

Engineers Joint Committee of Long Island

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THE ANDREW S. HAIMES MEMORIAL ETHICS SEMINAR SERIES NETWORKING EVENING with DINNER

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Place: Hilton Garden Inn Melville, 1575 Round Swamp Rd,
Plainview, NY 11803 516 -755-5552 (Front Desk)

Program:	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Networking and Dinner
	7:00 pm – 9:15 pm	Two Seminars (1.0 PDH each)
	9:15 pm – 10:00 pm	Cash Bar and Networking

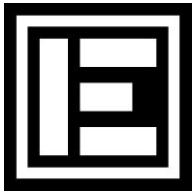
Session 1: *The Architecture of Professional Responsibility: NYS Law vs. NSPE Ethical Canons*
Vincent Falkowski, PE, CCM, PMP

This seminar establishes a vertical framework that defines the operational reality of engineering practice. By mapping professional duties into 3 distinct tiers – the Ethical Basement of criminal acts, the legal Ethical Floor of minimum statutory compliance, and the aspirational Ethical Ceiling of the NSPE Code of Ethics, this seminar provides a vital methodology for navigating the high-risk Grey Area of engineering judgement. Through rigorous, data-driven analyses of the OceanGate Titan catastrophe, the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, and the Flint Water Crisis, the seminar details how technical deviations, economic austerity and the “normalization of deviance” can erode the Standard of Care, and cause catastrophic systemic failure. Ultimately, this seminar teaches engineers how to actively operationalize Canon 1 as a shield, ensuring that technical leadership. Rigorous materials science and ethical accountability remain paramount across all liability-prone environments.

Session 2: *Trial & Error: A Brief History of Engineering, Experimentation, Iteration, and Ethics*
Zohaib A. Alvi, MEng, PE, DFE

There is an adage which state that laws (or regulations) are “written in blood”. As engineers, we understand that rules and codes are often a reflection a prior failure or issue. Laws, rules, and codes regarding engineering tenants have existed all throughout history, and in many cases, arise from trial and error, or more correctly stated, the iterative process. These processes have legal, social, and ethical implications.

This presentation will explore historic rules and laws related to engineering and design, their purpose, how they laid the groundwork for modern codes and engineering processes, and how sometimes failures shape our options.



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Speakers:

Vincent Falkowski, P.E., CCM, PMP, is a veteran leader with decades of expertise in public works, infrastructure and institutional facility operations. Currently serving as the Assistant Executive Director at Nassau Health Care Corp., he directs complex facility operations, engineering and the Project Management Office. A licensed Professional Engineer holding elite CCM and PMP credentials, Vincent previously served as Deputy Commissioner for the Nassau County Department of Public Works, and as an environmental engineering practice leader. His extensive, real-world experience managing high-stakes infrastructure and capital projects forms the foundation for his practical, authoritative approach to professional ethics.

Zohaib A. Alvi, M.Eng., P.E., ENV-SP, DFE, is a Civil, Structural, and Forensic Engineering Consultant, and Principal of za/engineering, a NYS and NYC MBE and NYC approved Special Inspection Agency.

He is a Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) in multiple states and is a Board-Certified Diplomate in Forensic Engineering (DFE), as awarded by the National Academy of Forensic Engineers. He has extensive experience in in evaluation, repair, and rehabilitation of existing structures and historic buildings, and structural design of new commercial and residential structures. He is an active member of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), the National Academy of Forensic Engineers (NAFE), and the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY) and maintains membership with the American Society of Professional Engineers (ASCE), the National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers (NABIE), and the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineers (IABSE), among others.

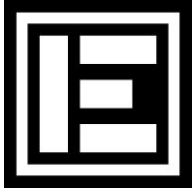
Both 1 PDH seminars are approved for the Ethics Seminar requirement by New York State.

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REGISTRATION FORM

**To register, complete and submit this form and payment by September 11, 2026 to:
Laura Pellizzi, P.E., 477 Miller Place Rd., Miller Place, NY 11930.
For questions e-mail: tonycaci7@gmail.com.**

**Fee: \$65 (includes Dinner and Seminars)
There is no fee for Students with valid ID**

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