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Rule 8.4(g) and Free Speech: Does the Anti-Harassment, Discrimination, and Bias-Manifestation Rule Clash with the First Amendment?

Location

Webinar

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Date & Time

Start Date: 10/28/2020 Start Time: 5:00 PM End Time: 7:00 PM

Speakers

Thomas Wilkinson will be a panelist for a webinar sponsored by the Louis D. Brandeis Law Society.

In June 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted ethics rule Rule 8.4(q), which prohibits knowingly manifesting bias or prejudice, or engaging in harassment or discrimination upon a number of protected class characteristics. A Philadelphia attorney filed a subsequent First Amendment challenge to the Rule, contending that it will chill his speech as a lawyer advocating on behalf of student and faculty due process and free speech rights. This Zoom-virtual ethics CLE will explore Rule 8.4(g), the First Amendment challenge, and the legal scope and reach of the Rule.

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