LexVid Services, Inc., Presents:

The Art of Graceful Disagreement: Ethics & Civility

Total: **67 Minutes**

Speakers:
Wendy Patrick

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The effectiveness of our adversarial legal system is greatly enhanced through the combination of talent and temperament. The mark of a fine lawyer is the ability to gain both reverence and respect through effective advocacy combined with civility and fair play. This combination decreases animosity in the courtroom, promotes good faith negotiation, and will ultimately both benefit clients and improve the public perception of the profession.

This program will provide a thorough examination of a lawyer's ethical and professional duties both in and out of the courtroom as they relate to civility and professionalism. It will discuss the interaction between advocacy and civility using practical examples frequently faced by criminal and civil law practitioners, and provide recent case law and ethical rules discussing some common issues. It will cover applicable rules of both ethics and professionalism, as well as the duty of respect to the court and the court's power of contempt.

All topics below address Ethics/Professional Responsibility
Topics include:

- Examining a lawyer's ethical and professional duties in and out of the courtroom as they relate to professionalism and civility (35 min.)
- Discussion of recent case law and ethical rules addressing common professionalism and civility issues (22 min.)
- A look at the duty of respect to the court and the court's power of contempt (10 min.)

Total: 67 minutes

Presenter:

Dr. Wendy L. Patrick is a San Diego County Deputy District Attorney, named the Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar's Public Law Section. She has been recognized by her peers as one of the Top Ten criminal attorneys in San Diego by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*.

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Dr. Patrick is a veteran prosecutor with over two decades of experience. She has completed over 160 trials ranging from hate crimes, to domestic violence, to first-degree murder. Much of her career has been spent prosecuting domestic abusers, sexually violent predators, human traffickers, stalkers, rapists, and child molesters. She is a past co-chair of both the statewide California District Attorneys Association Sexually Violent Predator Committee, and Human Trafficking Committee.

As a private consultant, Dr. Patrick researches, publishes, and trains extensively on topics related to interpersonal violence, sexual assault, and working with victims to a wide variety of educational, community, and law enforcement groups. She also serves as a trial consultant and expert witness in the area of sexual assault dynamics between perpetrators and victims, and all other areas of victimology.

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