

ABOUT MARK CURRIDEN

Mark S. Curriden was educated and trained as a lawyer but never practiced law. Instead, he chose a life of journalism, book writing, and lecturing. The specialty topics about which he writes and lectures include legal history, trends at the Supreme Court of the United States, the American jury system, and relationships between lawyers and journalists. Mr. Curriden is a senior writer for the *ABA Journal*, which is the nation's largest legal publication. He is also Writer in Residence at SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas. He frequently is hired by legal organizations and law firms to conduct Continuing Legal Education programs on how to deal with the news media.

In 2000, Farrar Straus & Giroux published his award-winning and national best-selling book, *Contempt of Court: A Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism*. The book, which received overwhelmingly positive reviews from the *New York Times*, *American Lawyer*, *Atlanta Constitution*, and other major publications, delves into a case that, despite being buried and long forgotten in legal history, played a significant role in the development of the law in the United States. *Contempt of Court* focuses on the case of Ed Johnson, a young black man falsely accused of raping a white woman, railroaded through the criminal justice system in Chattanooga, TN.

Mr. Curriden's presentation of this remarkable and historic case has been approved for CLE ethics credit in a number of states, and he has lectured on the case to numerous federal and state judicial organizations, state and local bar associations, law firms, and law schools.

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- The role of the judiciary
- The need for a dual state/federal court system
- The impact of racism and politics in ongoing court matters
- Evidence of how cases long ago can still impact people's lives today

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WHY ATTEND?

This program will move you and promises to change the way you think about your profession.

- Experience this unique CLE on Ethics and Professionalism
- Get a copy of Mark S. Curriden's book, *Contempt of Court: The Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched a Hundred Years of Federalism*, included in your registration fee

LIVE SEMINAR

Fairfax / Tuesday, March 3

VIDEO REPLAYS

In 6 Locations on April 21 and 22

MCLE CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

(including 3.0 hours Ethics credit)

Interactive Credit: The live seminar (NOT the video replays) qualifies for 3.0 hours of live-interactive credit.



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COURSE PURPOSE

A century ago, the case of a young man from Chattanooga, TN, dramatically changed the state and federal court systems as we know them today. Indeed, the case redefined the practice of law.

For decades, the amazing story of Ed Johnson and his two lawyers was buried in law books. Now, author Mark Curriden brings you a 100-year-old case and story that exemplify why lawyers as advocates for the poor and downtrodden are best positioned to take the steps necessary to uphold the rule of law. Described as “a gut-check for lawyers” about why they entered the legal profession, this CLE demonstrates what it means to be a lawyer and the sacrifices and risks lawyers must make on behalf of their clients and in defense of constitutional rights.

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Register now for the presentation that others have described as “one of the best,” “uplifting,” and “one which every attorney should

attend.” Mark Curriden can bring an audience to tears and will make you proud to be a lawyer.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Involves the first African-American attorneys to take a case to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Details the first time the Supreme Court intervened in a state criminal matter and issued its first-ever stay of an execution in a death penalty case
- Examines how the U.S. Supreme Court — for the first and only time in history — ordered the arrest of parties before it, charged them with criminal contempt of the Supreme Court, and held a historic criminal trial before the court with the justices sitting as jurors
- Details how the Supreme Court took these extraordinary steps after determining that lynchings were undermining the rule of law in this country
- Shows how the justices, by taking these significant measures in this case, opened the door for the federal courts to intervene in future state court matters

COURSE SCHEDULE

8:30
Registration

Contempt of Court: A Lesson in Legal History Focusing on Ethics and Professionalism

*Mark S. Curriden, J.D.
Senior Writer
ABA Journal / Addison, TX*

10:30
Break

Panel Discussion — Ethics and Professionalism

Moderator: Mark S. Curriden

Panelists: David P. Baugh, Robert J. Grey, Jr., Michael HuYoung, Alexander N. Levay, Jr.

- Due process, criminal contempt, and *habeas*
- Federalism and independence of the judiciary
- Professionalism of attorneys
- Constitutional law issues
- Lawyers’ ethical duty to clients

12:15
Adjourn

THE PANELISTS

David P. Baugh
David P. Baugh, Esq., PLC
Richmond

Robert J. Grey, Jr.
Hunton & Williams, LLP
Richmond

Michael HuYoung
Barnes & Diehl
Richmond

Alexander N. Levay, Jr.
Alex Levay, PLLC
Leesburg

COURSE MATERIALS

The materials for this seminar consist of Mark Curriden’s book, *Contempt of Court: The Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched a Hundred Years of Federalism* (394 pages, a \$15.95 value), plus materials focusing on the Virginia Principles of Professionalism and the Professional Guidelines and Rules of Professional Conduct.

LIVE LOCATION* AND DATE

Fairfax / Tuesday, March 3
Waterford at Fair Oaks (in the Fair Oaks Shopping Mall property, behind the Extended Stay America Hotel), 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway (703) 352-3200

VIDEO LOCATIONS* AND DATES

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Alexandria: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road (703) 845-1010

Charlottesville: The Virginia CLE® Building, 105 Whitewood Road (800) 979-8253

Norfolk: SpringHill Suites Norfolk—Virginia Beach, 6350 Newtown Road (757) 333-3100

Richmond: UVA Richmond Regional Center, 2810 N. Parham Road, Suite 300, 3rd Floor (Parking available only in spots **not** marked “Visitor Parking”) (804) 662-7464

Roanoke: Roanoke Higher Education Center, 108 North Jefferson Street (Parking validated for parking deck adjacent to center only) (540) 767-6161

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Tysons Corner: Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road (entrance to hotel on Greensboro Drive) (703) 893-2100
Now Metro accessible! The new Spring Hill station on the Silver Line is directly across the street from the hotel.

**Directions to seminar locations can be found at www.vacle.org.*

COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS PROGRAM ATTENDEES

“Great passion in an ethics session!! WOW!”

“This by far was the best CLE I have ever attended. I wish it could have been longer.”

“The case study was very compelling. The lively discussion among the different panelists was a rare and welcomed departure from the usually staid exchanges.”

4 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

■ **ONLINE at www.vacle.org.** Enter Search Code TS315 in the search box on our home page. Credit card required.

■ **MAIL registration form to CLE Registrations, P.O. Box 4468, Charlottesville, VA 22905.** Check made payable to Virginia CLE or credit card required.

■ **FAX registration form to 434-979-3147.** Credit card required.

■ **PHONE 800-979-8253 during regular business hours.** Credit card required.

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LIVE SEMINAR

Live Location and Date

FAIRFAX
Tuesday, March 3

Live Registration Fees

\$215 regular registration.

\$230 on-site registration (if space is available).

VIDEO SEMINARS

Video Location and Date

Location: _____

Date: _____

Video Registration Fees

\$195 regular registration.

\$210 on-site registration (if space is available).

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