



# Virginia Mountain/Valley Lawyers' Alliance

## 2019 Fall CLE Seminar

Friday, October 4, 2019 – Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke

Friday, October 11, 2019 – Wytheville Meeting Center



### Morning Session *Ethics with Breakfast*

**8:00 AM**                      **Registration and  
Buffet Breakfast**

**9:00 AM**      **The Works of Shakespeare  
Ethically Abridged**

*Join Philip "Phil" Shakespeare, Stratford-Upon-Avon's Leading Personal Injury Lawyer, as he takes you through six epic adventures in Ethics based on the works of his lesser known brother, Willie.*

**11:00 AM**                      **Morning Break**

### Morning Session Continued *Cutting Edge Issues*

**11:15 AM**      **Advocating for LGBTQ+  
Clients**

*An introduction to working with LGBTQ clients and the unique and not so unique legal issues they face.*

**12:15 PM**                      **Buffet Lunch**

*Lunch Program: Social Media and Your Online Reputation presented by FindLaw*

### Afternoon Session *Practical Legal Skills*

**1:30 PM**                      **Introduction to  
Research on Westlaw**

*This session will cover research fundamentals on Thomson Reuters Westlaw including accessing documents by citation, general search queries, checking for accuracy, and saving research for later.*

**2:30 PM**                      **Afternoon Break**

### Afternoon Session Continued

**2:45 PM**                      **Intermediate Research  
on Westlaw**

*This session will build upon the key learning objectives offered in the Westlaw Basic (Westlaw I) session to help you enhance your efficiency in conducting searches, dispositioning your search results and, personalizing your workflow.*

**3:45 PM**                      **Mr. Alexander and  
the Terrible, Horrible, No Good,  
Very Bad Brief**

*This writing program will help attorneys avoid the usual pitfalls encountered when writing trial and appellate briefs.*

### MCLE Credit

6 hours of "live, interactive" CLE has been applied for by the sponsor, including 2 hours of Ethics credit. Final Approval of CLE credit is pending. Westlaw Research courses will be presented via live video streaming in Wytheville.

### Written Materials

Written materials for this seminar will be distributed by email as a PDF file prior to the seminar.

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#### \$60 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

*(before September 15, 2019)*

#### \$75 REGULAR REGISTRATION

*(September 15 to October 2 – Roanoke)  
(September 15 to October 7 – Wytheville)*

Register Online at <https://www.virginia-mountain-valley-lawyers-alliance.org/>

#### Directions to the Roanoke Seminar

The Holiday Inn – Tanglewood is located at 4468 Starkey Road in South Roanoke County near the interchange of US 220 and Route 419/Electric Road. From Interstate 81 take exit 143 through downtown Roanoke to the Route 419 exit and turn right on Route 419 and right again at the fourth traffic light (Starkey Road). The Holiday Inn is on the left. From 220, take the Route 419 exit, turn left and proceed to the Starkey Road intersection as above.

#### Directions to the Wytheville Seminar

The Wytheville Meeting Center is located at 333 Community Boulevard in Wytheville. From I-81 North (Bristol/Abingdon): Take Exit 72 to I-77 Exit 41; From I-81 South/I-77 North (Roanoke or Hillsville/Galax): Take Exit 72 to I-77 Exit 41; From I-77 South (Bluefield): Take Exit 41; then, from all directions: Peppers Ferry Road to Community Boulevard, left turn in front of Comfort Suites.

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## Presenters Biographies

**Philip “Phil” Shakespeare** hails from Stratford-upon-Avon where he is the leading personal injury lawyer specializing in large ox-cart accidents.



**John S. Koehler** has practiced law in Virginia for 26-years; he is a Past-President of the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association and has been a presenter a CLE programs sponsored by the SRCBA and other groups for more than 20 years.

**Jonathan Clark** is a Senior Client Development Consultant for FindLaw® for Southwest Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky.



**Gabrielle Dennis** is a Thomson Reuters Customer Success Representative. She trains attorneys and staff at large and medium law firms across Virginia how to expertly use Westlaw and other Thomson Reuters products to meet their legal research needs. She is a licensed attorney in Virginia. Her previous experience includes both criminal prosecution and private practice, with a focus on family law, estate litigation, and criminal defense. Gabrielle holds a degree in Government from the University of Virginia and earned her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law, where she was a member of the Georgia Journal of Intellectual Property.