Litigation Ethics: Key Issues McGuireWoods LLP Blurb T. Spahn (5/9/17)

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This interactive program uses hypotheticals to explore topics of interest to litigators (and transactional lawyers whose clients might face litigation) -- including such issues as: (1) lawyers' communications (including talking to the press about cases and criticizing judges); (2) deceptive discovery tactics (including tape recording telephone calls, and use of admittedly deceptive tactics in public interest investigations such as housing discrimination tests, and in purely commercial investigations); (3) dealing with fact witnesses (including the permissibility of paying fact witnesses for their time, and preparing them for testimony); (4) claims (including "ghostwriting" pleadings, and filing knowingly time-barred claims); (5) settlements (including acceptable levels of deception during settlement negotiations, silence about the law and facts, and the enforceability of settlement agreements); (6) dealing with courts (including the duty to disclose unfavorable facts and law).