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Hands-on Litigation Skills Workshop to defend your clients in 30(B)(6) depositions See pag

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#### Conquer the trials, traps, and tribulations of advising the modern professional

- Innovative presentations on defending rare legal malpractice claims and unique law practice insurance coverage issues
- Cutting-edge information on the evolving ethical dilemmas facing professionals who provide advice to the marijuana industry
- Emerging trends and issues in claims against real estate, accounting, and design professionals





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#### The 2018 DRI Professional Liability Seminar will provide you with the tools to defend any professional

successfully in our current legal climate. With presentations by the most prominent and experienced professional liability lawyers, experts, and insurance professionals in the country, this year's seminar will again provide attendees with the most up-to-date information regarding new issues, defenses, and strategies. Through the insight, tools, and skills that you will gain at this seminar, we hope to build on DRI's renowned foundation of success by putting you at the forefront of establishing efficient and creative ways to defend the modern professional.



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- How to avoid ethical violations when advising the marijuana industry
- How to defend the not-so-typical malpractice cases
- How to defend the professional at trial
- How to avoid frequent ethics traps for lawyers
- New issues and trends in errors and omissions insurance coverage

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### LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP Strategies for a Winning 30(B)(6) Deposition

Successful trial attorneys know that a properly prepared and defended 30(b)(6) deposition can stop plaintiffs' counsel in their tracks. This workshop will teach the techniques necessary to master this crucial aspect of litigation. The DRI Litigation Skills Committee (formerly "Trial Tactics") is excited to present DRI's first Litigation Skills Workshop in conjunction with this seminar, providing attendees of this interactive program with the tools necessary to shape the deposition topics and to 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 assure that you are prepared to defend your client in the earliest stages of litigation. Act now to make a significant investment in your career. *Space is limited and spots will go fast!* See registration form for pricing.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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6:00	p.m.	Registration

6:00 p.m. Networking Reception SPONSORED BY Cobb Martinez Woodward PLLC Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast SPONSORED BY Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin PC
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction Mark A. Fahleson, *Rembolt Ludtke LLP*, Lincoln, NE

Zandra E. Foley, *Thompson Coe*, Houston, TX

#### 8:15 a.m. Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Wire Transfer Fraud and Professionals

Wire fraud increasingly affects attorneys and other professionals. This session will explore the most common examples of wire fraud and steps that professionals can take to better protect themselves.

Aisling Jumper, YorkPro Inc., New York, NY Keith L. Novak, Kroll Associates, New York, NY Click on any speaker name to view bio.

 Marissa Olsen, Sompo International Insurance, Florham Park, NJ

Karen Painter Randall, Connell Foley, Roseland, NJ

9:05 a.m. Hot-Shot Lawyers: Overpromising and Under-Delivering

> We've all heard of the "hot-shot lawyer" who overstates experience and overpromises results. This session will discuss liability arising from lawyer advertising, competency, and terminating the representation, and how to defend these claims.

Joseph P. Garin, *Lipson Neilson PC*, Las Vegas, NV

**Kimberly K. Noble**, Argo Pro, Chicago, IL **David L. Wikstrom**, Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins PC, Springfield, NJ

#### 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break SPONSORED BY Black Marjieh & Sanford LLP

## 10:15 a.m. Forgot Something? Accidental Waivers of Privilege or Confidentiality

From "shoulder surfing" and eavesdropping to misdirected email and snail mail, lawyers constantly face disclosure hazards. Learn how lawyers inadvertently waive confidentiality and privilege and the avenues to correct such waivers.

Bolanle Akinrimisi, Allied World Insurance, Atlanta, GA

Amber E. Storr, Hurwitz & Fine PC, Buffalo, NY

#### 11:15 a.m. When Iron Rod Found Conflicts with Iron Rod Set: Liability of Land Surveyors

Claims against land surveyors are on the rise, which means increased liability for the real estate professionals, including lawyers, who rely on them. This session addresses the recent increase in land surveyor lawsuits, as well as common claims and defenses.

Nicholle R. Harrison, Allied World Assurance Co, Farmington, CT

**Melody J. Jolly**, *Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP*, Wilmington, NC

12:05 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

#### 1:30 p.m. Professionals Can Get Smoked Advising the Marijuana Industry

With the changing landscape of marijuana use and regulation, professionals are in a world of conflicting laws. This panel will identify the ethical dilemmas faced by professionals in this unique and growing industry and how to avoid them.

Kiera O'Connell Goral, QBE North America, Plano, TX

Peter R. Jarvis, Holland & Knight, Portland, OR

Eric L. Levine, Validus Underwriters Inc., New York, NY

## 2:25 p.m. When Adding the Numbers May Equal Liability: Accountant Liability Issues

Clients engage accountants for many functions, all with distinct duties, obligations, and exposure. This presentation will take a fresh look at how accountants in various capacities could be liable for malpractice arising from fiduciary, expert, intermediary, and other engagements.

Lisa Fontana Brennan, Markel, Chicago, IL Wilhelm Dingler, Bullivant Houser Bailey,

#### Seattle, WA

W. Wesley Marston, CPA Mutual, Gainesville, FL

Elizabeth P. Mulligan, Protect Professional Claims, Tampa, FL 3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break

#### 3:35 p.m. Who Is My Neighbor? Litigation Involving Planned Unit Developments

Shareholder derivative actions against directors and officers of community associations are on the rise. Examine the insurance coverage available to mitigate risk for associations and ways to avoid claims through appropriate professional planning and training.

John M. Sier, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti Sherbrook LLC, Detroit, MI

Holly M. Spurlock, CNA Insurance Company, Chicago, IL

#### 4:30 p.m. HAL Strikes Back: Duties of Lawyers Related to Technology

With the proliferation of technology, the practice of law is changing. Discover the technological advances that are improving the profession and demanding attorneys to pay attention (ethically).

Francesca Giannoni-Crystal, Crystal & Giannoni-Crystal LLC, Washington, DC

Courtney C. Kasper, QBE North America, Plano, TX

- 5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 5:35 p.m. **Professional Liability Committee Meeting** (open to all)
- 6:00 p.m. Networking Reception sponsored by Thompson Coe

#### Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP

7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 a.m.	Registration
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7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast SPONSORED BY Gaglione Dolan & Kaplan

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#### 8:00 a.m. Announcements

**Seth L. Laver**, *Goldberg Segalla LLP*, Philadelphia, PA

R. Bruce Wallace, Nexsen Pruet, Charleston, SC

#### 8:05 a.m. Keeping Up with the Design Professionals: 2018 Case Law Update

What in the creation is going on? This session will review developing theories of design professional liability and provide an update on the most important 2018 design professional decisions.

Gawain Charlton-Perrin, The Hanover Insurance Group, Itasca, IL

**Eric S. Cohen**, *Goldberg Segalla LLP*, New York, NY

#### 9:00 a.m. Watch Your Step! Ethical Pitfalls for Lawyers

These folks have seen it all! Understand how to avoid the common ethics traps for attorneys, including plagiarism and confidentiality, negotiating ethically, investigating and terminating clients, attorneys as witnesses, and other fascinating conundrums.

Jessica Anderson, RSUI Group Inc., Atlanta, GA

David L. Brandon, Clark Hill PLC, Los Angeles, CA

Jonathan P. Zayle, Athens Program Service Inc., Concord, CA

#### 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

#### 10:15 a.m. You Got Issues: Lawyers E&O Insurance Coverage

Lawyers as insureds often face challenges in obtaining defense and indemnification under their professional liability coverage. Learn how today's carriers are managing and winning legal malpractice claims handling unique coverage issues.

R. Damian Brew, Marsh USA Inc., New York, NY

Dennis L. Galvin, Argo Pro, Boston, MA

Frances M. O'Meara, *Thompson Coe*, Los Angeles, CA

#### 11:05 a.m. Insurance Agent and Broker Liability

What happens when the agent procuring insurance coverage gets sued? This presentation will dissect defenses to these claims, including whether failure to read the policy is a valid defense.

Lisa Doherty, Business Risk Partners, Windsor, CT

Jonathan R. Harwood, Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP, Hawthorne, NY

LaToyia Watkins Pierce, XL Catlin, Dallas, TX

11:55 a.m. Defending the Not-So-Typical Legal Malpractice Claim

> This session will explore the defense of legal malpractice claims against specialized attorneys and how the causation and damage standards can differ from a typical legal malpractice claim.

Patrick S. (Sean) Ginty, CNA Insurance Company, Chicago, IL

**George M. Vinci, Jr.**, Spector Gadon & Rosen PC, Philadelphia, PA

#### 12:45 p.m. Defending the Professional at Trial

Defending professionals at trial can be particularly challenging. Learn creative tips to maneuver through all aspects of trial successfully, from voir dire, opening statements, and presentation of your client, to closing arguments.

China Ladner, Nationwide E&S/Specialty, Scottsdale, AZ

**Newton C. Marshall**, *Karbal Cohen Economou Silk & Dunne LLC*, Chicago, IL

**Dennis J. Quinn**, *Carr Maloney PC*, Washington, DC

#### 1:35 p.m. Adjourn

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<sup>66</sup> It was an excellent place to learn new topics in professional liability matters and to meet my nationwide defense panel.<sup>33</sup>

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