

When Judges Speak: The Ethics of Judicial Outreach and Communication

In recent years, judges nationwide have been encouraged to outreach to the communities they serve so as to better educate and inform the public of how courts work and judges function and why. But many judges are concerned about the ethical implications of doing so. They wonder when they can speak and to whom and they worry whether what they say both inside and outside the court room may be misperceived and give rise to the appearance of impropriety.

This interactive program addresses these concerns and others through the presentation, discussion and solution of a number of real life ethical scenarios that will be familiar to all judges.

Leading the discussion are Florida Circuit Court Judge Karl Grube (Ret.) and Rhode Island District Court Judge Bob Pirraglia (Ret.)

Panel members include lawyers and judges from each of the Conferences of The JD. They are: State Trial Judge Cara Lee Neville of Minnesota; Administrative Law Judge Maggie Anderson of California; Law Professor David Swank of Oklahoma; Attorney Marla Greenstein of Alaska; Appellate Judge Randy Holland of Delaware; Federal Magistrate Judge David Waxse of Kansas; Specialized Court Judge Susan Moiseev of Michigan and State Trial Judge George Marlow of New York.

Special Guest and participant: Attorney Tom Fitzpatrick of Washington State

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