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LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

Wednesday
January 29, 2020
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Preceding DRI's Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar | San Diego, CA

Master the Technical Aspects of Your Civil Rights Case

The Skill of the Expert Witness Deposition



Expert witnesses play an important role in the defense of many cases. Whether you need to explore and discredit the opinions of a plaintiff's expert or ensure your expert survives cross examination, taking and defending expert depositions are key skills. The DRI Litigation Skills and the Government Liability Committee present a workshop on identifying, possible experts, preparing an expert for deposition, and defending and taking expert depositions.

The workshop, limited to 30 participants, includes short presentations with tips and demonstrations by seasoned, experienced lawyers, and then one-on-one practice in small groups with real-time feedback. The workshop has been approved for up to 3.5 hours of CLE. For pricing and registration, see the brochure.

View the seminar brochure and register for the seminar and workshop at <http://bit.ly/2mN8Ma8>

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to practice taking and defending an expert deposition with the help of highly skilled attorneys.

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9:30 a.m.	Registration	11:25 a.m.	Working Lunch and Taking It All In— What's This Really Going to Look Like?
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and introduction		
10:05 a.m.	How to Find an Expert, and Working with Your Expert to Prepare a Report Should you disclose an expert in a particular subject area? Should you hire one or use one of your client's employees? Learn about working with both rookie experts and seasoned experts to prepare reports and disclosures under both federal and state rules.		Back in the big group, while enjoying a terrific lunch provided by DRI, attendees and instructors will discuss the small group exercise, ask additional questions and talk about techniques that they use in everyday practice when preparing their witnesses and clients. Then, instructors will walk attendees through a mock deposition, pointing out the key themes, order of questions, and other issues that you will need to understand to be prepared to take and defend these depositions.
10:20 a.m.	Preparing Your Expert Witness for the Deposition Learn to identify the key issues in preparing your expert witness for deposition, including the focus of your case, the issues plaintiff's counsel will likely address, and potential traps.	12:10 p.m.	Now It's Your Turn Each attendee will have the opportunity to take and defend a deposition with actual experts as witnesses, while instructors watch the events and provide real-time suggestions and feedback. In addition, you will have the chance to watch others take and defend the same deposition, to see how they might address the same issues.
10:35 a.m.	Learn from Some "Experts" on Experts Observe seasoned trial attorneys prepare an actual expert witness for an upcoming deposition, including tips and tricks to help the witness understand the issues and case and assure their success during the deposition.	1:50 p.m.	Wrapping It Up Participate in a final discussion regarding what has been learned, what the instructors saw during the exercise, and additional tips for successful depositions.
10:55 a.m.	Now It's Your Turn In a small group setting and with the assistance and oversight of your instructors, you will prepare your expert witness and obtain feedback regarding the process and your techniques.	2:00 p.m.	Adjourn Adjourn for panel counsel meetings. All attendees of the workshop are invited to stay for the Networking Reception, which will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Speakers



Lori V. Berke
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Stacy L. Moon
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Additional faculty to be announced.

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