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**ETHICS IN THE AGE OF AI: NAVIGATING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN LEGAL PRACTICE**

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## **Lex Wire Journal Features Attorney Jeff Howell's Advanced AI Ethics Program**

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Lex Wire Journal, the leading authority platform for attorney visibility in the digital age, today featured attorney Jeff Howell's presentation of "Ethics in the Age of AI: Navigating Professional Responsibilities in Legal Practice," a cutting-edge continuing legal education program delivered to the National Academy of Continuing Legal Education (NACLE) audience.

Howell presented the essential CLE course addressing the critical challenge facing lawyers today: how to harness AI's powerful capabilities while navigating complex ethical obligations that can make or break legal practice. His comprehensive program provided practical guidance for attorneys seeking to leverage AI tools like ChatGPT, Harvey AI, Relativity, and contract analysis platforms without stepping into ethical landmines that could result in sanctions, malpractice claims, or disciplinary action.

In his presentation, Howell demonstrated how ABA Model Rules on competence, confidentiality, supervision, and fees apply directly to AI-assisted legal work. He provided NACLE participants with proven strategies for

managing the real risks of AI bias, accuracy problems, data breaches, and overreliance on automated systems.

As Jeff Howell, Esq., stated during his CLE presentation for the National Academy of Continuing Legal Education: "Don't hit 'generate' and walk away. You're still the lawyer. AI is just a very persuasive intern with no law degree."

Howell's session combined implementation guidance, recent case studies including the landmark *Mata v. Avianca* sanctions, and practical compliance frameworks to help attorneys build robust AI governance systems. His presentation emphasized protecting clients, enhancing efficiency, and maintaining professional integrity in an increasingly AI-driven legal marketplace.

The program addressed how established professional responsibility rules apply to artificial intelligence use in legal practice. Howell covered competence requirements, confidentiality obligations, supervision responsibilities, and fee considerations when using AI tools, providing attendees with actionable guidance for their own practices.

Howell's presentation included analysis of significant case studies, particularly the landmark *Mata v. Avianca* sanctions case, which demonstrated the serious consequences of improper AI use in legal practice. He emphasized practical compliance frameworks that attorneys can immediately implement to avoid common pitfalls while maximizing AI benefits.

A significant portion of Howell's training focused on identifying and managing AI-related risks in legal practice, including AI bias recognition and mitigation, accuracy and verification protocols, data security and breach prevention, and avoiding overreliance on automated systems. His comprehensive approach provided attendees with tools to navigate the complex ethical landscape of AI implementation.

Howell's presentation to the NACLE audience reflects his expertise in maintaining the highest professional standards while embracing technological innovation. As AI tools become increasingly prevalent in legal practice, attorneys who understand the ethical implications gain significant advantages in serving clients effectively and avoiding professional liability.

The cutting-edge program addressed continuing legal education requirements while tackling emerging challenges in legal practice. As state bars increasingly recognize the importance of AI ethics education, Howell's presentation demonstrates thought leadership in professional competence and client protection.

Howell's delivery of this advanced ethics training positions him as a leader in responsible AI adoption within the legal profession. As courts and regulatory bodies develop new standards for AI use in legal practice, his

expertise in AI ethics helps attorneys prepare for changing requirements and maintain ethical compliance.

?The trend is moving toward more disclosure and more accountability, not less,? said attorney Jeff Howell in his recent CLE presentation.

The presentation provided NACLE participants with practical frameworks for ongoing AI governance, ensuring they can adapt to new technologies while maintaining ethical compliance. Howell's proactive approach to professional responsibility demonstrates leadership in navigating the evolving legal landscape.

Jeff Howell is an attorney recognized for his expertise in AI ethics and professional responsibility in legal practice. His presentation to the National Academy of Continuing Legal Education demonstrates his commitment to advancing the legal profession's understanding of ethical AI implementation.

The National Academy of Continuing Legal Education provides comprehensive MCLE programming that meets state requirements, offering specialized courses addressing evolving professional responsibility challenges in technology adoption.

The complete Lex Wire Journal feature article about Jeff Howell's AI ethics presentation can be viewed at <https://lexwire.org/news/advanced-ai-ethics-training>

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