

HIGH STAKES

Evening the Odds When Stress Deals a Hard Hand

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Chet Stressly is struggling to balance the demands of a heavy caseload, a busy family life, a home remodel gone wrong and a snarky secretary. Oh, and his fourth associate in a year just quit. Chet turns to gambling to make up for some financial losses and finds himself in the throes of addiction, fast sliding down the slippery slope to career destruction.

Presenters Shari Gregory, Steven Carpenter and Lia Saroyan discuss strategies to mitigate the fallout at three stages – tackling the stress before it tackles you, working with the PLF to protect clients’ interests, and dealing with the disciplinary process. There will also be tips to help you recognize and help someone in distress. Please see additional materials available on the website at <http://www.gusjsolomoninnofcourt.org>.

PRESENTERS

Shari R. Gregory is a graduate of Wurzweiler School of Social Work (M.S.W.1987) and Rutgers School of Law (J.D. 1992) and received her Certificate of Business Management from Portland State University (2003). Her counseling experience includes career counseling, mental health counseling, crisis intervention, transition counseling, and alcohol and drug counseling. She was in private practice specializing in criminal defense law for four years before joining the OAAP staff in 1999, and serves on the board of the Oregon Women Lawyers. She is the assistant director of the OAAP.

Steven Carpenter has been a claims attorney with the Professional Liability since 2000, after nearly 10 years of private practice as a trial attorney. His practice consisted exclusively of civil litigation in the areas of professional malpractice defense, employment, and special education cases in both Oregon and Federal courts. He is admitted to practice in Oregon, in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, and the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. When not practicing law, Mr. Carpenter is a professional musician, and has sung with the Choir of the Orchestra of Paris, the Portland and Seattle Opera companies, Oregon Repertory Singers, and numerous other vocal ensembles throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Lia Saroyan served as Assistant Disciplinary Counsel for the Oregon State Bar for more than 15 years and continues to work as a contractor and consultant for the Bar's disciplinary team. She worked on all stages of disciplinary proceedings, from screening through arguments before the Supreme Court. She attended Stanford University and graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1983, and also worked for Multnomah County in the employment litigation department. She and Chapin, the world's "best black Labrador," are a certified pet therapy team specializing in the "Read to the Dogs" program, which helps kids become stronger readers.