



New Programs Starting this Month

I am really happy to let you know about the development of two new programs for both lawyers and paralegals starting this month, beginning in Wilmington next week. The morning presentation features two hours of Ethics and Professionalism and one hour of Mental Health/Substance Abuse. It is a more detailed telling of my own personal story but from the vantage point of “Landmines on the Way to the Top, and how to Avoid Them”. Very detailed.

The Mental Health hour is called “Night Falls Fast”, the title of which is taken from a book by the same name that deals with the issue of suicide. This is a very frank, open and honest discussion of the difficulties of depression, but like all of my programs, it ends on an optimistic note.

In the afternoon, there is “I was from Venus and my Lawyers were from Mars”. I hope you will enjoy a frank and sometimes humorous telling of the journey that Wade Smith, Rick Gammon, myself and many others took in the early 1990’s. It was not always easy. I was a difficult client which was due in part to the fact that I was in difficulty. You know anyone like that today? Hear what we each did and what we each wanted...and how and why it ultimately worked.

Both of these programs are going to have some power point notes and pictures and soon there will be video clips.

- Today I am going to talk with law students at UNC Chapel Hill about professionalism. I have done this for several years for Mel Wright, who teaches a course there. Mel is the Executive Director of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism. This is always fun for me, but I am often reminded of how young they are. Last year, in telling one of my stories that included a small part of the movie “Arthur,” which came out in the early 1980’s, no one at Wake Forest had ever seen the movie.
- Next January and continuing thereafter at least once a month, I am starting a three hour CLE program by webcasting. In traveling all over this state for some time now, I understand the difficulty in getting to programs, and so hopefully this will make it easier for you to attend some time by never leaving home or your office.
- Several people have asked about discounts for seminars if they bring someone with them or more than one person comes to a program from their firm. Now, there is an early bird special of course that you can access online, but also, if you let me know, I will arrange an additional 10% reduction in price for each such person who attends.
- CLE Calendar for the rest of the year – November – Wilmington – 18; Raleigh – 25 – December – Charlotte – 2; Wilkesboro – 3; Winston-Salem – 4; Salisbury – 5; New Bern – 9; Raleigh – 11; Greensboro – 16; Fayetteville – 18.

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1993, I turned in my license to practice law, with the Bar subsequently
issuing a letter of disbarment. I freely talk about these events in my programs.***