

Learn how mastering your mind can improve your law practice!



# The Science of Better Lawyering

with Laura Mahr

Thursday, June 13, 2019 Live webinar with chat includes 60 day replay\*

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is designed to help lawyers understand how practicing law impacts your brain, and how you can use neuroscience and mindfulness to feel better and lawyer better.

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Most of us accept that law can be a stressful vocation. But did you know that practicing law - more than most professions - fortifies our negativity bias? Our lawyer brains are trained and paid to stay alert to what could go wrong. And constantly focusing on what might go wrong can negatively impact our cognitive function, focus, and ability to relate to others - the exact competencies clients require of us. Fortunately, we can alter the physiology of our brain. By implementing some basic mindfulness practices, we can shift our attention towards the positive and become more productive, effective and ethical lawyers, with more to offer to our clients and ourselves. In this inspiring new webinar, lawyer and mindfulness trainer Laura Mahr will share simple strategies to increase your attention span and decision-making abilities, while improving your overall well-being. You will learn:

- how mindfulness reduces stress and builds resilience
- techniques to overcome your "negativity bias"
- practices that increase productivity, and promote problem-solving and clearer thinking
- the connection between mindfulness and legal ethics
- how you can communicate more effectively, and bring about more civility

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn how to mitigate the inherent stressors of legal practice! By the end of the webinar, you'll have a personalized toolkit you can use to reduce unnecessary mistakes, better deal with difficult and unexpected situations, and build a more ethical practice.

### **SCHEDULE** (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Welcome & Introduction

Understanding mindfulness and neuroscience How the human brain, and lawyers' brains in particular, respond to stress

Practicing law in reactive vs. responsive mode Tools to improve your efficacy and build resilience to stress

Implementing mindfulness into your work day Program Wrap-up & Evaluation

### PRAISE FROM PAST ATTENDEES

- "One of the best presentations I've seen in 43 years of CLE attendance."
- "Laura is a great speaker, very engaging, knowledgeable, and talks in plain direct language."
- "This presentation has been the very best. Laura is phenomenal!"
- "I really appreciated the many techniques Laura taught for working the mindfulness tools into my workday."
- "Laura's teaching has been so helpful--practical, science based and with options for any personality."
- "I cannot express in words how valuable this CLE program was to me to help manage stress."



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### MEET YOUR PRESENTER



Laura Mahr is a North Carolina lawyer and the founder of Conscious Legal Minds LLC, providing mindfulness-based coaching, training, and consulting for lawyers and law offices across North America. Laura's cutting-edge work to build resilience to burnout,

stress, and vicarious trauma in the practice of law is informed by 11 years of practice as a civil sexual assault attorney, two decades of experience as an educator and professional trainer, and 25 years as a student and teacher of mindfulness and yoga, and a love of neuroscience. After bringing herself back from the brink of burnout with the tools she now teaches, Laura brings lived experience and compassion to thousands of lawyers each year in her writing and presentations for law schools, law firms, government organizations, Bar associations, and CLE providers. She authors the Pathways to Wellbeing column in the NC State Bar *Journal* and the Mindful Moment column in the NC Lawyer Assistance Program publication.

# √ Yes, I want to attend The Science of Better Lawyering, with Laura Mahr

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