The Annual Utah State Bar Fall Forum 2026

Thursday, November 19 & Friday, November 20, 2026, To be held at Little America Hotel
Updated CLE Agenda (end October 2026)

"Improving our Practice Skills and our Working Relationships: Professional Development to Shape our Utah Legal Culture"

Thursday, November 19

11 am	Registration Desk opens, Exhibitor Hall opens
12 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch, Awards, & CLE
	Awards: Professionalism Awards x2, Special Service Award, and Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year
	CLE Presentation from the Salt Lake City Justice Courts, 1 hour professionalism/civility MCLE credit (pending approval
	CLE discussion featuring Judge Jojo Liu and Judge Clemens Landau
1:30 – 1:45 pm	Break

Thursday, November 19 Continued

1:45 – 2:45 pm Breakout sessions

1. Women's Sports & SCOTUS – A CLE case review and dialogue with Alan Hurst, Kirton McConkie

2. Dispute Resolution: Different Mediation Approaches and When to Use Them with Gabby Sabalones, Christensen & Jensen
   Your client trusted you to get them a fair resolution—but did the mediation process actually work in their favor, or against them? This CLE reveals how the three mediation approaches—facilitative, evaluative, and transformative—directly shape settlement outcomes, giving you the tools to choose the right process for your case and walk into every mediation with a clear strategic advantage.

3. AI and the Waiver of Privilege (1 hour ethics, pending approval) with Keith Call, Spencer Fane

2:45 – 3:00 pm Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm Breakout sessions

1. The Declaration of Independence & Judicial Independence featuring Daniel Young (Kirton McConkie) and the International Law Section, including a distinguished CLE panel with Judge Dianna Gibson (Third District Court), Mohammed Al-Nasser, and Annarose Hayata

2. Dispute Resolution: Transformative Mediation with Carolynn Clark (1 hour of ethics MCLE credit, pending approval)
   Many attorneys mistake being a "zealous advocate" in mediation for being a positional bargainer. Focusing on positions in mediation can be counterproductive and may actually ignore value on the table to the detriment of your client. Come and learn how to discover your client's true interests, and what skills counsel can use in mediation to achieve their client's real goals and bring about more satisfactory settlements.

Thursday, November 19 Continued

Breakout sessions continued

3. Access to Justice and Pro Bono Service with the Utah State Bar Pro Bono Office

4. Top Ten Ways to Get a Bar Complaint (1 hour ethics, pending approval) with Alex Leeman, Parsons Behle & Latimer

Thursday, November 19 – 3 hours MCLE credit available (pending approval)

Friday, November 20

8 am	Registration Desk opens, Continental Breakfast served in Exhibitor Hall which also opens for attendees
8:30 – 9:00 am	Welcome, Reports from the Utah Law Related Education Board with an announcement to the Utah legal community and the Utah Bar Foundation, Remarks from the Bar Commission
9:00 – 10:00 am	Keynote Panel Presentation from Utah's Lawyer Legislators about the 2027 upcoming legislative session (1 hour MCLE credit, pending approval) Panel of Utah lawyer legislators anticipated to include: Senator Brady Brammer, Senator Todd Weiler, Senator Mike McKell, Representative Anthony Loubet, Representative Nelson Abbott, Representative Grant Miller, Representative Ken Ivory, and Representative Jordan Teuscher.
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break

Friday, November 20 Continued

10:15 – 11:15 am Morning Breakout Sessions

1. Your Client/Company Is Already Using AI (even if you don't know it): The Privacy, Cybersecurity and Legal Risks Hiding in Plain Sight - A Practical Playbook for Lawyers Advising Businesses on Shadow AI, Data Governance and AI Contracts. A CLE presentation with Stephanie Wilkins, Buchalter
   The biggest AI risk for most companies isn't the AI system they bought. It's the AI their employees are already using without legal, privacy, security, procurement, or IT approval. Nearly every company has employees using generative AI—even when the company has no formal AI program. Meanwhile, Utah continues to position itself as a national AI policy laboratory, while state privacy laws and AI-specific requirements are expanding across the country and internationally.

2. Sunsetting the Sandbox and Lessons Learned

3. Litigation Section Annual Trial Academy Part One
   A Presentation on Juries: Selection, Strategy, and Decision Making Assessed , featuring S.J. Quinney College of Law Professor Tenielle Brown

11:15 – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch, Awards, & CLE

Awards presentation includes The James B. Lee, Charlotte Miller, and Paul W. Moxley Mentoring Awards, and the Utah Law Related Education Matheson Award

A CLE Discussion: The ABA Report on Women in the Law, presented by a CLE panel including Tiffany Shimada who worked on drafting the nationwide report on well-being and community (Dorsey) , with Maria Groznik from the Young Lawyers Division (Ballard Spahr), and with Melinda Bowen from Women Lawyers of Utah (Spencer Fane)

Friday, November 20 Continued

1:00 – 1:15 pm Break

1:15 – 2:15 pm Breakout Sessions

1. Skill Building to Resolve Conflict and Violence in our Profession (1 hour professionalism/civility MCLE, pending approval) with Steve Kelson, Christensen & Jensen

2. There's No Place Like Home: Creating a Workplace Culture Where People Thrive with Fran Griesing, Griesing Law (1 hour of professionalism/civility MCLE credit, pending approval)

3. Litigation Section Annual Trial Academy Part Two – A Panel Presentation on Convincing Your Trier of Fact / Judges and Juries

2:15 – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 – 3:30 pm Breakout Sessions

1. Debt & Housing Court: New to Utah and our Practice

2. YLD Presentation for building your practice and your network

3. Litigation Section Annual Trial Academy Part Three – A Panel Presentation on Convincing Your Trier of Fact / Judges and Juries

3:30 – 3:45 pm Break, with treats sponsored by Utah Law Related Education

Please join our colleagues in the Exhibitor Hall for this break.

Friday, November 20 Continued

3:45 – 4:45 pm Concluding Plenary CLE Session

A Judicial Panel Presentation on Ethics and Coming Together

1 hour ethics MCLE, pending approval

We are so honored to host a closing plenary CLE panel featuring our newly-appointed Utah Supreme Court Justices – Justice Jay T. Jorgensen, Justice Stephen P. Dent, and Justice Michael R. Menssen - welcoming them to our Judiciary and to this valued tradition of the Fall Forum, as well as sharing their insights on legal practice and our duties to one another and to our profession as we build community and advocate with rigor.

Friday, November 20 – 6 hours MCLE credit available (pending approval)

MCLE TOTAL FOR FALL FORUM – Up to 9 credit hours (pending approval)