

Noon Time Legal Seminar

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 12:00-1:00 pm

\$30 Attorneys (MCLE credit) \$15 Public

Nevada County Superior Court, Law Library, 201 Church Street, Nevada City

SMALL CLAIMS AND MEDIATION

Presented by: Lee Auerbach, Helen Cavanaugh, and Erin Noel

I. There is a dispute – What do you do? (Erin Noel)

Seek community resources. Gather statement of damages and evidence. Consider mediation.

II. Is small claims appropriate? How do you get a case started? (Helen Cavanaugh)

The lawsuit process, service, and filing fees. Statute of limitations. Who are you suing (corporation; sole proprietor; insurance company; or individual)? If necessary, give notice to a medical provider, government agency, attorney, etc. Who can appeal? Damages and injunctive relief.

III. Going to Court – (Lee Auerbach)

Last efforts to settle. How to prepare for trial – 2 minute description of case. Checklist to include documents, exhibits, witnesses, experts. Proper behavior at trial. How to effect a favorable decision.

Lee Auerbach serves as a Judge Pro Tem in the Small Claims Division of the Nevada County Superior Court. He previously served as a Judge Pro Tem in the Los Angeles Superior Court. He clerked under the Honorable Manuel L. Real, then Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Following his clerkship, Lee practiced complex civil litigation at Sidley Austin LLP for over 20 years. Lee is a graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, a member of Order of the Coif, and the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society.

Helen Cavanaugh is the Family Law Facilitator and Director of the Self-Help Centers for Nevada and Sierra Counties. Prior to the Nevada County Superior Court, Helen was the managing attorney for a federal program working with the legal needs of children in foster care and special needs adoptions. She has sat on many local non-profit boards and is an active member of the Nevada County Bar Association. Helen was a civil litigator, but her primary focus in private practice was working with the unique and varied legal needs of families caring for a disabled family member.

Erin Noel serves as the managing attorney and executive director of Community Legal, an accessible legal support service in Nevada City. She has practiced law in land use, environmental, and property, and has worked to affect local, state, and federal policies. She obtained her J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and is a certified mediator.

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