

FEDERAL PRACTICE FUNDAMENTALS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
November 3, 2016

Approved for 4.8 hours of MCLE, including 1.4 hours of Ethics

- 8:00 - 8:15 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
- 8:15 - 8:30 WELCOME (Chief District Judge Rodney W. Sippel and Ben Clark of Bryan Cave and Chair of the Federal Practice Memorial Trust)
- 8:30 - 9:00 SESSION I - FEDERAL CIVIL PROCEDURE
An overview of civil case procedure in the Eastern District of Missouri from case initiation to judgment, including discussion of the differences between state and federal practices. (Magistrate Judge Shirley P. Mensah and Law Clerk Jessica Golby)
- 9:00 - 9:40 SESSION II - ETHICAL ADVOCACY IN FEDERAL COURT
A presentation on ethical standards, including civility between lawyers, as they apply to Federal Court. (Senior District Judge E. Richard Webber and Chief Disciplinary Counsel Alan D. Pratzel)
- 9:40 - 10:10 SESSION III – ADR IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT: PROCEDURE AND ETHICAL ISSUES
Ethical obligations and explanation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, the benefits of mediation for civil cases and Local Rule 6.02(C), Limited Scope Representation. (District Judge Ronnie L. White and Principal, ClearBridge Consulting and Mediator, United States Arbitration & Mediation, James W. Reeves)
- 10:10 - 10:30 SESSION IV – 12/15 AMENDMENTS TO FRCP: GAME CHANGER OR MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
Overview of the December 2015 changes to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Steven Holtshouser of Harness, Dickey & Pierce and Sonette Magnus of Lashly & Baer – both are members of the Federal Practice Memorial Trust)
- 10:30 - 10:40 SNACK BREAK
- 10:40 - 11:10 SESSION V - CASE MANAGEMENT/ELECTRONIC CASE FILING CM/ECF
An overview of the CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, filing requirements and the do's and don'ts of electronic filing. (Chief Deputy Clerk Lori Miller-Young, Court Services Manager Michele Crayton, and Court Operations Manager Katie Spurgeon)

11:10 - 11:40 **SESSION VI - TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS: A JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE**

An overview of the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) process in the Eastern District of Missouri and the do's and don'ts of filing, including ethical considerations. (District Judge Henry E. Autrey and Law Clerk Mindy Finan)

11:40 - 11:45 (ADJOURN TO COURTROOM 3 NORTH)

11:45 - 12:15 **SESSION VII – COURTROOM LOGISTICS OVERVIEW**

An overview to include courtroom layout, courtroom technology/equipment, and court reporter services. (User Support Services Supervisor Adam Zipprich, Automation Training Specialist Nathan LaNasa, and Official Court Reporter Debbie Kriegshauser)

12:15 - 12:45 **SESSION VIII - JUDGES' ROUNDTABLE**

An open forum for questions and comments.

12:45 - 1:00 **WRAP UP AND EVALUATIONS**