

MINUTES
Professionalism & Ethics Section
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
12:02pm – 12:49pm MDT

- I. Call to Order by Chair Steve Herring at 12:02pm.**
- II. Attendees: Bob Aldridge, David Ballard, Jo Beeman, Regina Bright, Sarah Davis, Jim Dickinson, Daniel Dinger, Richard Dredge, Laurie Frost, Jonathan Gradin, Matthew Gutierrez, Keegan Hahn, Jessica Harrison, Steve Herring, David Jensen, Ammon Judy, Traci Kreuziger, Texie Montoya, Floyd Swanton, Morgan Swegles, Brian Wonderlich, and Ax Yewer. (22 total)**
- III. CLE presentation by Steve Herring on ethical considerations of legal relationship between inhouse corporate counsel and employees of the corporation, especially the employee's understanding of that relationship. (12:05 to 12:41)**
- IV. Minutes from August 4, 2026 were approved.**
- V. Treasurer report by Bob Aldridge: no change**
 - A. The Section has a little more than \$2000 and will run out of money before the end of the year.**
 - B. Need to raise funds and increase section membership.**
- VI. URGENT Old Business: The 2026 Richard C. Fields Civility Awards ceremony will be held in early February 2027 in conjunction with the P&E Section's annual CLE (6-8 credits).**
 - A. CHAIR HERRING NEEDS A COORDINATOR TO WORK WITH THE STATE BAR AND THE SECTIONS OF THE BAR BETWEEN NOW AND THE FEBRUARY 2027 AWARDS CEREMONY.**
 - 1. The coordinator will advise the bar sections that the civility award will now be given in three areas: litigation, office practice, and young lawyer.**
 - 2. Contact with other sections will help elicit meaningful participation in the nomination process.**
 - B. P&E Annual CLE (6-8 credits): due to the prevalence of AI topics, other topics are encouraged.**
- VII. New business: Is CLE credit greater than .5 possible when the CLE presentation is more than 30 minutes? Laurie Frost noted that the last two CLE presentations were each longer than 30 minutes. A .75 credit may be possible. Chair Herring will check with the bar.**
- VIII. Adjourn 12:49 (Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 12pm MST)**