

Role of the Prosecutor: Ethical Rules and Considerations

February 20, 2024 – February 21, 2024

UNO Community Engagement Center – Room 230

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16 Hours CLE

Day 1, February 20, 2024

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| 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | Light Breakfast – Provided on-site (Coffee, rolls, etc.) |
| 7:45 AM – 8:00 AM | Welcome remarks – Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, Director, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice |
| 8:00 AM – 8:15 AM | Keynote Speaker – Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican, Nebraska Supreme Court |
| 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM | Robert C. Sigler, Dep Douglas Co Atty – Introduction: Role of the Prosecutor and General Ethical Considerations (1 hour) |
| 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM | Don Kleine, Douglas Co Atty – Ethical Issues and Social Media: Problems for Prosecutors and Impact on Potential Jurors (1 hour) |
| 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Morning Break - Refreshments provided |

- 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Chris Ferretti, Asst U.S. Attorney - Ethical Issues involving Supervision of Investigations; Relations with Police; Use of Informants and Cooperators (2 hours)
- 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM LUNCH- Provided on-site; Jean Brazda and John Brazda, Sarpy and Douglas Co Victim Witness Units – Ethical Issues with Facility Dogs in Prosecutors Offices (1 hour)
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Robert C. Sigler, Dep Douglas Co Atty – Ethical Considerations in Investigations and Charging Decisions (1 hour)
- 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Hon Jeff Lux, District Court of Douglas Co - Ethical issues Special Purpose Courts; Judicial involvement in Plea discussions (1 hour)
- 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Afternoon Break – Refreshments provided
- 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Paul Schaub, Cheyenne Co Atty – Ethical Considerations: Brady-Giglio and Discovery (1 hour)

END of DAY ONE

Day 2, February 21, 2024

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Light Breakfast – Provided on-site (Coffee, rolls, etc.)
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Ben Perlman, Dep Sarpy Co Atty – Ethical Considerations in Bar-Press Relations and Interacting with the News Media (1 hour)

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Robert C. Sigler, Dep Douglas Co Atty - Ethical Issues in Plea negotiations and in Trial Issues (1 hour)
- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Morning Break - Refreshments provided
- 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM Corey O'Brien, Criminal Bureau Chief, Neb Atty Gen - Ethical Issues in Privileged Communications and Dealing with Adverse Parties (1 hour)
- 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Robert C. Sigler, Dep Douglas Co Atty – Ethical Issues in Sentencing, Post Conviction and Newly Discovered Evidence (1 hour)
- 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH - Provided on-site
- 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM Mark Weber, Nebraska Counsel for Discipline - Prosecutorial Misconduct; Pitfalls of Communication with Unrepresented Individuals; Candor with the Tribunal (1 hour)
- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM Hon Joseph Bataillon, U. S. District Court – Prosecution Ethics: A View from The Bench (1 hour)
- 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Afternoon Break – Refreshments provided

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM PANEL OF EXPERTS (Moderator: Mark Weber. Panelists:
Hon. Joseph Bataillon, Robert C. Sigler, Don Kleine, Paul
Schaub, Nissa Jones) – Ethical Issues for Prosecutors –
Interactive with Audience (2 hours)

END of DAY TWO – SEMINAR CONCLUDES