

2025 First Friday Ethics (March 2025)

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Friday Morning, Mar. 7, 2025

10:00 am 0.75 hr ethics	My Mind Has A Mind of Its Own: Why Even Good Lawyers Are Lured Into Unethical Behavior by the Way Their Brains Work (Replay) Modern behavioral psychology research has revealed that our brains lead us into behaviors that are inconsistent with logic, our own self-interest, and ethical principles. This presentation explains how scientifically identifiable justifications, rationalizations, and heuristics can present challenges in legal ethics. Kevin Dubose, Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP - Houston, TX
10:45 am	10-Minute Break
10:55 am 0.75 hr ethics	Fixing Federal Tax Return Mistakes (Replay) Mistakes happen in tax. Fixing those mistakes usually gets harder as time goes by. This presentation surveys a range of potential options: rescission, tax elections including Section 9100 relief, amended returns, method changes, attribute redeterminations, and more. The presentation also highlights ethical obligations that arise when considering how to best address prior mistakes. Tom Greenaway, KPMG LLP - Boston, MA
11:45 am	10-Minute Break
11:55 am 1.00 hr ethics	Ted Lasso and Lawyer Ethics (Replay) What can a fictional soccer coach, goldfish, and biscuits teach us about attorney ethics? Lace up your cleats and find out. Christie L. Hobbs, Northwest ISD - Fort Worth, TX
12:55 pm	10-Minute Break
1:05 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Why Does a Law Firm Need a Legal Department? (Replay) An exploration of how a firm's legal department can work to protect the firm and help lawyers navigate ethical questions, engagement letters, conflicts, waivers, sanctions, unhappy clients, claims, grievances, the use of AI and more. Julia M. Haines, Holland & Knight LLP - Houston, TX Co-Author: Katia Sophia Leiva, Holland & Knight LLP - Houston, TX
1:35 pm	Presentations Conclude