

**University of Cincinnati College of Law
Center for Practice**

***Great on Your Feet and In the Moment:
How to Listen, Think, and Speak to the Unexpected***

At Stratford Heights Complex
2634 Stratford Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45220
(across the street from UC Maingate on Clifton Ave.)

December 12, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
(7 hrs. general CLE credit, approval pending)

Program Description

The unexpected happens all too often. Lawyers must respond “on their feet” and into a microphone to unanticipated questions from a judge, opposing counsel or client. Negotiations move away from the agenda; public meetings enter uncharted territory. You can’t rehearse for the unexpected but you can rehearse skills and strategies for listening, thinking and speaking effectively in that moment. Participants will have the opportunity to practice strategies and skills within simulated legal practice contexts.

Participants will learn to:

- speak briefly and effectively with virtually no notice
- speak more expansively with only a minute to jot a note
- listen and respond from multiple perspectives
- follow and return from tangents raised by a judge, client, or other counsel

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Mr. Donnellon is a litigation partner at Keating, Muething & Klekamp, with an emphasis in business and intellectual property litigation. It is not surprising that Mr. Donnellon is known for rhetorical agility “on his feet.” Mr. Donnellon was nationally ranked in speech and debate and majored in Public Speaking and Rhetoric at Bowling Green State University. Mr. Donnellon is a 1986 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where he was Editor of the Law Review. During law school and briefly thereafter, Mr. Donnellon toured as a professional entertainer performing improvisational and stand-up comedy nationally with Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Drew Carey and others. He toured as an opening act with Natalie Cole, Dianne Warwick and Joe Cocker and performed locally at Riverbend, U.S. Bank Arena and the Taft Theatre.