2021 First Friday Ethics (March 2021) March 5, 2021 • STUDIO WEBCAST

Friday Morning, Mar. 5, 2021

9:30 am 1.00 hr ethics	"Trying" Situations for Trial Attorneys: Top Issues and Everyday Practices to Avoid Malpractice (REPLAY)
	Explore some of the top issues or common "missteps" that can get small-firm/solo practitioner trial attorneys into trouble, as well as the critical importance of being "selfish" about your own health and fitness avoid malpractice.
	Dicky Grigg, Spivey & Grigg L.L.P Austin, TX Erica Grigg, Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program - Austin, TX
10:30 am	Break
10:40 am 1.00 hr ethics	The Evolution of the ABA Model Rules on the Unauthorized Practice of Law: Myth vs. Reality (REPLAY)
	Though the ABA Model Rules are intended to serve as a template for states to follow, the Model Rules are neither mandatory nor enforceable. Model Rules provisions on the unauthorized practice of law have developed in response to social change but the language suggested is rarely followed in its exact form. The disparity between the Model Rules and what states actually require can cause significant confusion leading to the unintentional unauthorized practice of law. This presentation highlights some of those differences to help attorneys avoid jurisdictional traps and gotchas.
	Ana C. Ward, InLaw Corp Austin, TX
11:40 am	Break
11:50 am 1.00 hr ethics	Technology and Ethics: Adapting to the post-COVID Practice of Law (REPLAY)
	Explore the incorporation of technology into the practice of law in response to the COVID-19 crisis, and moving forward. Jessica Vittorio will discuss the utilization of various types of technologies, and the correlating ethical rules to be aware of as practitioners begin to engage with these technologies in practice.
	Jessica Vittorio, The Law Office of Jessica Vittorio PLLC - Frisco, TX
12:50 pm	Presentation concludes