Professionalism and Ethics: Two Sides of the Same Lawyer Obligations

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Understanding how professionalism implicates and affects ethics and understanding how to act professionally and ethically, and handling unprofessional conduct by other lawyers is extremely important in the lawyer's daily practice. This webinar, presented by Joseph A. Corsmeier, Esq, Founder and President of The Law Office of Joseph A. Corsmeier, P.A., will provide guidance and best practices and ensure viewers gain an understanding of the fundamentals of professionalism to help avoid legal and ethical scenarios.

All topics below concern ethics under The Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Topics include:

- **Ethics** - Outline the fundamentals of professionalism to help avoid legal and ethical scenarios (26 min.)

- **Ethics** - Analyze the interaction between professionalism and legal ethics using real-life scenarios (24 min.)

- **Ethics** - Review Court cases and rules which address professionalism and ethics (10 min.)

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