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Alan C. Obye

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Alan Obye brings significant experience in legal ethics to his role as Conflicts Staff Counsel. He focuses on clearing conflicts through review and analysis, advising the firm on ethics issues, and other loss prevention efforts in the firm's Office of General Counsel. He also supports the legal malpractice group on client matters. Prior to joining WTO, Alan spent 14 years at the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel (OARC).

As Senior Assistant Regulation Counsel at OARC, he represented the People of the State of Colorado in attorney discipline, attorney admissions, client protection fund, and unauthorized practice of law matters. He litigated trials and appeals before the Presiding Disciplinary Judge and Colorado Supreme Court.

Alan has extensive experience presenting on a wide range of issues involving legal ethics.

He previously was a professional cyclist and a Resident Athlete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Alan's personal interests include Muay Thai and boxing, photography, and spending time with his German Shepherd rescue dog.

Credentials

Education

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 2010

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, B.A., 2006, Geography and Environmental Studies

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, Senior Assistant Regulation Counsel

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
Member

Colorado Bar Association
Member

Denver Bar Association
Member

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, "Out of Bounds: Boundary Issues in the Practice of Law," Colorado Lawyer.

Author, "ABA Conducts First 'School' on Policing Unauthorized Practice of Law," ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct.

Presenter, "Fee Agreements," Colorado Bar Association's Hanging Your Shingle CLE.

Presenter, "Cash App Transactions for Lawyers," National Forum on Client Protection .

Presenter, “Rule 8.4(i) and Sexual Harassment,” CBA CLE.

Presenter, “Trends and Pitfalls in Attorney Regulation,” CBA Federal Practice Update.

Presenter, “Rule 8.4(i) and Sexual Harassment, CBA Best Practices.

Presenter, “New Rules and Common Immigration Ethics Issues,” American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Presenter, “New Rules and Case Law Update,” Southwest Colorado Bar Association Law in the Trenches CLE Seminar.

Presenter, “Ethics in the Time of Covid-19,” Southwest Colorado Bar Association CLE.

Presenter, “Remote Regulation,” International Conference of Legal Regulators.

Presenter, “OARC Overview and Process,” CBA CLE Ethics Program.

Presenter, “Ethics and Social Media,” CBA CLE Ethics Program.

Presenter, “Ethics Issues in DUI Cases,” CBA DUI Basics CLE.

Presenter, “Lawyers and Professionalism,” University of Denver Sturm College of Law Legal Profession Course.

Presenter, “OARC Process and Current Developments,” CBA Presidential Visits in Fort Morgan, Cortez, and Durango, Colorado.

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