

# When & How to Ethically Fire a Client & Withdraw from Representation

*Extract yourself without the BBO knocking*

There are times when you take on a client and in the midst of representation, you find yourself needing to withdraw from representing that client. Whether the client is failing to pay their fees, engaging in fraudulent activity, or any of a multitude of other reasons, an attorney may need to end the attorney-client relationship. Although clients generally have an absolute right to discharge their attorneys, either with or without cause, lawyers do not have the same right.

This program explores how you withdraw from representation in Probate and Family Court, District Court, and Superior Court while meeting your ethical obligations and avoiding trouble.

## Agenda

- When and How You Withdraw from a Case in Probate and Family Court, District Court, or Superior Court
- What Are the Ethical Rules and Considerations?
- Best Practices
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

## Faculty

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## Dates & Location

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### LIVE WEBCAST

Monday, September 30, 2024  
12:00 noon–1:00 pm  
Program # 2250086WBC

### REBROADCAST

Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
10:00 am–11:00 am  
Program # 2250086RB1

### REBROADCAST

Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
2:00 pm–3:00 pm  
Program # 2250086RB2

### ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
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- Transcript & videorecording emailed 2 weeks post-program

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