

Maintaining Attorney Trust and Business Accounts

Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m. (Eastern time)

Rutgers Law School - Zoom

This program will cover the key requirements of the New Jersey Court Rules and the Rules of Professional Conduct with respect to handling client funds, maintaining attorney trust, business and fiduciary accounts and the required recordkeeping. This will be done by providing a first-hand view of the audit process, red flags and how to avoid issues during an audit.

Topics include:

- The recordkeeping requirements as per NJ Court Rule 1:21-6 and RPC 1.15
- Random audit procedures and findings
- Common recordkeeping problems
- Disciplinary audit procedures and findings
- Trust Overdraft Program
- Overview of disciplinary process

Speakers

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CLE Credit: 2.5 NJ (includes 1.2 ethics) | 2.5 NY (includes 2.5 ethics) | 2.0 PA (includes 2.0 ethics) See page 2 of announcement for CLE details.

CLE Registration Fee: \$50

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NJ CLE Information: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 2.5 hours of total CLE credit including 1.2 ethics and 1.3 credits in Trust and Business Accounting.

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CLE Materials: Thorough, high-quality, and carefully written materials shall be distributed to all attendees electronically before or at the program.

Format: Faculty in room with participants or Zoom webinar, alternative, verifiable, live simultaneous transmission with synchronous interactivity (questions allowed during program).

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