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LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP
The Art of the 30(b)(6) Deposition
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March 26–27, 2020
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Join your colleagues for the 2020 DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar, being held in Austin, Texas, for the first time ever. The annual two-day seminar has something for everyone, including comprehensive instruction by experienced attorneys, health care providers, and in-house specialists on the latest topics in medical liability and health care law. Networking events include a Women in the Law Luncheon, a Young Lawyers-sponsored gathering in downtown Austin, a DRI for Life run/walk, and a community service project featuring Courthouse Dogs Foundation. Arrive early and participate in an in-depth and interactive session on preparing and defending 30(b)(6) depositions, a joint half-day seminar hosted by DRI’s Litigation Skills and Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committees. Register now to ensure your place at this cutting-edge seminar.

PRESENTED BY DRI’s Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee

Register online now at dri.org or complete the form in the back.
What You Will Learn

- Tips on evaluating complex medical malpractice cases
- The latest in medical topics, such as ophthalmology, infectious diseases, orthopedic surgery, and gynecologic cancers
- The hottest trends in jury selection
- How to handle ethical conflicts related to coverage issues with independent contractor providers

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- Access to LegalPoint™ at dri.org: Committee newsletters, seminar course materials, and other publications.
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
11:30 a.m. Registration for Workshop

LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

From Blank Canvas to Masterpiece: The Art of the 30(b)(6) Deposition

With plaintiffs’ attorneys attempting to circumvent written discovery limitations through 30(b)(6) depositions, successful trial attorneys need to be attuned to analyzing and deconstructing the 30(b)(6) deposition notice properly to determine the appropriate corporate designees at the outset. Defense counsel can stop plaintiffs’ counsel in their tracks with thorough preparation of these witnesses and effective defense of these depositions, including instruction on the reptile theory. The DRI Litigation Skills Committee is excited to present this workshop in conjunction with this seminar, providing attendees of this interactive program with the tools necessary to push back on the deposition notice and, ultimately, prepare and defend the witness at deposition.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to practice techniques with highly skilled trial attorneys. One-on-one and small group exercises will ensure that you are prepared to mount an effective defense. Act now to reserve a spot as space is limited to 30 attendees. See registration form for pricing.

Laura D. Eschleman, Nall & Miller LLP, Atlanta, GA
Christopher B. Turney, Van Osbal, Kansas City, MO
Additional faculty to be announced.

4:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m. Networking Reception
   SPONSORED BY Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
8:00 p.m. Young Lawyers Networking Reception
   Meet at the Iron Cactus, just steps away on historic 6th Street, to network with other young lawyers. All experience levels welcome! Please contact Jacob Malatesta at JMalatesta@hatlawfirm.com for more details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
   Andrew DeSimone, Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney PLLC, Lexington, KY
   Stephen O. (Steve) Plunkett, Bassford Remele PA, Minneapolis, MN

8:10 a.m. Preeclampsia: Know It, Fear It, Defend It!
The presentation will provide an overview of preeclampsia and the latest recommendations on diagnosis and treatment. Discussions will involve possible sequelae of preeclampsia—both familiar and unfamiliar findings pertinent to mother and baby—and recommendations around screening and prevention of morbidity and mortality with preeclampsia, including the latest patient safety bundles.

Tamika C. Auguste, MD, Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC

9:00 a.m. The Future of MedMal: A Rise in Frequency and Severity and How to Combat It
Medical malpractice defense is changing. The industry needs to invest in younger attorneys to combat the rising number of claims and the exorbitant demands. Mr. Hall will focus on how the defense community inadvertently contributed to this rise and how defense counsel can...
work collectively in the future to reform medical malpractice litigation.

John E. Hall, Jr., Hall Booth Smith PC, Atlanta, GA

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**  
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10:15 a.m. **How to Value Cases: From Start to Finish**  
In-house specialists typically set reserves at the outset of the case and continue valuing the case for mediation and/or trial. This panel—which includes an experienced claims professional, outside counsel, and a mediator—will provide recommendations for valuation of a case from before suit is filed until the jury is about to decide the case.

![Nicole Palichat, ProAssurance, Las Vegas, NV](image)

Antonio C. Robaina, McElroy Deutsch Mulvany & Carpenter LLP, Hartford, CT  
Kimberly Logue Woodland, Bendin Sumrall & Ladner LLC, Atlanta, GA

11:10 a.m. **Hospital-Acquired Infections/Epidemiology**  
Explore the latest medical trends on hospital-acquired infections, including the prevention, etiology, and treatment of these difficult infections.

Amy Ray, MD, MPH, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

12:00 p.m. **Women in the Law Luncheon**  
Please join us for the always-popular networking lunch open to women registrants at Manuel’s, just steps away from the conference hotel. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and network with other women practicing in the field of medical liability and health care law without missing any of the presentations! Space will be limited, so register early! For more information, contact Kimberly Logue Woodland at kwoodland@bsllaw.net. ($55 fee, check box on registration form)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

1:10 p.m. **Gynecologic Oncology**  
Gynecologic oncology is one of the few cancer specialties where the surgeon also provides the chemotherapy. Learn the latest oncologic treatments and surgical approaches for assisting patients with these difficult diseases.

Sarah M. Temkin, MD, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Annapolis, MD

2:00 p.m. **Defending Sexual Battery Claims in the #MeToo Era: Outside of the Box Strategies**  
Allegations of improper conduct in medicine are on the rise. The speakers will explore the various types of intentional tort claims that arise in the health care setting, as well as recommendations for the investigation and defense of these claims.

John F. Floyd, Sr., Wicker Smith, Nashville, TN  
Mandi J. Karvis, Wicker Smith, Phoenix, AZ

2:50 p.m. **Refreshment Break**  
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Community Service Project: Courthouse Dogs Foundation  
2:50 p.m.

The Courthouse Dogs Foundation professionally trains dogs throughout the country to provide a calming influence for children during stressful legal proceedings. These dogs help the most vulnerable witnesses testify during emotionally charged court proceedings. Come meet these important contributors to our legal system. For more information, please visit the foundation’s webpage: https://courthousedogs.org/.

3:15 p.m. **Voir Dire in the Era of Fake News**  
Voir dire is never easy, particularly in an era when inaccurate information can become viral in minutes. Learn about various techniques for choosing a jury in today’s social media climate.

Rick R. Fuentes, PhD, R&D Strategic Solutions LLC, Atlanta, GA

4:05 p.m. **Orthopedic Surgery**  
Explore the latest techniques in knee and hip replacement, including the common complications associated with these joint replacement surgeries.

Tharun Karthikeyan, MD, Lexington Clinic, Lexington, KY

5:05 p.m. **Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee Meeting (open to all)**
6:00 p.m.  Networking Reception  
SPONSORED BY Goodell DeVries Leech & Dann LLP  

7:30 p.m.  Dine-Arounds  |  Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (on your own). Details will be circulated electronically.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

DRI for Life
Get up early for a run/walk with colleagues and friends. Route to be determined. Please contact Andrew D. DeSimone at ADeSimone@sturgillturner.com for more details.

7:00 a.m.  Registration
7:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m.  Young Lawyers Breakfast: Finding Expert Witnesses  
Medical liability claims boil down to a battle of the experts. Hear the latest legal developments and strategies for identifying, vetting, and working with experts to develop your defenses in medical malpractice claims.  
Joseph G. (Joey) Mattson, Devine Millimet & Branch, Manchester, NH

8:00 a.m.  Announcements  
Meghan H. Yanacek, Hall Booth Smith PC, Atlanta, GA

8:05 a.m.  Deposition Maneuvers of Today’s Plaintiffs’ Bar: How to Arm Yourself and Your Client for the 30(b)(6) Battle and Beyond  
The use of 30(b)(6) depositions is on the rise in medical malpractice cases. The best methods for collecting the pertinent information, identifying the appropriate witnesses, and preparing and defending the witnesses will be discussed.  
Laura D. Eschleman, Nall & Miller LLP, Atlanta, GA

9:00 a.m.  Correctional Medicine and Mental Health  
Ms. Dillon will lead a panel of experts on §1983 claims that are typically seen in the context of prison health care settings, with a particular focus on mental health claims. Explore the latest opinions concerning Eighth Amendment law.  
MODERATOR | Carol A. Dillon, Bleeke Dillon Crandall, Indianapolis, IN

10:00 a.m.  Hypoxic Injury or Genetic Disorder: Causes and Consequences  
While attention often focuses on potential obstetrical departures from the standard of care, determining the cause of a neonate’s physical or neurodevelopmental impairment requires a thorough genetics evaluation. Dr. Milunsky will explain the differences between hypoxic brain injury and genetic or congenital disorders.  
 Triss Schamber, MD, Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Peoria, IL
Jessica K. Young, Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Peoria, IL

11:00 a.m.  Refreshment Break  
SPONSORED BY Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney PLLC

11:15 a.m.  What We Are Currently Seeing: The Latest Legal Trends in Ophthalmology and Optometry  
Both the number and value of vision-related cases are on the rise. Learn from Dr. Cykiert and Dr. Harrison about the most common claims in ophthalmology/optometry and the medicine behind the allegations.  
 Robert Cykiert, MD, New York University, New York, NY  
 Linda Harrison, PhD, Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company, San Francisco, CA

12:15 p.m.  The Ethics of Representing the Self-Insured Entity and the Covered Employee  
Hospital systems often employ and insure physicians, but physicians can also be independent contractors and/or insureds under a third-party policy. These panelists will discuss the potential conflicts in representation that may arise in the various employment and coverage settings.  
 John B. Mumford, Jr., Hancock Daniel & Johnson PC, Richmond, VA
Larry L. Smith, MedStar Health, Columbia, MD

1:15 p.m.  Adjourn
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Registration Policy

Save $100 when you register by February 24, 2020. (See the registration form for pricing.) The registration fee includes course materials, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, networking receptions, and access to the DRI App. If you wish to have your name appear on the registration list distributed at the conference and receive the course materials in advance, DRI must receive your registration by March 2, 2020 (please allow 10 days for processing). Registrations received after March 2, 2020, will be processed on-site.

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The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before March 2, 2020. Cancellations received after March 2 and on or before March 9, 2020, will receive a refund, less a $100 processing fee. Cancellations made after March 9 will not receive a refund, but a $100 certificate good for any DRI seminar within the next 12 months will be issued. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. Fax (312.795.0747) or email (seminars@dri.org) to DRI’s Accounting Department. Processing of refunds will occur within four weeks after the date of the seminar. All refunds will be processed in the same method that the payment was received. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge and must be submitted in writing.

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Group Discount The first and second registrations from the same firm or company are subject to the fees outlined previously. The registration fee for additional registrants from the same firm or company is $775, regardless of membership status if received on or before February 24, 2020. After February 24, the group rate is $875. All registrations must be received at the same time to receive the discount.

Travel Discounts DRI offers discounted meeting fares on various major air carriers for DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar attendees. To receive these discounts, please contact Direct Travel, DRI’s official travel provider, at 800.840.0908. As always, to obtain the lowest available fares, early booking is recommended.

Hotel Accommodations

A limited number of discounted hotel rooms have been made available at Hilton Austin, 500 East 4th Street, Austin, TX 78701 (click here to view hotel photos). Take advantage of the group rate of $279 Single/Double in one of two ways:

1) Reserve online: Click here or visit dri.org and go to the DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar page and click on the “Book hotel” button.

2) Or contact the hotel directly at 512.482.8000 and mention the DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar.

The hotel block is limited and rooms and rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must make reservations by February 24, 2020, to be eligible for the group rate. Requests for reservations made after February 24 are subject to room and rate availability.
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