1. Ethics Co Chair Alexandra Darraby updates Ethics Committee Members on new ABA Model Rules 8.4(g), adopted August 2016: “It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to: (g) engage in conduct that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know is harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or socioeconomic status in conduct related to the practice of law. This paragraph does not limit the ability of a lawyer to accept, decline or withdraw from a representation in accordance with Rule 1.16. This paragraph does not preclude legitimate advice or advocacy consistent with these Rules. “Comment [4] describes “conduct related…” as follows: “…Conduct related to the practice of law includes representing clients; interacting with witnesses, coworkers, court personnel, lawyers and others while engaged in the practice of law; operating or managing a law firm or law practice; and participating in bar association, business or social activities in connection with the practice of law.” Refer to ABA Model Rules for details.


Join Ethics Committee for details on time, date and call in codes. If you would like to host or speak at an Ethics Committee “Have you had your Ethics Today? an ethics lunch, contact Sergio Karas and Alexandra Darraby.

3. Join Ethics Committee-the committee every SIL member needs to know!