



CNAR 2021 WORKSHOP:
ASSESSING CREDIBILITY: MORE ART THAN SCIENCE
OCTOBER 1ST, 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. ET

Assessing credibility is one of the most difficult of the adjudicative arts. This half-day, interactive workshop is designed to teach discipline committee members how to make credibility assessments. Field Law's Professional Regulatory Group will explore **what factors are considered reliable indicators of credibility and what factors are unreliable**. In addition:

- Presenters will provide a structured **methodology** for discipline committee members to use in caucus to assess credibility
- Also addressed will be **tips and pitfalls** with respect to credibility in written decisions. (The pitfalls were identified from the case law where credibility findings by tribunals were challenged in Court.)

After the initial presentation, participants will be shown a videotaped mock discipline hearing developed by Field Law's Professional Regulatory Group. The video, based on some of the most challenging credibility issues Field Law has faced in real-life hearings, will be paused after each examination/cross-examination and discussed. Participants will also be placed in breakout sessions to act as a discipline committee making credibility findings and preparing reasons for their decisions

What You Will Learn By the end of the workshop, attendees will:

- Be able to identify the credibility factors to be considered
- Have practiced the assessment of credibility through use of the video and role plays
- Applied the structured methodology of assessing credibility while in caucus
- Practiced writing the part of a decision dealing with credibility assessment

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