



# Summer SESSION



AUGUST 15-16, 2025  
EVERLINE RESORT & SPA | LAKE TAHOE

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## MCLE INFORMATION

The ADCNCN certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California and the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education.

## EVENT PRICING

ADC Member - \$350

ADC Young Lawyer Member - \$250

Non-Member Attorney - \$450

Firm Administrator/Non-Attorney - \$325

Cancellations: Registrant must cancel in writing at least one week prior to the seminar. Refunds less \$50 processing fee.

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Registration & Exhibits Open**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Spinal Cord Stimulators: Key Points for Claims Defense [1.0 General MCLE]**

Personal injury claims involving spinal cord stimulators are becoming more common, with plaintiffs adopting more aggressive treatment strategies and associated demands. This presentation will approach the spinal cord stimulator from two perspectives. First, an orthopedic surgeon will explain the nature of the device, the implant process, and the supporting science. We also will offer a legal perspective, examine the prerequisites from the medical literature and the estimated costs, and discuss investigation and discovery tools.

- Ian Schaeffer, Esq., *McNamara Law*
- Dr. Brian S. Grossman, *Southern California Orthopedic Institute*

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Break**

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **Civility and the Practice of Law: Advocacy, Ethics, and the Role of the Court [1.0 Ethics MCLE]**

In an increasingly adversarial legal landscape, the value of civility has never been more critical. This seminar explores the essential role of civility in maintaining professionalism, preserving the integrity of the legal system, and enhancing effective advocacy. Through a panel discussion, we will examine the expectations of civil conduct among lawyers, the intersection of civility and zealous representation, and the judge's role in modeling, encouraging, and enforcing civil conduct in legal proceedings to foster a fair and respectful judicial process.

- Hon. Ann Christine Massullo (Ret.), *Signature Resolution*
- Hon. Peter Kirwan (Ret.), *Signature Resolution*
- Nolan Armstrong, Esq., *Signature Resolution*

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Break**



3:30 pm – 4:45 pm **New Developments in Medical Billing Transparency [1.25 General MCLE]**

Drawing from real-world examples and case studies, the session examines issues such as unbundling in surgery, inflated pricing of investigational treatments like PRP injections, and the misuse of chargemasters. It offers practical resources – including databases, coding references, and billing comparison tools – that empower payers, legal professionals, and patient advocates to spot billing irregularities and drive accountability. The presentation blends regulatory insight with hands-on strategies, making it highly relevant for anyone involved in medical claim review or healthcare fraud prevention.

- Tami Rockholt, R.N., B.S.N., *Rockholt & Associates*

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Welcome Cocktail Reception**  
Guests welcome.



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

7:30 am – 12:00 pm **Registration & Exhibits Open**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Women in the Law Breakfast**

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Dismissed with Prejudice: A Discussion on Race and the Trial of Civil Cases [1.0 Elimination of Bias MCLE]**

Attorneys, like everyone, hold implicit biases which can significantly affect their interactions with clients, juries, and opposing parties or counsel. The presenters will cover the issue of race in the context of civil litigation, providing tools to identify and address personal biases in legal practice. This session will delve into the numerous challenges faced by minority attorneys across the legal profession, providing actionable strategies for fostering a more inclusive and supportive work environment for everyone.

- Hon. Nathan D. Mihara (Ret.), *ADR Services, Inc.*
- Claudia Hagadus Long, Esq., *ADR Services, Inc.*

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am – 11:45 am **Mental Health for Lawyers: Job Stress in the Legal Profession [1.5 Competence MCLE]**

The legal profession is demanding – and often unforgiving. In this timely and practical session, we will address the unique mental health challenges faced by attorneys, from chronic stress and burnout to anxiety, depression, and substance use. Drawing on real-world examples and clinical expertise, Dr. Saldanha offers tools for recognizing when help is needed, understanding the ethical implications of impaired functioning, and fostering sustainable, healthy legal careers. Attendees will gain insight into building resilience, supporting colleagues, and creating a culture of well-being within their firms.

- Dr. Charles Saldanha, *Board-Certified Forensic Psychiatrist*
- Dr. James Armontrout, *Director of the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship at Stanford*

11:45 am **End of Session**