have a detrimental impact on a legal malpractice case, and even slight missteps can ruin your chances at success on dispositive motions and may even embolden the adversary and negatively impact the ability to resolve the case fairly and efficiently. This program will provide practical tips and strategies of focused preparation and simple-yet-powerful witness preparation techniques to guide even the most combative, headstrong lawyer/defendant through the deposition minefield.

**Adam Boesen**, *Trial Consultant and Managing Director of Litigation Psychology, Courtroom Sciences Inc., Dallas, TX*

**Victor Pioli**, *Shareholder, Johnson & Bell, Chicago, IL*

**Andrew Kowlowitz**, *Partner, Furman Kornfeld & Brennan, New York, NY*

**Christine Mast**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Atlanta, GA (Moderator)*

### Breakout 3

#### **Back to the Future: Is It Time to Consider Alternative Business Structures for Law Firms?**

Innovations in the delivery of legal services have raised the

question of non-lawyer ownership of law firms, or alternative business structures (“ABS”). The various forms of ABS include law firms with non-lawyer ownership and multi-disciplinary practice law firms that provide additional non-legal services, and these already exist in many international jurisdictions. Today two jurisdictions in the U.S. now permit limited versions of ABS. Both proponents and critics of ABS raise many arguments in favor, or against, such structures. This panel will address the pros and cons of ABS and non-lawyer ownership of law firms, and whether and how these will evolve in the future.

**Andrew Finkelstein**, *Managing Partner, Jacoby & Meyers, Newburgh, NY*

**Deepak Gupta**, *Founding Principal, Gupta Wessler, Washington, DC*

**James McCauly**, *Ethics Counsel, Virginia State Bar, Richmond, VA*

12:30-2:00pm

**Lunch**

2:00-3:00pm

**Breakout Sessions**

### Breakout 4

#### State of the Insurance Market

What is on the minds of LPL insurers as we finish out the decade with a slew of big storms, continued market consolidation, and increased law firm mergers coupled with an aging lawyer population? What are the new risks for which insurers are providing coverage? What type of risks should we be looking at? What does the consolidation in the insurance marketplace mean to insurers and to their insureds? Our expert panel will address these issues and more and provide their expertise on the direction of the market as we begin the end of the decade.

**John Muller**, *Vice President, U.S. Professional Lines, Sompo Pro, New York, NY*

**Daisy Lopez**, *Director, Professional Risk, Crum & Forster, Jersey City, NJ*

**Scott Kossove**, *Assistant Vice President, Large Firm Underwriting, CNA, New York, NY*

**Eileen Garczynski**, *Senior Vice President, Ames & Gough, McLean, VA (Moderator)*

### Breakout 5

#### Assessing the Future to Protect it: Conducting and Using Early Case Assessments to Resolve Claims Pre-Suit

Professional liability insurers often extol the virtues of early case assessment, especially long before a claim ripens into a complaint. But how does one realistically assess a case without discovery or even a complaint? What are the most important components of an early assessment, and how does an assessment fit into an overall defense strategy, pre-suit and otherwise? This session will provide practical advice on conducting early case assessments and identify strategies for working with insurers, law firms, and would-be plaintiffs to try to resolve claims against law firms before they hit Law360.

**David S. McMonigle**, *Partner, Long & Levit, LLP, San Francisco, CA*

**M. Christine Klein**, *Deputy General Counsel, Hunton & Williams, LLP, Richmond, VA*

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**Lesley Smith**, *Senior Claims Counsel, ALAS, Chicago, IL*

**April Otterberg**, *Partner, Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL (Moderator)*

### Breakout 6

#### Catastrophic Verdicts: Malpractice Trends Arising out of Low Limit/High Exposure Cases

In today's perilous litigation environment, tort cases involving high damages and a low insurance limits present significant challenges for the defense. Following a verdict that exceeds the insurance limits in the underlying matter, defense attorneys have been sued for malpractice by their own clients, bankruptcy trustees, and even the insurers. Join this experienced panel that will explore issues like the circumstances creating defense attorney exposure; how to minimize risk for the attorney and its interplay with the insurer's potential liability and risk; and how to best defend these cases.

**Brian Baney, Sr.**, *VP Professional Liability Claims, Aspen Insurance Group, New York, NY*

**William Barker**, *Partner, Dentons, Chicago, IL*

**Adam Smith**, *Partner, Coughlin Duffy, New York, NY*

**Heather Rosing**, *Shareholder & CFO, Klinedinst PC, San Diego, CA (Moderator)*

3:00-3:15pm

Refreshment Break

3:15-4:15pm

**Breakout Sessions**

### Breakout 7

#### Young Professionals Session:

#### THE COURT IS IN SESSION (and Ready to Tell You What You Could Do Better)

Judges get hundreds of thousands of submissions every year and hear countless oral arguments. Thus, as litigators, it is important to develop a style that is effective, efficient, and engaging in order to maximize the potential for success in the courtroom. This panel of esteemed jurists will offer their unfiltered opinions on issues such as what constitutes a winning brief, the best methods to couch an unsavory argument, compelling presentation techniques for oral arguments and trials, and much more. These practical tips will enable lawyers of all skill levels to improve their practices and set themselves apart from the herd.

**Hon. Anthony Trenga**, *Judge, U.S. District Court, E.D.Va, Alexandria, VA*

**Hon. Lee Rosenthal**, *Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, S.D.Tex, Houston, TX*

**Marshall Cole**, *Partner, Nemecek Cole, Sherman Oaks, CA (Moderator)*

### Breakout 8

#### Bet-the-Firm Litigation: When a Bankruptcy Trustee Comes Calling

Representing an entity in the zone of insolvency often leaves law firms and their insurers exposed to eight-figure claims arising from alleged conflicts of interest and failure to raise



red flags. This panel will explore common claims made against law firms that represented a defunct entity, the powers of bankruptcy trustees and receivers, and resolution strategies and insurance considerations.

**Jason Gold**, *Partner and Chair, Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Practice Group, Nelson Mullins, Washington, DC*

**Jennifer W. Wolak**, *Partner, Fields Howell, Atlanta, GA*

**Adnan Arain**, *Management Liability Client Executive, Tave Risk Management, Chicago, IL (Moderator)*

### Breakout 9

#### Challenges Faced and Strategies Available for Resolving Claims Asserted by Inexperienced Opposing Counsel and their Clients

Traditionally a large percentage of legal malpractice claims are asserted by unsophisticated former clients, which many times are pursued by attorneys inexperienced in handling such claims. These circumstances create unique challenges for insurance carriers, their law firm insureds, and defense counsel in achieving efficient resolutions of claims. This panel will discuss various strategies and techniques available to address the challenges of working with inexperienced opposing counsel that will help carriers and counsel achieve effective, efficient resolution of claims under these circumstances.

**Allison Cave**, *Senior Vice President of Claims, Oklahoma Lawyers Mutual, Edmond, OK*

**Brent Baldwin**, *Managing Attorney, The Baldwin Group, St. Louis, MO*

**Bryan Jordan**, *Managing Director- Professional Liability Claims, Travelers, Morristown, NJ*

5:30-7:30pm

**Thursday Evening Reception:** Library of Congress, Madison Hall

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

7:00-8:00am

Yoga

7:00-9:00am

#### Meeting of Bar Association Liability Committees

For over a decade, the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability has brought together State Bar leaders and other interested people from around the country to participate in a special annual roundtable discussion. The purpose and goal of this yearly event is to assist State Bars in understanding the current climate surrounding malpractice insurance, to discuss State Bar sponsored malpractice and risk management programs, and to share resources and trends so that State Bars can better serve their members with regard to issues of legal malpractice insurance. In the past, we have robust discussions about mandatory malpractice insurance, malpractice insurance disclosure requirements, extended reporting periods, and related risk management issues. This year, we will be discussing a unique legislative mandate that requires the State Bar of California to study mandatory malpractice insurance and/or other measures designed to protect the consumers and clients in the State of California. Please join us for this interesting and timely discussion.

7:30-8:30am	Open 12-Step Support Group Meeting
7:30-9:00am	Continental Breakfast
7:30-11:30am	Registration
9:00-10:00am	

### Plenary Session 3

#### Spotting the Issues Associated with Third-Party Litigation Financing

Litigation funding is a growing business as established finance companies enter the field and more firms avail themselves of the opportunity to manage litigation costs through financing. As a result, courts are beginning to pay more attention to the legal and ethical issues involved in litigation financing agreements. This panel, representing the perspectives of firms, carriers, and the courts, will help lawyers understand the potential legal and ethical issues triggered in litigation financing arrangements and how manage associated risks.

**John Storino**, *Partner, Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL*

**Nicole Berg**, *Vice President, Burford Capital, Chicago, IL*

**Robert Cary**, *Partner, Williams and Connolly LLP, Washington, DC*

**Laura Simon**, *Executive Vice President, Lawyers Protect or Plan, Tampa, FL (Moderator)*

10:00-10:15am	Refreshment Break
10:15-11:15am	

### Plenary Session 4

#### Trial Strategy: Playing to Win the Verdict

Lawyers preparing to defend a legal malpractice case at trial typically face a host of strategic issues. They, along with their counterparts on the plaintiff side ask: How do I tell the story of the case so that the jury will reach a just result? Should I fight on all fronts? Concede breach of duty but contest causation? Concede liability but contest damages? Concede nothing explicitly but implicitly focus on some specific element? Propose an alternative damages calculation? These questions and more will be addressed by this panel of experienced defense and plaintiff's trial lawyers in this practical, practice-oriented session.

**Ted Ewing**, *Assistant Vice President Strategic Claim Unit, CNA, Chicago, IL*

**Edith R. Matthai**, *Principal, Robie & Matthai PC, Los Angeles, CA*

**David L. Wikstrom**, *Partner, Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C., Springfield, NJ*

**Sarah Gordon**, *Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC (Moderator)*

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Early-Bird Rates end March 1, 2018

Advance registration deadline is April 11, 2018 (Last chance to be placed on the Advance Registration List).

For your convenience, we encourage you to register online at [ambar.org/lplspring2018](http://ambar.org/lplspring2018).

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- ☐ This is the first time I have attended this conference.
- ☐ I am a Young Lawyer or Insurance Professional (36 years of age or younger).
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | ABA Young Lawyers Division Members<br>(Must be a member in good standing of the Division)      | \$400 |
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### Early-Bird Rates end March 1

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## Special Events

- ☐ **National Workshop on the Advancement of Attorney Well-Being in the Law Firm Setting** *(Limited to law firm managing partners, senior risk managers and Directors or above at insurance brokers & firms.)* Space is limited. Lunch will be served.  
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – 12:00-4:00pm
- ☐ **Wednesday Welcome Reception** (No charge for registered conference attendees.)  
April 25, 2018 – 6:00-7:30pm  
Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \$85 each \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Thursday Evening Reception at the Library of Congress, Madison Hall** (Ticketed Event)  
April 26, 2018 – 5:30-7:30pm  
☐ Attendee #1 \$90 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Attendee #2 \$90 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \$100 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **13th Annual Bar Association Liability Committees Roundtable Breakfast** (Space limited; No charge for registered conference attendees)  
Friday, April 27, 2018- 7:00-9:00am

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Chicago, IL 60654

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**The deadline for receipt of advance registration is April 11, 2018.** This form must be received no later than April 11 for your name to appear on the printed **Advance Registration list**. After **April 11** registrations will be processed on-site only. A **\$50 on-site registration fee** will be applied, and on-site registrants will be included in the post-conference Registration List.

## Cancellations and Refunds

Refunds (less a \$50 administration fee) must be requested in writing by **April 11, 2018, and will not be granted after that date. Substitutions are accepted at no additional charge. Refunds requested by April 11 will be processed after the conference.** For assistance with this form or online registration contact [marcia.yarbrough@americanbar.org](mailto:marcia.yarbrough@americanbar.org) or call 312.988.5763.





# CONFERENCE HOTEL



Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please make your reservation early. **Unclaimed rooms will be released at 5:00pm (CST) on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.** If you miss this date, rooms may still be available, but there is no guarantee that you will receive the ABA rate. If rooms are not available, make sure you are placed on the hotel's wait list. Cancellations may occur as the conference dates draw near.

A block of rooms has been set aside for conference attendees at the Renaissance Washington DC, Downtown (a Marriott hotel). The ABA room rate is \$339/night for single or double occupancy (plus 14.5% tax). Make your reservation directly with the hotel by visiting our reservation page for the Renaissance at <http://bit.ly/2gGr3PF> or call 800.393.2505. To receive the ABA rate when calling, mention the ABA Spring 2018 National Legal Malpractice Conference.

Individuals with guaranteed reservations must cancel their reservation 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one-night cancellation charge. Rooms will be available no later than 4:00pm and check-out time is 12:00 noon. Early check-ins will be accommodated on a first-priority basis as rooms become available. The hotel will provide complimentary safe-keeping of baggage and personal items for conference attendees arriving before check-in if rooms are not available, and for those leaving after check-out time on the day of departure.

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## Scholarships

Scholarships for up to 50% off the registration fee are available to attorneys who qualify based on financial hardship. Scholarships do not include social event tickets, meals, lodging or travel costs associated with attending the conference. Requests for Scholarships must be received no later than April 11, 2018. To request a scholarship contact [Jamie.Brown@americanbar.org](mailto:Jamie.Brown@americanbar.org) (*Scholarships are limited*).

## Conference Registration

**The Registration Desk will open at 3:00pm on Wednesday, April 25** in the Grand Ballroom Registration area, on the Ballroom Level. Attendees may check-in or register on-site to receive name badges and conference materials. Badges are required for entry into all ABA hosted events.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Wednesday, April 25, 2018

12:00-4:00pm **National Workshop on the Advancement of Attorney Well-Being in the Law Firm Setting.**

*Conference registration required. Space is limited. Lunch Provided. See description on page four.*

**Welcome Reception** (Included with Conference Registration)

5:30-6:00pm **Newcomer and Sponsor Reception**

6:00-7:30pm **All Attendees Welcome Reception**

First-time attendees and conference sponsors are invited to the Newcomer and Sponsor Reception at 5:30pm to meet the members of the Standing Committee and receive a brief introduction to the conference. Be sure to indicate when you register that you are a first-time attendee. Beginning at 6:00, the reception is open to all attendees and their guests. The reception is included with your conference registration. Unregistered guest admission can be purchased at the Registration Desk: \$85.

**Dine-Out** (This is not a hosted event)

**Wednesday, April 25 – 8:00pm reservations**

Connect with your fellow professionals and sample some of The Districts best at the Dine-Out event.

The restaurants selected for the Dine-Out event are within walking distance or a short cab ride from the Renaissance, representing an upscale selection of Washington DC's culinary offerings. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and network with colleagues over dinner. Reservations have been made for 8:00 p.m. at each restaurant, unless otherwise noted. *Sign-in sheets will be available at the Registration Desk prior to the Welcome Reception.* Check the conference website at [www.ambar.org/LPLSpring2018](http://www.ambar.org/LPLSpring2018) for selected restaurants.

8:30-11:00pm **Washington DC Local Chairs Reception at Fig and Olive**

(Open to all conference attendees)

The D.C. chairs and their law firms, Steptoe & Johnson LLP and Williams & Connolly LLP, invite all conference attendees to join them for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Fig & Olive on Wednesday Evening.

## Young Professionals Events

*(Included with Young Professional Conference Registration)*

**Hosted Happy Hour**

**Wednesday, April 25, 4:30-5:30pm**

**Breakfast with Experience**

**Thursday, April 26, 8:00-8:30am**

Along with the Young Professionals Roundtable, the Standing Committee organizes several events exclusively for the young lawyers and insurance professionals 36 years of age or younger. In order to receive detailed information regarding the events listed, please [register](#) for the conference. Remember to check the "I am a Young Lawyer or Insurance Professional" box on your registration form. Contact Melissa Lessell at [mlessell@deutschkerrigan.com](mailto:mlessell@deutschkerrigan.com) or 504.593.0689 with any questions. Active members of the ABA's Young Lawyers Division are eligible to receive a discounted registration fee.

## Thursday Evening Reception at the Library of Congress, Madison Hall (\$90)

**April 26, 5:30-7:30pm**

Founded in 1800, The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with more than 164 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves and more than 38 million books and other printed materials. Since its founding, the Library has grown into an unparalleled treasure trove of the world's knowledge and America's creativity. It contains the world largest law library, containing U.S. Congressional publications dating back to the nation's founding, the largest rare book collection in North America and the Presidential Papers of 23 Presidents. Join us as we take a step into American history over food and libations in the timeless Madison Hall of the Library of Congress!

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## Special Early Morning Sessions

**Relax with Yoga!**

**Thursday & Friday, 7:00-8:00am**

Phil Book, a certified yoga instructor and industry professional, will lead you through a well-rounded yoga practice accessible to beginners yet satisfying for even advanced yogis. Classes will include physical postures, breath work, and deep relaxation. See and experience the many ways that yoga can enhance your overall conference experience. Be advised that we are no longer able have You are welcome to bring your own yoga mat. The hotel will provide fresh towels each day. for your use.

## Open "So, your life is not perfect" Support Group Meeting

**Thursday & Friday, 7:30-8:30am**

No matter your struggle, all are invited. General discussion led by Briggs Cheney. *(See Conference materials)*

## 13th Annual Meeting of Bar Association Liability Committees Roundtable Breakfast

**Friday, April 27, 7:00am**

The purpose and goal of this yearly event is to assist State Bars in understanding the current climate surrounding malpractice insurance, to discuss State Bar sponsored malpractice and risk management programs, and to share resources and trends so that State Bars can better serve their members with regard to issues of legal malpractice insurance. This year, we will be discussing a unique legislative mandate that requires the State Bar of California to study mandatory malpractice insurance and/or other measures designed to protect the consumers and clients in the State of California. Please join us for this interesting and timely discussion.

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