

**CLE in Greece**  
**Comparative Law, Ethics, and the Future of the Legal Profession**  
**Location:** Athens, Greece  
**Total Credit:** 6.00 IL MCLE Credit

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

Location: **Civil and Criminal Supreme Court of Greece (Areios Pagos)**, 121  
Alexandras Avenue, 115 22, Athens, Greece

**9:00 – 9:15 a.m. - Welcome Remarks**

**Supreme Court Justice Panagiotis Lymperopoulos**, Vice President of the Supreme Court

**Judge Nichole Patton**, Circuit Court of Cook County & CBA President, 2025-2026

**Andreas Koutsolampros**, President of the Athens Bar Association

**9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (1.00 IL MCLE Credit)**

**Comparison of Civil and Criminal Trials in the U.S. and Greece**

A comparative analysis of civil and criminal procedure, evidentiary rules, judicial roles, and trial advocacy in civil and criminal matters across both legal systems.

Moderator: **Adam Zebelian**, Partner, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck

Speakers:

- **Ioannis (John) Biblis**, Head of Legal Affairs Competition, Waste Management and Alternative Fuels Motor Oil Hellas SA, Vice President of Association of Inhouse Lawyers in Greece
- **Steven R. Decker**, The Law Offices of Steven R. Decker
- **Shawn Kasserman**, Partner, Tomasik, Kotin, Kasserman
- **Supreme Court Justice Georgios Mikroudis**

**10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (1.00 MCLE Credit)**

**AI and the Law: Comparative Perspectives from the U.S. and Europe**

An overview of artificial intelligence in legal practice, judicial systems, regulation, and ethical implications across jurisdictions.

Moderator: **Judge Pamela Stratigakis**, Circuit Court of Cook County

Speakers:

- **Judge Lloyd J. Brooks**, Circuit Court of Cook County
- **Daniel A. Cotter**, Aronberg Goldgehn
- **Justice Ioanna Mamali**, Piraeus Court of Appeal
- **Spiros Tassis**, Partner, Technology and Privacy, Potamitis Vekris Law firm, Chairman of the Hellenic Association of Data Protection and Privacy

**11:15 – 11:30 a.m. - Morning Break**

**11:30 – 12:30 p.m. (1.00 IL MCLE Credit)**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution in the U.S. and Greece**

An exploration of mediation, arbitration, and hybrid dispute resolution models, with emphasis on cross-border disputes and cultural considerations.

Moderator: **Howard Suskin**, Partner, Jenner Block

Speakers:

- **Judge Helaine L. Berger (Ret.)**, ADR Systems
- **Judge Margaret A. Brennan (Ret.)**, ADR Systems
- **Fotis Kotsis**, Attorney at Law, LL.M, Partner (Litigation & ADR) “Moratis Passas Law Firm”, former VP of the Athens Bar Association, former President of the Athens Mediation Training Institute – "PROMITHEAS".
- **Nana Papadogeorgaki**, Attorney at Law, LL.M. (Commercial Law), Mediator Trainer at Athens Mediation Training Institute PROMITHEUS, Cross-Border Family Mediator, Certified Professional Negotiator

### **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

Location: **Athens Bar Association**, Akadimias Street 60, 106 79, Athens, Greece

#### **9:00 – 9:30 a.m. – Coffee Reception**

#### **9:30 – 9:45 a.m. - Welcome Remarks**

**Andreas Koutsolampros**, President, Athens Bar Association

**John Sciaccotta**, Aronberg Goldgehn, CBA Past President, 2024-2025

#### **9:45 – 10:15 a.m. – From Antiquity to the Modern Era: The History of the Legal Profession in Greece**

**George Papadopoulos**, Legal Counsel, Athens Bar Association

#### **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. (0.75 IL PR MCLE Credit)**

##### **Legal Ethics in the U.S. and Greece**

A comparative review of professional responsibility standards, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, attorney regulation, and ethical challenges in both the U.S. and Greece.

Moderator: **Kathryn Liss**, Director, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center, DePaul University College of Law

Speakers:

- **Sotiris Felios**, Managing Partner of Felios & Associates Law Firm & Former CCBE President
- **Panagiotis Perakis**, Attorney-at-Law, President, Justice Watch; Former CCBE President
- **Trisha Rich**, Partner, Holland & Knight
- **Peter Tsantilis**, Partner, Liston & Tsantilis

#### **11:00 – 11:15 a.m. – Coffee Break**

#### **11:15 – 12:00 p.m. (0.75 IL MCLE Credit)**

##### **Doing Business in the U.S. and Greece**

Legal considerations for cross-border commerce, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and international transactions.

Moderator: **John Sciacotta**, Aronberg Goldgehn, CBA Past President, 2024-2025

Speakers:

- **Brian P. Liston**, Liston & Tsantilis
- **Peter A. Silverman**, Smith Gambrell Russell
- **Rania Stratigou**, Attorney at Law
- **Greta Weathersby**, Senior Corporate Counsel, WEC Energy Group
- **Chara Zerva**, General Legal Counsel & BoD Legal Advisor at Enterprise Greece S.A., Managing Partner at Nicolas Kanellopoulos – Chara Zerva & Associates Law Firm (NKLAW)

**12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. (0.75 IL MCLE Credit)**

### **International Aviation Liability**

An exploration of the complexities of international aviation liability. Using real-world examples—such as litigation arising from the March 10, 2019 Ethiopian Airlines crash—the speakers will examine strategies for investigating aviation accidents, representing victims and their families, and navigating multinational proceedings.

Moderator: **John V. Kalantzis**, Clifford Law Offices

Speakers:

- **Robert A. Clifford**, Clifford Law Offices
- **Kevin Durkin**, Clifford Law Offices

**12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (0.75 IL MCLE Credit)**

### **Rule of Law Issues: Democratic Institutions, Courts, and Public Trust**

A discussion of the rule of law in modern democracies, judicial independence, and challenges facing legal systems globally.

Moderator: **Sydney Weathersby**, Senior Counsel, NiSource

Speakers:

- **Robert Fioretti**, Disparti Law Group
- **Christina Tsagkli**, Attorney-at-Law, Vice President of the Athens Bar Association
- **Andrew Vail**, Partner, Jenner & Block
- **Manolis Velegrakis**, VG Legal Practice, LL.D. Athens Law School, Member and former President of the City Council – City of Athens