

KMK Law Annual Legal Update Agenda

Thursday, December 11, 2025

HILTON CINCINNATI NETHERLAND PLAZA (35 W. FIFTH STREET, CINCINNATI), PAVILLION ROOM

» 11:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks



Alan S. Fershtman
Managing Partner
KMK Law



Shannon D. Lawson
Business Representation & Transactions Partner
KMK Law - Seminar Emcee

» 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Labor & Employment Law Update: 2025 Highlights and What's Ahead for 2026

CLE 0.75 hours (General)

This presentation will focus on the challenges employers currently face and review any developments your organization needs to address as we enter 2026.

Specifically, KMK Law Partners will discuss:

- AI in the workplace
- Key changes to employment policies and practices
- Expected L&E developments in 2026

Speakers:



Christopher M. (Chris) Jones
Labor & Employment Partner
KMK Law



Alison M. Huenefeld
Labor & Employment Partner
KMK Law

» 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Professionalism and Effective Advocacy in the Ohio Supreme Court

CLE 0.75 hours (Ethics & Professionalism)

Justice DeWine will provide practical guidance for presenting arguments in the Ohio Supreme Court and in other courts. This presentation will focus on the indispensable principles of candor, courtesy, and competence as observed in brief-writing and oral argument. The presentation will utilize concrete examples to help advocates more effectively present their case.

Speaker:



Justice R. Patrick DeWine
Supreme Court Justice
The Supreme Court of Ohio

» 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Break

» 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

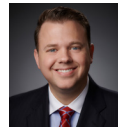
Navigating Transportation Strategy: Legal, Financial, and Logistical Considerations

CLE 0.75 hours (General)

We will explore key legal, financial, and logistical considerations in choosing between river, rail, and truck transportation. The discussion will also cover compliance challenges and strategies for acquiring transportation assets.

- Compare benefits and drawbacks of river, train, and truck transport
- Address litigation risks and evolving regulatory requirements
- Evaluate financing options and build vs. buy decisions for equipment and vessels

Moderator:



John M. Milligan
Labor & Employment Partner
KMK Law

Panelists:



Alexander N. (Alex) Beck
Business Representation & Transactions Partner
KMK Law



Clarke D. Cotton
Litigation Associate
KMK Law



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» 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Ohio Case Law Update – 2025

CLE 0.75 hours (Ethics & Professionalism)

Justice Fischer will review Ohio matters and recent Ohio case law related to both professionalism and ethics. This presentation will include significant audience participation and dialogue, covering lawyer disciplinary cases from the past year, and will discuss with the audience the issues practicing lawyers might want to consider based on those cases.

Speaker:



Justice Patrick F. Fischer
Supreme Court Justice
The Supreme Court of Ohio

» 2:45 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Break

» 2:55 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Top Cases Every Attorney Should Know This Year

CLE 1.0 hours (General)

This presentation will focus on recent decisions that impact the business community, specifically: (a) supreme court decisions or appellate court cases docketed for supreme court review; (b) appellate and district interpretation of recent supreme court decisions; and (c) state supreme court decisions or decisions generating commentary

Speakers:



Brian P. Muething
Litigation Partner
KMK Law



Darcy A. Watt
Litigation Partner
KMK Law

» 3:55 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.

Professionalism: Moving from Principle to Practice

CLE 1.0 hour (Ethics & Professionalism)

This session will identify five problems that typically undermine well-intentioned yet unproductive conversations about professionalism: unclear expectations, extreme examples, skewed lenses, unintentional messaging, and egocentrism. In doing so, the session will encourage attendees to self-reflect and re-evaluate what professionalism is, what it means, and how it manifests in practice. More importantly, attendees will walk away with specific, pragmatic, professionalism-related action items that they can implement in their daily practice. In sum, this session is designed to be problem-aware, reality-based, and solution-focused.

Speaker:



Professor Jill (Wolosiansky) Boone
Lecturer and Assistant Director of Externships
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

» 4:55 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks



Shannon D. Lawson
Business Representation & Transactions Partner
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CLE Credit

Ohio: This course is approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5 total CLE hours, with and 2.5 hours of attorney professional conduct instruction.

Kentucky: This course is approved by the Kentucky Bar Association Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5 total CLE hours, with 2.5 hours of ethics instruction.

Indiana: This course is approved by the Supreme Court of Indiana Office of Admissions and Continuing Education for 5 total hours, including 2.5 hours of ethics.