

How to Remain Ethical on Social Media

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10:30 – 11:45 AM



This presentation by a judge and a judicial ethics enforcer will address common judicial ethics issues encountered online. Participants will engage in a discussion of how the dynamics of social media invite potential problems for judges, as well as proactive suggestions.

At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify and appropriately respond to potential ethical problems regarding the following:

- Controversial Issues
- Elections
- Impermissible fund raising
- Reviews of services and products

SPEAKERS:



J. Reiko Callner, Esq., Executive Director, Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Ms. Callner has served as the Executive Director of the Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct since 2005. She previously served the agency as its senior investigator. Ms. Callner is an emeritus board member of the national Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel and is past Chair of the Washington State Human Rights Commission. Ms. Callner worked as a prosecutor for ten years and has represented Child Protective Services.

She has taught for the American Judicature Society, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the National Center for State Courts, and has made presentations to a wide variety of public agencies and private organizations. She has assisted the US State Department and non-governmental organizations in improving judicial ethics and independence in over 35 foreign countries.

Ms. Callner has an undergraduate degree from Oberlin College and a J.D. from the University of Washington. She was a law clerk for retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice Robert Utter and is a licensed Zumba instructor.



Hon. Marian Gaston, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

Judge Marian Gaston currently presides over criminal trials on the San Diego Superior Court. She is a member of the California Judges Association Ethics Committee, which is responsible for responding to ethics-related inquiries from California's 1,800 judicial officers and served as the committee chair from 2020 to 2021. She teaches throughout the country and internationally on a wide variety of topics including judicial ethics and

trial advocacy.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Gaston worked as Deputy Public Defender representing indigent clients accused of crimes ranging from petty theft to capital murder. She has a B.A. from Emory University and earned her Juris Doctor from the University of California at Berkeley in 1996.