Law and the Good Life
How to be a Productive and Happy Attorney

This program has been approved for practice and procedure credit under Maine’s reciprocal admission rule.

SCHEDULE: Registration: 10:45 a.m. | Program: 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
(Note: If you also registered for the afternoon program, Lawyer Like an Athlete, a light lunch will be available.)

CLE CREDITS: 1.0 Ethics/Professionalism Credit (focus on attorney mental health issues - Maine Bar Rule 5(c)(1))

Attorneys have a much higher rate of anxiety, depression, and stress than other profession. Stress among attorneys is a serious problem and can impact the attorney’s ability to sufficiently help clients. While many professional occupations come with pressure, attorneys face uncommonly tough challenges that lead to unhappiness and burnout. Stress experienced by attorneys is so far above the norm that it can only be described as “outlier stress.” This program explores how vitality, connectivity, and sustainability can counter the effects of stress.

The program begins by outlining these specific stressors cited most frequently by attorneys in the facilitator’s study:
- A sense of having no control over work/life
- Frustration with not being able to sufficiently help clients or make a difference
- Excessively demanding and often adversarial work

Vitality lays a foundation for well-being by optimizing the physical, psychological and mental resiliency integral to feeling in command – no matter what is happening externally. The focus is on:
- Thinking and behaving in ways that stimulate confidence, commitment and endurance
- Clarifying values and priorities so the most important, highest level work gets done
- Galvanizing the energy and focus for thriving in the face of unpredictable demands

Connectivity builds on vitality by enhancing alliances and creating feelings of contribution and camaraderie. Emphasis is placed on:
- Establishing satisfying client relationships despite inevitable obstacles
- Increasing personal and professional fulfillment through social involvement
- Communicating more artfully to get results more quickly

Sustainability maximizes attorney stamina in the face of monumental workloads and extraordinary expectations. The goal here is:
- Creating structures that foster smart decision-making and innovating problem-solving
- Asserting with diplomacy, whether with difficult colleagues or challenging clients
- Emulating the habits of career athletes and other peak performers – despite constant distractions, demands, and deadlines.

Presenter: Amy Wood, Psy.D., Falmouth
Materials: Will be provided at the program.

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- April 29: Cross Insurance Center, Bangor
- April 30: Hampton Inn, Ellsworth

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