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Suggested Reading List

George Lavin, Jr. & Chilton Varner, *Silent Advocacy: A Practical Primer for the Trial Attorney* (2006)

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