

## **Ethics - Conflict and Candor for the Elder Law Attorney: Where the Rubber Meets the Road**

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**Speaker Bio:** Michael S. Ross is the principal of the Law Offices of Michael S. Ross, where he concentrates his practice in attorney ethics and criminal law. Over the years, he has also represented judges before the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Mr. Ross is a former Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Southern District of New York and also served as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County. Mr. Ross has been an Adjunct Professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law for thirty years, and has taught a variety of courses in Criminal and Civil Litigation; Appellate Advocacy; Judicial Administration; and Professional Responsibility. Mr. Ross currently teaches Litigation Ethics at Cardozo Law School and Professional Responsibility at Brooklyn Law School. He has also served for the last twenty-eight years as the Executive Director/instructor at Cardozo Law School's annual two-week Intensive Trial Advocacy Program. Mr. Ross is a frequent lecturer and author on topics involving ethics, trial practice and criminal law for such organizations as the Practising Law Institute, the Appellate Division, First Department, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Judicial Institute, the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the New York State Bar Association, the New York County Lawyer's Association, the New York State Association of Trial Lawyers and the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Ross has served as a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Discipline; the New York State Bar Association's Task Force On Lawyer Advertising; the New York County Lawyers' Association Committee on Professional Discipline; the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on the Unlawful Practice of Law; the New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Procedures for Judicial Discipline; and the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Mass Disasters. He previously served for a number of terms on the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Committee on Professional Discipline. Mr. Ross completed a five year tenure as an appointed member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, which, among other things, formulates CLE guidelines in the State. Mr. Ross has chaired the American Bar Association ("ABA") Grand Jury Committee and the City Bar Association's Committee on Criminal Advocacy. He previously served as the A.B.A. Criminal Justice Section's liaison to the A.B.A. Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and was an appointed member of the ABA's Special "Criminal Justice In Crisis Committee." Among his writings, Mr. Ross has co-authored a chapter on "Client and Witness Perjury," for the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation ethics training course book entitled Litigation Ethics: Course Materials For Continuing Legal Education. The course book was developed for use nationally by law firms, bar associations and other groups which provide ethics training.