Panel I: Consumer Protection Litigation 1:30 - 2:40
Deborah Niedermeyer, Manuel Rios, Jay Gairson, Jeanne Marie Clavere, WSBA Professional Responsibility Counsel

A. Basics of Consumer Protection (Niedermeyer leadership)
   1. How do you recognize unfair or deceptive trade practice?
   2. Distinguishing between CPA violations and malpractice
   3. Public impact requirement (affects discovery)
   4. Treble damages plus attorney’s fees
   5. Injunctive relief (Must serve AG)

B. ISFPA and Consumer Protection Complaints (Rios and Niedermeyer leadership)
   1. Per se CPA violations
   2. The demand letter
   3. Quick tour through a sample Complaint
   4. Discovery

C. CPA Violations by Attorneys (Gairson and Clavere)
   1. Ethics considerations: Writing a representation agreement where the law provides for treble damages and attorney’s fees.
   2. Attacking/defending attorney CPA violations/allegations

Panel II: The Bankruptcy Headache 2:45 - 3:30
Deborah Niedermeyer (moderator) Greg McLawsen, Emily Jarvis (Bankruptcy Attorney)

A. How an ISFPA/CPA case ends up in bankruptcy
   1. War story by Greg? [I think this would be popular]
   2. Complaint drafted to anticipate bankruptcy filing by Defendant [plead common law fraud]

B. Basic bankruptcy procedures and considerations for CPA cases (by bankruptcy attorney?)
   1. What to do as soon as Defendant files bankruptcy
   2. Filing the adversary proceeding
   3. Summary judgment?
   4. Collecting – is it really possible

Panel III: Is Prosecutorial Discretion or a U Visa Possible? 3:30 - 4:30
Patricia Bower, Washington State AAG, Jesse Burnham, Washington State AG Investigator, Eric Bakken, Office of Chief Counsel, Manny Rios, moderator


B. Cooperating with Washington Attorney General: Certifying Agencies, Certifying Official

C. Is Criminal Prosecution Possible and Does It Matter for PD/U Visa?
   Perjury, Obstruction of Justice, Witness Tampering, Extortion, Blackmail.
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