

Along with the SCBA Education Committee & Civil Bench Bar Section presents:

# Civil Do's and Don'ts in Federal Court

Get Insights from a Plaintiff, Defense and Jurist Perspective on Practicing in Federal Court, including the Pro's and Con's Compared to State Court. We will Cover Procedural and Substantive Issues from Jurisdiction, Pleadings, Case Management Conferences, Discovery, Experts, and Trial.



**Patrick W. Emery**

Patrick W. Emery has been a trial lawyer in Sonoma County for over 35 years. He is one of only four practicing attorneys in Sonoma County elected to the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. His efforts have resulted in his election to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and inclusion in Best Lawyers of America. His trial experience extends to many types of commercial disputes and to every type of personal injury and wrongful death case. He is also experienced in major consumer class actions. Pat has won a number of Sonoma County's highest settlements and verdicts. He is a past president of the Sonoma County Bar Association.



**Steve Mitchell**

Steve Mitchell has been a partner with Geary, Shea, O'Donnell, Grattan & Mitchell since 1992. He has litigated over a hundred cases in Federal Court, principally defending law enforcement and other public agencies in Civil Rights (42 U.S.C. Section 1983) cases. Mr. Mitchell is a Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), a Board Member of the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California (Chair of Public Entity Section), Past Executive Council Member of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, and Past President of the Sonoma County Bar Association.



**Hon. Fern Smith (Ret.)**

Hon. Fern M. Smith (Ret.) has been a full time ADR neutral at JAMS since 2005 where she has overseen a wide range of matters with a special emphasis on complicated business disputes. Prior to joining JAMS, she served as a Federal District Court Judge, settling and adjudicating complex cases. Judge Smith also served as Director of the Federal Judicial Center – the primary training and educational institute for federal judges – where she was one of the primary editors of the MCL 4<sup>th</sup> (Manual of Complex Litigation). She combines 30 years of distinguished judicial and legal experience with her unique ability to bring about the successful resolution of complex, multi-party matters.

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012  
 Time: 3:45 pm check in; 4:00 - 6:00 pm Presentation  
 Place: SCBA, 37 Old Courthouse Sq., Ste. 100, Santa Rosa CA 95404  
 Cost: \$50--SCBA Members; \$60--Public  
 MCLE Credit: 2.0 Units General MCLE Credit\*



*Only water and light snacks will be provided so please bring a brown bag meal.*

Please sign me up for **Civil Do's and Don'ts in Federal Court on Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA/MC NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** call 707-542-1190 x18 (credit card payments) • **FAX** this form to: 707-542-1195 (credit card payments) • **MAIL** this form to: Sonoma County Bar Association, 37 Old Courthouse Sq., Ste. 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (check or credit card) • **WEB:** go to [www.sonomacountybar.org](http://www.sonomacountybar.org) and click the class on the MCLE Link; follow instructions • **QR Code:** Scan the QR Code on this page with your mobile device to register. Requires a reader app to be installed on your mobile device.