

# LEARNING WITH **SOCRATES**

APRIL 26, 2011



**Thomas D. Eisele, Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law**, will present the lecture "Learning with Socrates," based on his book *BITTER KNOWLEDGE: LEARNING SOCRATIC LESSONS OF DISILLUSION AND RENEWAL*. About the topic of his lecture, Eisele said, "Education in American law schools has traditionally included the idea that law teachers use (and law students undergo) something called 'the Socratic method' of teaching. It turns out that in practice, however, the teaching styles vary widely in law schools, and many teachers (and students) seem to have only a vague idea as to what Socrates did in the dialogues that Plato famously wrote about his own revered teacher. This lecture examines several aspects of Socrates' teaching style as portrayed in some of those dialogues, thereby directing some much deserved attention to the traditional claim concerning how students are educated in American law schools."

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Professor Eisele received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his juris doctor from Harvard Law School, and his doctorate from the University of Michigan. After several years in private practice, he began his teaching career at the University of Chicago Law School. He went on to teach at several law schools across the country, including law schools at The Ohio State University and the University of Tennessee. He then joined the faculty at the College of Law, where he has taught for 19 years.

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*Presented by Thomas D. Eisele, Professor of Law*

April 26, 2011 | 12:15-1:15 p.m. | College of Law, Room 114

Application has been made for 1 hr of general CLE credit for Ohio and Kentucky.

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