



AMERICA 250 CLE SERIES CLE Webinar (Free to Everyone)



Tumey v. Ohio: How the Beginning of the 20th Century, Prohibition, Baseball, and Judicial Ethics Collided with an Ohio Common Pleas Judge's Vision of Due Process

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Summary: This program will explain the origins and development of judicial ethics, recognizing principles requiring a disinterested, independent, and an unbiased judiciary. To demonstrate these concepts, the speaker will chronicle the process of the Tumey v. Ohio case which started in a Mayor's court in Hamilton County, Ohio and went all the way up to the United States Supreme Court over an alleged violation of Prohibition, disqualification of the Mayor due to a direct, personal and pecuniary or political interest, and due process under the 14th Amendment. The speaker will identify all of the players involved in the case and subsequent events. The speaker will also lay out the legal history of Prohibition from its early stages, through enactment and enforcement in Mayor's courts and under various Ohio and federal Acts. The speaker also explains how judicial ethics questions arose in Berger v. U.S., 255 U.S. 22 (1921) involving an affidavit of bias against a judge. Finally, the speaker will explain Chief Justice William Howard Taft's contribution to the 1924 canons of judicial ethics and the American Bar Association's formation of a judicial ethics committee.

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Location: Online only via Zoom

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