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#### **MCLE Information**

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Have you received a demand letter or complaint from a plaintiff who claims that he or she was not compensated for overtime work or was not afforded the opportunity to take meal or rest breaks? Were you shocked that the monetary demand was an exorbitant amount and pertained mostly to penalties rather than wages owed? The Labor Code can be confusing when it comes to calculating exposure and damages in wage and hour cases. This program will cover the various damages and stacking penalties available to successful plaintiffs in wage and hour cases, and how to calculate properly these types of damages. In particular, the program will cover PAGA damage claims, PAGA penalty claims, penalties for missed meal and rest breaks, regular rate calculations, rounding, class action settlement strategies, best strategies at mediation, performing in-house damage calculations, "back-of-the-napkin" exposure calculations and explaining results to your client, obtaining and converting time and payroll data, the role of the economic expert, using proxy data in wage and hour claims, statistical sampling, using surveys and/or declarations, paid sick leave claims,

and claims under the Fair Pay Act. These issues will be discussed from both the defense and plaintiff's counsel's perspective, as well as from the perspective of an economist expert. Failure to understand how to calculate these damages and penalties can cost your clients money. Bring your calculators and don't miss this important program!

#### **PANELISTS:**

#### **Nicholas Briscoe**

Mr. Briscoe is Chief Economist at Briscoe Economics Group, Inc. He provides valuation and analytical consulting services as well as expert witness testimony in civil and business litigation to attorneys, corporations, insurance companies and governmental agencies. Mr. Briscoe's practice includes the assessment of economic issues and data analysis related to state-specific and FLSA wage and hour matters including overtime pay, misclassification, regular rate of pay, off-the-clock work and meal and rest break periods. In addition, Mr. Briscoe specializes in the calculation of damages in employment termination litigation, commercial damages, fraud investigation / forensic accounting, personal injury and business valuation. Mr. Briscoe teaches Finance as an Adjunct Professor at the University of California, Davis. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Economics from UC Davis and has obtained the certifications of Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), Certified Earnings Analyst (CEA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).

#### Matthew C. Helland

Mr. Helland manages the San Francisco office of Nichols Kaster, PLLP, a 30+ lawyer firm representing employees and consumers in individual and class actions across the country. Mr. Helland handles a wide variety of cases but focuses primarily on wage and hour class and collective actions. Matt is actively involved in the Labor and Employment Law section of the American Bar Association, serving as the co-chair of the WARN Act Subcommittee to the Federal Labor Standards Legislation Committee and as a chapter editor for the Fair Labor Standards Act treatise. He is also an active volunteer at the Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center, where he supervises student attorneys in providing legal assistance to low wage workers. Mr. Helland has been recognized as a Northern California Rising Star every year since 2012.

#### Marie Trimble Holvick

Marie Trimble Holvick is a partner in the Employment and Retail & Hospitality practice groups in the San Francisco office of Gordon & Rees. Ms. Holvick's experience includes handling employment matters involving allegations of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, whistleblower claims, violations of the FMLA, the FEHA, and the ADA, and PAGA and class action "wage and hour" violations. Ms. Holvick also regularly provides advice and counseling, prepares employee handbooks, and conducts harassment and management training sessions. Ms. Holvick's counseling experience includes assisting with employee discipline and terminations following HIPAA breaches. Ms. Holvick's employment law work has involved clients from a wide range of industries, including restaurants, wineries, hotels, health care, and manufacturing. In addition to appearances in state and federal court, Ms. Holvick has assisted in matters involving the Department of Labor, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Workers Compensation Appeals Board, and the National Labor Relations Board. Ms. Holvick also regularly handles ADA Title III cases, including accessibility claims against theaters, restaurants, and stadiums.

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