



The most fun I ever had as a trial lawyer was making closing arguments to the jury. So, it seemed only natural to me that I name my first regular newsletter “Closing Arguments”. I hope to send these notes out on a regular basis, but this is the first one. I hope you will enjoy getting them, but if not, just let me know, and I will not send you any additional ones.

My website has been renamed [www.blackburnseminars.com](http://www.blackburnseminars.com) and reflects not only CLE programs for lawyers and paralegals, but also speeches to businesses and associations on corporate ethics and the ups and downs of life. Much new information is there, including a new brochure that can be downloaded. If you have time, please visit soon.

As for lawyers and paralegals, I have developed a new Ethics and Professionalism program called “I was from Venus and my Lawyers were from Mars”. It is an in-depth look at the relationship between the client and the law firm, told from my story of years ago. “Night Falls Fast” is a one hour discussion of depression and mental health that is much more hard hitting than before. All told, this new program gives three hours of approved CLE credit.

The schedule for the upcoming weeks has programs in Charlotte on August 21, Greensboro on August 26, Winston-Salem on August 28, Raleigh on September 3, Charlotte again on September 10 and Durham on September 11. There is a complete calendar through the end of the year on the website. On Sunday, September 7, I am speaking to the Bankruptcy Section of the South Carolina Bar.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending one of these programs, including yourself, I hope you will let me know. Registration is easy and online. I go to these various cities to make it as easy as possible for people to attend.

Finally, I hope that you will enjoy getting these newsletters. If you have thoughts or stories that you think might be good and interesting for others to learn about, please send them. I have learned much these last years meeting and listening to many of you, and I hope you will keep it coming.

The North Carolina Bar’s Committee of Continuing Legal Education wishes that I let everyone know, when I am writing about CLE programs for North Carolina, that in April, 1993, I turned in my license to practice law, and that the Bar subsequently issued a letter of disbarment. This is not new to any of you as it forms part of the basis for my programs and speeches, but I want to comply with this requirement and let you know.

Again, if you do not wish to receive any additional newsletters, please just let me know by sending an

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