



Spring Seminar
Omni Shoreham, Washington, DC
Section 1983 – Defending the Government

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, April 15, 2016

1:00 - 2:00 PM

- **Introduction to §1983 - Defending the government and its officers –**

2:00 – 3:00 PM

- **General Principals: individual/official capacity, Qualified Immunity, statute of limitations, defenses, proof requirements (policy/custom v underlying constitutional violations), fees, causation, state of mind**

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 Supreme Court Update

- **Local government at the Supreme Court this Term and into the future**

Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:00 – 8:55 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 AM

- **Specific focus: municipal liability and supervisor liability**

10:00 – 11:00 AM

- **§1983 immunities**

11:00 – 12:00 PM

- **§1983 –Defending Claim of Denial of Fair Trial**

12:00 – 1:00 PM

- **§1983 - Defending Claim of Wrongful Conviction**

1:00 – 2:30 PM Lunch on your own

2:30 – 4:00 PM

- **§1983 Specific focus: Employment cases**

4:00 – 5:00 PM

- **Attorney Fees, Costs and Rule 68 Offers of Judgment**

6:00 – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception

Sunday, April 17, 2016

7:30 – 8:45 Breakfast

8:45 – 10:15

- **§1983 - Trial Practice/techniques**

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – noon

- **§1983 - Defending officers in use of force cases**

12:00 – 1:00 PM

- **§1983 - Pleading and Motions practice**

1:00 – 2:30 PM Lunch on your own

2:30 – 3:30 PM

- **Specific focus: §1983 Land Use**

3:30 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 4:45

- **Specific Focus: §1983 - Religion/speech & State RFRA issues**

Monday, April 18, 2016

8:00 – 9:30 AM

- **Case Law Update**

9:30 – 10:00 BREAK

10:00 – 11:30

- **Ethics**
 - **Rule 1.13**
 - **Who is the Client?**
 - **Defending the entity and the officer**
 - **When must you withdraw?**
 - **Rule 4.2 addressing abuses**