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2026 APRL MID-YEAR MEETING –Agenda
February 5-7, 2026

[Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk](#)
123 Losoya Street San Antonio, Texas, 78205

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026	
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. <i>Nueces (Second Floor- Ballroom level)</i>	Board Meeting
4:00 – 4:30 p.m. <i>Spring Branch (Lobby Level)</i>	New Attendee and Leadership Reception For first-time attendees, past presidents, and current directors
4:30 – 6:30 p.m. <i>Spring Branch</i>	Welcome Reception For all attendees
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. <i>Various locations</i>	<u>Dine Arounds Begin</u>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026	
6:45 a.m. <i>Main Lobby</i>	APRL Fun Walk <i>Join us for our Semi-Annual APRL Fun Walk! Get ready to lace up your sneakers, get your blood pumping, the endorphins bursting, and hit the pavement for our exciting Fun Walk! Whether you're a fast-paced walker or just looking for a leisurely stroll, this event is perfect for everyone and all fitness levels are welcome! Walk at your own pace – it's all about having fun and staying active! Plus, a fabulous opportunity to "network on the move" and connect with fellow conference attendees in a relaxed and informal setting.</i> Tracy Kepler
8:00 a.m. <i>Chula Vista (Lobby Level)</i>	Registration Opens
8:00 – 8:50 a.m. <i>Spring Branch (Lobby Level)</i>	Breakfast
8:50 – 9:00 a.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	Welcome Address & Announcements David Majchrzak
9:00 – 10:15 a.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	<i>Social Media & AI in Legal Advertising: Ethics, Risks, and Practical Guardrails</i> <i>This program explores how law firms and legal marketing agencies are using social media and generative AI to design, target, and deliver legal advertising—and where ethics rules draw the line. Panelists will examine issues under the ABA Model Rules and key state interpretations, including accuracy of AI-assisted content, misleading impressions in short-form video, solicitation boundaries, and cross-border online outreach. Participants will gain practical frameworks for evaluating vendor relationships, building internal advertising review processes, using AI safely, and preparing for emerging regulatory developments.</i> Graham Griffin, Web/Content Manager, Angel Reyes & Associates , Dallas, TX Kalin Dudley, Chief Digital Officer, cj Advertising , Nashville, TN Ryan Little , Little Legal, Honolulu, HI Moderator: Gabe Miller, NTA Ventures, LLC
10:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Spring Branch</i>	Break

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Chula Vista	<p><i>When the Lawyer Becomes the Source of Evidence: Ethical Duties and Strategies When Client Information is Sought Through Subpoenas, Search Warrants, and Testimony.</i></p> <p><i>When the lawyer becomes the source of evidence, rather than the advocate, a host of ethical minefields emerge. This panel examines the professional responsibility challenges that arise when lawyers and law firms are compelled to disclose client information through subpoenas, search warrants, or court orders, or when counsel becomes a witness in a client-related matter. Panelists will address the intersection of confidentiality, privilege, and compliance with legal process; the ethical duties owed to current and former clients; and practical strategies for navigating law enforcement demands while minimizing privilege waiver and disciplinary exposure. The discussion will also consider firm policies for responding to subpoenas and warrants, managing internal conflicts, and preserving client trust when the lawyer’s own conduct or testimony is at issue.</i></p> <p>Lydia Lawless – Kramon & Graham, P.A., Baltimore, MD John Harris – Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Setz PC, New York, NY Calon Russell – Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Moderator: Bill Zapf – Cole Schotz P.C., Washington, D.C</p>
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Spring Branch	Lunch
12:45 – 2:00 p.m. Chula Vista	<p><i>Clear Thinking in a Charged Climate: A Practical Workshop for Lawyers and Ethics Counsel (Wellness)</i></p> <p><i>Political polarization, public distrust, and constant digital noise are making it harder for lawyers to remain focused, effective, and professionally grounded. This workshop cuts through that noise with practical, use-in-the-moment strategies for restoring clarity—strategies you can use yourself and also introduce to clients facing disciplinary issues or other stressful turning points. Participants will assemble a simple tool designed to help reset attention and steady the mind when pressures spike.</i></p> <p><i>Presented by Candace Bergeron Lenard, Director of Student Wellness and Community Engagement at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law with support from Wendy Muchman, Professor of Practice, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, and Irwin Kramer, Kramer & Connolly, this session also opens the floor to attendee insights: How are you coping with today’s climate, and what strategies might help the profession move forward?</i></p>
2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Spring Branch	Break

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	<p><i>When One Lawyer’s Problem Becomes Everyone’s: Imputation Across Practice Settings</i></p> <p><i>This panel will explore how rules of professional conduct —particularly Model Rules 1.10, 1.13, and 5.1–5.3—pose markedly different challenges depending on where lawyers practice, their professional backgrounds and roles, and the organizational contexts in which they work. Rather than treating professional obligations as abstract or uniform, the program examines how “imputed” knowledge, conflicts of interest, and supervisory duties actually function across diverse real-world practice settings. Central to its discussion will be how factors such as firm size, resource constraints, organizational structure, client sophistication, and institutional culture shape what “reasonable supervision” and ethical compliance realistically mean in practice. The panel will consider the ethical and practical impact of technology—especially with respect to artificial intelligence (for example, whether it is appropriate to view AI merely as a highly capable virtual paralegal or something more disruptive requiring special oversight protocols). In doing so, the panel will highlight how a one-size-fits-all regulatory model can obscure—not clarify—meaningful ethical expectations and outcomes as well as potential professional liability.</i></p> <p>Charles Davant, Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, D.C. Ellen Pansky, Pansky Markle, South Pasadena, CA Doug Richmond, Senior Vice-President, Lockton Companies, LLC, Kansas City, MO</p> <p>Moderator: Ethan Burger, Law Firm Client Integrity Initiative, Washington, D.C.</p>
6:00-8:00 p.m. Iron Cactus 200 River Walk, Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78205	<p>Dinner</p> <p><i>Dinner co-sponsors: Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC and Holland & Knight</i></p>
8:30 p.m. <i>Location TBD</i>	<p>Early-Stage Career Networking Event (open to all Mid-Year Meeting attendees, and intended to give those closer to the beginning of their PR/ethics careers the opportunity to connect and talk about their experiences and share practical insights)</p>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026	
7:00 – 8:00 am <i>TBD</i>	Recovery Meeting
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. <i>Spring Branch</i>	Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	<p><i>Current Developments in the World of Legal Ethics</i></p> <p><i>This panel will explore recent developments in legal ethics including proposed changes to Model Rule 1.14, issues faced by government attorneys, and discipline/sanctions cases involving the use of generative artificial intelligence.</i></p> <p>David Carr, David C. Carr—Ethics Lawyer, Tucson, AZ Bruce Green, Louis Stein Chair, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY Earll Pott, Rosing, Pott & Strohbehn, San Diego, CA</p> <p>Moderator: Christine Rosskopf, Rosing, Pott & Strohbehn, San Diego, CA</p>
10:15 - 10:30 a.m. <i>Spring Branch</i>	Break
10:30 – 11:45 a.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	<p><i>Fifty Ways to Leave: Ethical Issues At the Termination of An Attorney-Client Relationship</i></p> <p><i>This panel will explore the circumstances that may require or support an attorney’s withdrawal from an attorney-client relationship in accordance with Rule 1.16, and the potential difficulties that may arise when the client does not want the lawyer to withdraw. The panel will also discuss the lawyer’s confidentiality obligations, duty to cooperate with new counsel, conflicts (particularly in a joint client context, when withdrawal is required only for one of the clients), and related issues.</i></p> <p>Suzanne Burke-Spencer, Sall Spencer Callas & Krueger, Laguna Beach, CA Ron Minkoff, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, New York, NY Thomas Mason, HWG LLP, Washington D.C.</p> <p>Moderator: Merri A. Baldwin, Rogers Joseph O’Donnell, P.C., San Francisco, CA</p>
11:45– 11:50 a.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	Closing Remarks
11:50 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Transition Break
12:00-1:00 p.m. <i>Chula Vista</i>	<p><i>Respondent’s Roundtable</i></p> <p><i>TBD</i></p>

Social Event Options	<p><i>Saturday Afternoon February 7: Post-Meeting River Cruise</i></p> <p><i>Saturday Afternoon, February 7: Post-Meeting Tour of the Alamo</i></p> <p><i>Saturday Night, February 7: Post-Meeting Basketball Game</i></p>
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