

2024 First Friday Ethics (January 2024)

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Friday Morning, Jan. 5, 2024

10:00 am 1.00 hr ethics	What Texas Lawyers Need to Know About Human Rights Considerations in Connection to Mega Sports Events In 2026 the U.S. jointly with Canada and Mexico are hosting the FIFA World Cup. Houston and Dallas are the two Texan cities that will be hosting games. According to FIFA regulations as part of the bidding process, host countries and Host Cities were required to commit, amongst other things, to their obligations under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and to develop respective strategies. Now, each city has to engage in the phase of human rights due diligence for the tournament, focusing on enhanced stakeholder engagement and the development of a achievement framework for the Host Cities. This presentation explains the human rights due diligence, the human rights framework applicable and the potential areas for legal work. Ariel E. Dulitzky, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
11:00 am	10-Minute Break
11:10 am 1.00 hr ethics	Working with Your Colleagues: Not Working Against Your Enemies (Replay) Elevate civility and communication practices by addressing uncollegial or uncooperative behaviors and developing plans to foster civil and collegial communications. Hear both government and defense counsel discuss their experiences of poor communication and ways to provide civil and frank discussions. Christopher M. Palazola, Texas Medical Board - Austin, TX Jon Porter, McDonald, Mackay, Porter & Weitz, LLP - Cedar Park, TX
12:10 pm	10-Minute Break
12:20 pm 1.00 hr ethics	A Legal Ethics Wish List (Replay) Law firm general counsels and risk managers have wish lists...of what they hope their colleagues already know about the Rules of Professional Conduct and how to apply them. This presentation explores many things that are, no doubt, on those Wish Lists, including a working understanding of the conflict of interest rules, tools to help navigate those rules (like engagement letters and "I'm Not Your Lawyer" letters), the difference between the attorney-client privilege and the lawyer's ethical duty of confidentiality, and a proper appreciation of the application of the "No Contact" Rule. The presentation also provides some practical tips to help create a culture of sound risk management practices to help keep the attendee from getting on the General Counsel's or Risk Manager's bad list. A.J. Singleton, Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC - Lexington, KY
1:20 pm	Presentations Conclude