United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Continuing Legal Education Program

Puerto Rico's New Rules of Professional Conduct

Condado Plaza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico · October 30, 2026

Revised Agenda

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00	*Registration*
9:00 – 9:50	Module I. From the 1970 Code of Professional Ethics to the 2026 Rules of Professional Conduct: structure, scope, definitions (Rule 1.0), the Model Rules as interpretive reference, application to the notarial function, the transition to the new framework, and disciplinary authority and choice of law in the District Court (Rule 8.5 and Local Rule 83E)
9:50 – 10:30	Module II. The client-lawyer relationship: competence, scope of representation, diligence, communication, fees, confidentiality of information, the organization as client, clients with diminished capacity, protection of client property, and declining or terminating representation (Rules 1.1 through 1.6 and 1.13 through 1.17)
10:30 – 10:45	*Break*
10:45 – 12:00	Module III. The duty of technological competence and diligence (Rule 1.19): scope of the duty, how generative artificial intelligence works and fails, hallucinated citations and the verification of court filings, algorithmic bias, agentic AI, confidentiality and privilege, protective orders, billing, and supervision
12:00 – 1:30	*Lunch*
1:30 – 2:10	Module IV. Conflicts of interest: current and former clients, imputation and screening, duties to prospective clients, former government officers and employees, former judges, arbitrators, mediators and other neutrals, and disqualification practice in both courts (Rules 1.7 through 1.12 and 1.18)
2:10 – 3:00	Module V. The lawyer as counselor and advocate, and dealings with persons other than clients: meritorious claims, candor toward the tribunal, fairness to opposing party and counsel, communications with the court, trial publicity, the lawyer as witness, special responsibilities of prosecutors and defense counsel, and truthfulness in statements to others (Chapters II through IV)
3:00 – 3:15	*Break*
3:15 – 4:15	Module VI. Law practice and the integrity of the profession: supervisory responsibilities and subordinate lawyers, nonlawyer assistance and law firm ownership, unauthorized and multijurisdictional practice, pro hac vice and courtesy admission, advertising and solicitation, pro bono service and court appointments, bar admission and disciplinary matters, statements concerning judges, reporting professional misconduct, and misconduct, harassment and discrimination (Chapters V through VIII)
4:15 – 4:30	*Closing questions and answers*

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