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What to Do if an Attorney in Your Law Practice Dies or Becomes Incapacitated

Total: **61 Minutes**

Speakers:
Ritzel Ngo

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The ABA Model Rules and state ethics rules have several provisions that are triggered when an attorney dies or becomes incapacitated. This program will provide the practitioner with an overview of an attorney's ethical obligations to the law firm and clients in the event that this happens. Using the ABA's model rules and California's rules on professional conduct, the speaker will discuss topics such as lawyer capacity, components of an ethical law firm succession plan, rules regarding selling or shutting down a law practice, privilege, fiduciary duties owed to clients, conflicts, and client funds. The speaker will also instruct attorneys on how to satisfy their ethical duties when confronted with common situations involving capacity. Topics include:

All Topics Below Address Legal Ethics

- Determining Capacity (5 min)
- Fiduciary duties (10 min.)
- Model rules regarding selling or closing a law practice (5 min.)
- Components of an ethical firm/solo practice succession plan (10 min.)
- What steps to take when an attorney is deceased or incapacitated (10 min.)
- Model rules for lawyer disciplinary enforcement (6 min.)
- Handling client files and funds (privilege & IOLTA accounts) (5 min.)
- Ethical hypotheticals involving attorney capacity (10 min.)

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Meet the Lecturer(s)

Ritzel NGO

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