

NOTICE TO THE BAR

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY ETHICS OFFERS NO-COST, 3 CREDIT, VIRTUAL CLE PROGRAM “ATTORNEY TRUST & BUSINESS ACCOUNTING IN DETAIL” MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 AT 1 P.M. (EASTERN TIME)

The Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) will offer a free virtual real-time continuing legal education (CLE) program on New Jersey trust and business accounting. The course will cover the specific requirements of R.P.C. 1.15 and R. 1:21-6 which underpin a lawyer’s responsibility to maintain funds of clients inviolate.

The program, which will take place via Zoom Webinar on Monday, October 5, 2026 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT), will offer 3.0 credits in ethics/professionalism.

First Assistant Ethics Counsel Jason Saunders and OAE Chief of Investigations Alison Picione will present the program. The program will include a detailed presentation of attorney trust and business accounting responsibilities including the following areas:

- legal discussion of RPC 1.15(a) through (d);
- the obligation to supervise non-lawyer assistants including bookkeepers and accountants;
- presentation of case law governing misappropriation;
- detailed presentation of each specific requirement of R. 1:21-6;
- specific mechanics of the required three-way reconciliation;
- presentation of the most common recordkeeping issues;
- discussion of common frauds directed at Trust Accounts; and
- overview of the random audits in New Jersey.

Advance registration is required using [this link](#). Registration will be confirmed via email from CCR.Webinar1@njcourts.gov. Additional information such as CLE attendance verification procedures and related program materials will be provided to registered participants in advance of the event.

Questions about virtual registration and CLE credits can be addressed to diversity.mailbox@njcourts.gov. Questions about trust and business accounting can be addressed to the Office of Attorney Ethics at oae.mbx@njcourts.gov.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Blee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Michael J. Blee, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director

Dated: July 13, 2026