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MCLE NEWS

PROGRAMS TO POWER YOUR PRACTICE

Expand your expertise with online and in-person programs designed for every practice area and career stage. With 125+ programs, our January-April term offers practical learning opportunities that fit your busy schedule and professional goals.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Join us at an upcoming practice area conference. Engage with peers, hear from leading practitioners, and stay current on critical developments.

- 2/4: Bankruptcy Law
- 2/25: Business Litigation
- 3/18: School Law
- 4/15: Estate Planning

WORKSHOPS

Take your practice to the next level with interactive programs that offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment to learn and refine new skills.

- 2/23-2/26: Family Law Mediation Workshop
- 3/26, 4/9 & 4/12: Judge Young on Using the Rules of Evidence to Persuade
- 4/1: Making Objections Workshop

SHORT PROGRAMS

Only have an hour? These programs offer focused, immediate takeaways.

- 3/4: Is the Juice Worth the Squeeze?
- 3/19: Handling Client Emotions in Estate Planning
- 3/31: Noncompete Landscape Now

PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

Shape the practice and career that achieves your goals.

- 3/17: When Practice Isn't the Plan: Rethinking Your Legal Career
- 3/9: Law Firm Budgeting & Forecasting
- 4/13: Creating Efficient Workflows in Your Law Practice
- 4/30: Mindfulness & Self-Compassion for Lawyers



Browse all
upcoming
programs!



NEW FROM MCLE PRESS

Tort Liability of Public Employers—The Massachusetts Tort Claims Act



This brand-new practice manual, written by John J. Davis of Pierce Davis & Perritano LLP in Boston, is an essential guide for practitioners pursuing or defending tort actions against the Commonwealth, cities, towns, public school districts, or any other public employers in Massachusetts. With thorough explanations of the provisions of G.L. 258, §§ 1–13, the book describes the essential elements of a claim, the procedural and substantive provisions of the Act, and the various defenses to be anticipated or raised in any tort action brought against a public employer.

Enter book no. 2260395B00 in the search box at www.mcle.org to purchase the print or ebook!

GIVING BACK: THE MCLE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

We lost an esteemed and dedicated member of the MCLE community in 2024—the **Hon. Paul A. Chernoff**. As an educator in arbitration and trial advocacy, Judge Chernoff inspired generations of law students and lawyers. As a judge, he presided over sensitive cases with sharp intellect, penetrating wisdom, and above all, a caring nature. In 2025, we were honored to launch the **Chernoff Scholarship Fund** in his memory. Honor Judge Chernoff's legacy with a gift at www.mcle.org/give/fund/bio/chernoff.

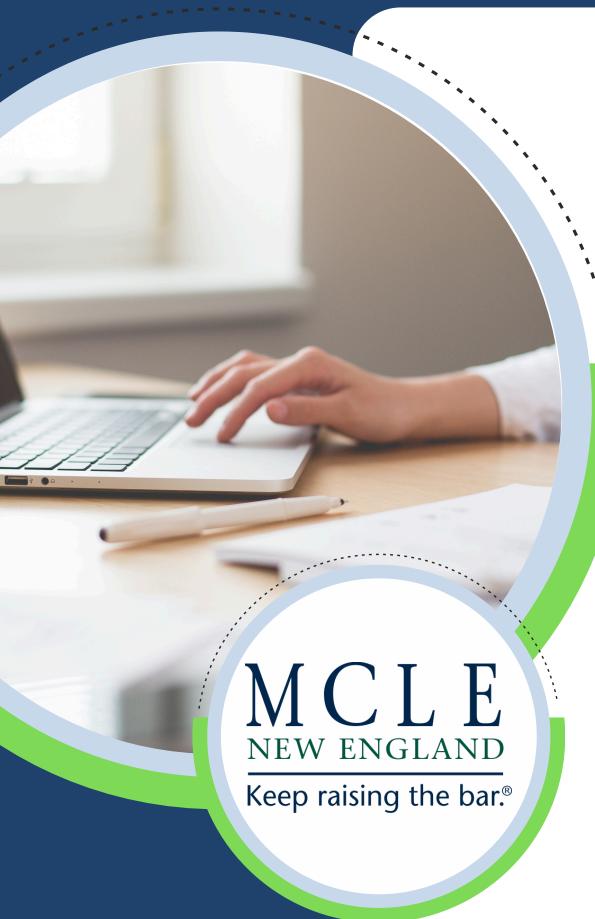
As we kick off 2026, we extend our sincere thanks to the individuals and organizations who supported MCLE with a gift last year. Your generosity plays a vital role in advancing our nonprofit mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive, innovative, and practical continuing legal education.

View our **donor honor roll** at www.mcle.org/give.



Donor Spotlight

Before his passing in 2021, **Saul Kurlat** joined **MCLE's Legacy Society**, a dedicated group of supporters who have included the MCLE Scholarship Endowment in their estate plans. A World War II veteran, Saul wished to honor his wife, Attorney Gitta Kurlat, by endowing a scholarship fund in her memory to support training for veterans and veterans' services. We express our deep gratitude to the *Saul & Gitta Kurlat Foundation* for its continued support.



WHAT'S NEXT AT MCLE

A New Digital Home for Your Professional Development

Later this year, MCLE will launch a completely revamped mcle.org!

With AI-powered search functionality, the new site will help practitioners move quickly from a practice question to the programs and publications that address it. Built to be more efficient, more intuitive, and more engaging, the redesigned website will make it easier to discover MCLE resources, explore related content, and connect learning directly to real world legal challenges.

Cultivating the Next Generation of CLE Leaders

We are also thrilled to announce the **Diverse, Inclusive, Voices in Education (DIVE) Fellowship**—Finding Your Professional Voice: Teaching and Writing for Transformational Learning in Continuing Legal Education. This first-of-its-kind fellowship represents MCLE's investment in the future of CLE in Massachusetts. The program's goal is to amplify the voices of legal professionals whose lived experience, subject-matter knowledge, and professional insights are essential to shaping CLE that is practical, reflective, and relevant to the legal community we serve.

Stay tuned for more details!