

# LEGAL ETHICS UPDATE

## and the Broader Impact of Attorney Discipline

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar*

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Friday, May 15, 2026 | Agenda

2.5 hours of Attorney Professional Conduct hours

- 8:50 a.m.**                    **Light breakfast refreshments**
- 9:00 a.m.**                    **Welcome and Opening Comments**  
*Casey Krell, President, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley*
- 9:10 a.m.**                    **Introduction of Speaker**  
*Dr. Mark C. Vopat, Director, Dr. James Dale Ethics Center at Youngstown State University*
- 9:15 a.m.**                    **Part I: Collateral Consequences of Attorney Discipline (1.0 hour professional conduct credit)**
- This session examines the collateral consequences of attorney discipline beyond formal sanctions, including impacts on reputation, career mobility, and access to justice. It also explores potential reforms to better balance public protection with fairness to practitioners.
- Presenter:** Heather Zirke, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of The Joseph G. Miller and William C. Becker Center for Professional Responsibility at the University of Akron School of Law*
- 10:15 a.m.**                    **Break**
- 10:25 a.m.**                    **Part II: Legal Ethics Update (1.5 hours professional conduct credit)**
- This interactive session provides an overview of emerging issues in legal ethics and professional responsibility. Topics include bar licensure pathways, civility in the profession, ethics in the use of artificial intelligence, recent ABA Model Rule updates and Advisory Opinions, and their potential influence on Ohio's rules.
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- 11:55 a.m.**                    **Wrap-Up and Evaluation**
- 12:10 p.m.**                    **Closing Comments**
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