

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAW COUNCIL

18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, HOUSTON, TX

APRIL 24 – 26, 2013

ACADEMY AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

3:00 –
4:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

SESSION #1 POSITIONING YOURSELF FOR CAREER SUCCESS

What does it take to be a rock star associate that everyone wants on their cases? How do you get on the fast track to career success? This session will discuss getting the most out of opportunities like NELC and the Academy, finding and developing great mentoring relationships, and standing out above the crowd.

Speakers

4:00 –
5:30 p.m.

Carolyn N. Lam - Employment Counsel –
PLH Group, Inc., Irving, TX



Richard S. Amador, Partner – Sanchez &
Amador, Los Angeles, CA



6:00 –
8:00 p.m. RECEPTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

8:00 –
9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

SESSION #2 EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATING DISCOVERY DISPUTES

Avoiding discovery disputes while obtaining needed information and protecting your client from improper demands is critical to associate success and client satisfaction. This session will discuss how to avoid expensive, unproductive discovery disputes, as well as positioning your client for a successful motion when faced with a discovery impasse.

9:00 –
10:00 a.m.

Speaker

Anthony J. Hall, Partner –
Littler Mendelson,
Orlando, FL



SESSION #3
PREPARING WITNESSES FOR DEPOSITION AND DEFENDING DEPOSITIONS

Preparing witnesses for deposition and then defending them through vigorous questioning is easy to do poorly, but challenging to do well. Use of documents, privilege issues, making and supporting objections, instilling witness confidence, dealing with opposing counsel, and advanced witness preparation techniques will be covered in this session.

10:00 –
11:00 a.m.

Speaker

**Tamera M. Woodard, Labor
and Employment Counsel –
AT&T, Atlanta, GA**



SESSION #4
NO-HOLDS BARRED Q&A WITH SUCCESSFUL L&E PRACTITIONERS

11:15 –
12:15 p.m.

Experienced NELC members from in-house, major firms, and minority owned firms will provide straightforward, honest feedback to questions posed by Academy Fellows on topics such as career success and transitions, dealing with negative feedback and difficult partners, business development and other challenging issues.

12:15 –
1:30 p.m.

LUNCH – "Q&A WITH THE CHAIRMAN: A DISCUSSION WITH MARK GASTON PEARCE, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD"

SESSION #5
ETHICS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT – (Ethics CLE Credit)

Speaker

1:45 –
3:15 p.m.

**Dennis Duffy – Baker
Hostetler LLP, Houston, TX**



3:15 –
3:30 p.m.

CLOSING PLENARY