

THE ART OF ADVOCACY

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

JUNE 28-30, 2026

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

6:30 p.m. Welcome Dinner at Edinburgh Castle

This dinner is included for each registered CLE participant. Please [register](#) any guests by June 10.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7 a.m. Breakfast & Check-In

8-8:55 a.m. A Nation's Choice: The Long Arc of Advocacy for Scottish Independence

Kenny MacAskill, Solicitor, Author, former Scottish Justice Secretary and politician who served as a Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP), 1999-2016, and served as Member of Parliament (MP), 2019-2024.

9-9:55 a.m. The Future of Trial: AI, Autonomous Vehicles, and the Evolving Courtroom

Brett Schreiber, Founding Partner of Singleton Schreiber, has spent his entire career representing people who have been harmed by the wrongful conduct of others. After 16 years at a prominent plaintiff's firm in San Diego, Brett co-founded Singleton Schreiber in 2020, a plaintiffs firm that brings Big Law to the Little Guy.

Break

10:10-11:05 a.m. AI Use from Intake to Verdict

Robert "Bob" Simon, Founding Partner and Trial Director, and Brad Simon, Founding and Managing Partner, both of The Simon Law Group, are also co-hosts of the "Bourbon of Proof" podcast.

11:10 a.m.-12:05 p.m. From Prompt to Pleadings: How AI Is Changing the Client-Lawyer Conversation

Cheryl Palmer-Hughes, Partner at Stewarts, VP PEOPIL (Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers and Co-Chair of the Women In Law committee, specializes in complex cross-border injury claims.

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12:10-12:55 p.m.

Luncheon Remarks: Persuasive Diplomacy

Kathryn Porter is the U.S. Consul General at the United States Consulate in Edinburgh, Scotland.

1-1:55 p.m.

Regulatory Compliance When Using AI: A Practical Approach

Robert Maddox, Partner at Bradley served as one of the lead lawyers for the largest joint federal/state investigation and settlement in U.S. history. Maddox has handled more national/multi-state attorney general investigations and related consent judgments than any attorney in the U.S.

2-2:55 p.m.

Use of AI in Criminal Trials: Can AI Serve As Second Chair?

Chris Daw, KC, is a prominent English criminal barrister, bestselling author, and broadcaster with over 30 years of experience at the Bar. He is widely recognized for his defense in high-profile trials and Founder of a YouTube channel, The Law Club, designed to support aspiring lawyers from unconventional backgrounds.

Break

3:15-4:10 p.m.

AI Use in Arbitration and Other Disputes: Arbiter and Client Expectations

Andrew Todd is the General Counsel & Company Secretary for Springfield Properties plc, Scotland's only publicly listed housebuilder and is a professor at the University of Glasgow.

Fergus Ryan is an Arbiter and Barrister at The Law Library in Four Courts, Dublin, Ireland.

4:15-5:10 p.m.

Briefly Artificial: Ensuring Your AI-Assisted Research is Legally Sound

Grace Simms, Information Technology Law Librarian and Adjunct Professor at Cumberland School of Law, serves the technology needs of the law library as well as those of the law students.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7 a.m. Breakfast & Check-In

8-8:55 a.m. From Overwhelmed to Optimized: Leveraging Systems, Automation, and AI to Build a Smarter Law Practice

Ellise Washington is the Founder and Principal Partner of EMW LAW and the visionary behind Elite Efficient Consulting, a systems and AI-driven consulting firm for modern law practices.

9-9:55 a.m. Powering the Cloud, Paying the Price: Litigating Environmental Impacts of AI Data Centers

Letitia Simmons Johnson, Managing Partner at Singleton Schreiber, is a leader in the firm's Civil Rights, Environmental Litigation, Personal Injury, and Wildfire Litigation practice groups.

Ebony Griffin-Guerrier, Counsel at Singleton Schreiber, co-leads the firm's Research, Policy & Strategic Impact practice group. Her practice focuses on environmental justice litigation, toxic tort and mass tort development, Clean Air and Clean Water Act enforcement.

Laura Singleton, Counsel at Singleton Schreiber, is a member of the personal injury, mass torts, and environmental litigation practices.

Break

10:10-11:05 a.m. Intellectual Property in the Age of AI

Tim McFarlin, Professor at Cumberland School of Law, specializes in intellectual property law and teaches courses related to property and contract law.

11:10 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Ethical Use of AI in the Practice of Law

Jill Rothstein, CEO and Executive Director of the State Bar of Wisconsin, promotes the good in the practice of law, advocates for the administration of justice, and seeks practical, professional solutions to minimize risk.

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