



Maximizing Expert Witnesses: Best Strategies and Practices for Selecting, Using, Challenging, and Defending Expert Witnesses

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Program Agenda*



September 28, 2017			
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Registration		
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Enter the Experts: Tips and Tools for Identifying Effective Expert Witness		
	Finding an effective expert witness is hard. Even with an unimpeachable resume and wealth of technical and industry expertise, an expert witness requires a unique set of skills. This panel will discuss necessary considerations, and potential pitfalls, involved in selecting an effective expert witness.		
	Moderator: Matt C. Acosta, Jackson Walker L.L.P., Dallas, TX		
	Panelists: David Drews CLP, IP Metrics, San Diego, CA, Stephen Gray, Gray Yorg, San Diego, CA, Nancy A. Del Pizzo, Rivkin Radler, New York, NY, Erin Mehta, Hulu, Los Angeles, CA		
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break		
	Experts and Attorneys Working Together to Resolve Cases Before Trial		
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Best practices to incorporate your expert into your settlement team, and how best to use that expert in mediation or settlement negotiations. The practical implications of involving your expert in settlement discussions, including preserving the confidentiality of settlement discussions. Drafting expert reports that increase the chance of settlement. Practical tips for using expert testimony in summary judgment motions, motions in limine, and other pretrial proceedings and motions.		
	Moderator: Michael LeBoff, Klein & Wilson, Newport Beach, CA		
	Panelists: Mark A. Neubauer, Carlton Fields, Los Angeles, CA, Hon. Michelle R. Rosenblatt (Ret.), ADR Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA, Sonya Kwon, Navigant, Los Angeles, CA		
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break		
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Effective Presentation of Your Technical/Scientific Expert at Trial		
	Tips for working with expert witnesses at trial, focusing on the effective presentation of complex technical or scientific expert testimony to the trier of fact. How to prevent important technical testimony from getting lost in translation. How to break down complex issues and highlight takeaways for jurors, including through use of demonstratives. Tips for effective direct, cross, and redirect examinations on technical subjects.		
	Moderator: Blanca Young, Munger Tolles & Olson, LLP, San Francisco, CA		
	Panelists: Ted Dane , Munger Tolles & Olson, LLP, Los Angeles, CA, G. Christopher Ritter , The Focal Point, Oakland, CA, Professor Alan Smith , U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA		
4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Reception		

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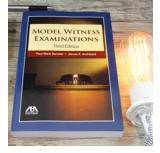
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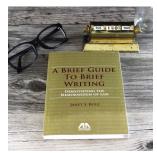
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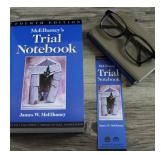
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