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AI will tell you what's special about CAALA Vegas

UNMATCHED NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES, MCLE CREDITS GALORE
 AND THE SATURDAY NIGHT ULTIMATE PARTY

In today's legal landscape, everything we do as lawyers is covered under the theme for this month's edition: AI, Technology, and Law Practice Management.

We use technology and AI every day, whether we realize it or not. Google searches, ChatGPT searches, AI deposition summaries, medical record reviews, populated discovery responses. All these tools have impacted the practice of law and how we litigate our cases.

Trial Practice Management? Maybe you use Google Calendar, Outlook, or any of the other numerous computer software programs that promise to organize and streamline your calendar, email, and house case information.

Gone to trial recently? I use TrialPad for my entire trial – loading up exhibits and impeachment video clips to show the jury. Jurors expect to be entertained and kept awake during trial and that means stimulating them using technology – old and new. Day-in-the-life videos, charts, demonstratives, full-size skeletons and other body-part models, computer graphics, surgery animations, accident reconstructions, and so much more. The list is endless and only limited by our own imaginations. All these tools are created by AI, technology and other law practice programs.

But what to use? Where to find the best, the most cutting-edge programs? How to use those tools? There is soooo much out there that figuring this all out can be overwhelming and debilitating.

That is where CAALA comes in. And more specifically, that is where CAALA Vegas comes in! CAALA's annual Las Vegas convention answers all these questions.

CAALA Vegas

It is said that imitation is the highest form of flattery. And while many lawyers,

law firms, and other trial lawyer associations have tried to replicate it, not one of them comes close to CAALA's annual Las Vegas convention. It is truly one of a kind. Thank you to our amazing CAALA staff – Kwedi, Bill, Fatima, Araceli, Jessica, and Margie – you all do an amazing job!!!

CAALA Vegas is a fantastic weekend of education, networking, collaboration, and growth.

I asked ChatGPT, "Why should people go to CAALA Las Vegas convention in 2025?" and the answers it gave are the same reasons attorneys and all of us keep going back year after year.

First, top-notch education and MCLE credits. CAALA is the premier destination for the best legal education. CAALA Vegas has topics ranging from AI and litigation, trial skills, discovery issues, personal injury topics, specialty credits, and more. If there is a question you have in one of your cases or for your law practice odds are, it is covered at CAALA Vegas. And all these sessions are taught by the best, brightest, and most diverse panels of attorneys and judges. There are more than 150 speakers on 31 different panels over the course of the three days of sessions.

Second, unmatched networking opportunities and social events. There are no strangers at CAALA Vegas – just future friends! Every minute of CAALA Vegas is an opportunity to connect and network. With old friends, new friends, judges, defense attorneys, legal staff and vendors. Simply walking through the hotel, past the registration desk, and through the exhibit hall floor is its own networking and social event. Not to mention the Thursday evening welcome party and the Saturday night Ultimate Party experience at Wynn's Intrigue Nightclub. Dinners with old and new friends. Drinks and socializing at the pool. Everywhere you look are opportunities to make a new friend.

Third, access to all the vendors you need to take your legal career, law practice, and cases to the next level. You need an expert for your case? There are all sorts of different companies and experts exhibiting. Economic experts, medical experts, life care planners, engineering, DME observers, pain management and more.

Maybe you're looking for advertising or marketing services? There are more than 13 different vendors that fulfill that need. Document management, investigations, legal software companies all are there to show you how their tools can make your life and practice thrive! There are dozens upon dozens of vendors with all the AI, technology, and law practice management tools. Stop by and learn what they have to offer – and pick up all the different tchotchkes to boot!

CAALA Vegas starts at noon on Thursday, August 28 and goes through Sunday morning, August 31 at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. If you are worried about little ones, CAALA has you covered with our Kids Club for youngsters ages 4 to 14, allowing parents to participate fully in sessions and networking while their children are cared for nearby.

The ChatGPT summary said it best: "In short: attending CAALA Vegas 2025 delivers exceptional education, powerful networking, community connection, and unforgettable social engagement – all while helping you meet your MCLE needs. It's an investment in both your professional skillset and your legal support network."

If you have never been to CAALA Vegas before, come say hello to me at our meet-and-greet on Thursday at 11 a.m. for new members, new lawyers, and first-time attendees. I hope to see you all there for what will be a memorable weekend!

