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Wednesday
April 10, 2019
1:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Preceding DRI's Construction Law Seminar | Las Vegas, NV

Examination of the Expert at Trial



Successful trial attorneys know that a properly prepared or cross-examined expert witness can decide a construction case. The DRI Litigation Skills Committee is excited to present DRI's new Litigation Skills Workshop designed to provide attendees with the tools necessary to shape the expert's preparation and to cross examine opposing experts at trial. One-on-one and small group

exercises will assure that you are ready to defend your client at this crucial stage of the trial. Act now to make a significant investment in your career. *Space is limited and spots will go fast!* Seminar attendees pay only \$300 (\$475 to attend only the workshop). See additional details on the Construction Law Seminar registration page.

Register for the seminar and workshop at <http://bit.ly/2SHtTVK>

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to practice techniques with highly skilled trial attorneys.

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12:30 p.m.	Registration	2:45 p.m.	Taking it All In Discuss the small group exercise, ask additional questions and hear from the instructors about techniques that they use in every day practice while preparing their expert witnesses.
1:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction		
1:05 p.m.	How to Prepare your Expert Witness for Cross-Examination at Trial What will opposing counsel attempt to gain from your expert and what are expected impeachment areas?	2:55 p.m.	It's Time to Cross Examine the Expert Instructors will walk you through the fact scenarios, discuss the themes and issues to be gained from the expert's Cross Examination.
1:25 p.m.	Preparing Your Cross-Examination of the Opposing Expert You will be walked through the key issues in preparing your cross-examination of the expert for trial, including the focus of your case, the issues you can force the expert to concede, and objections you can expect from counsel for the other side.	3:15 p.m.	What's this Really Going to Look Like? Instructors will walk you through a mock cross examination, pointing out the key themes, order of questions and other issues that you will need to be prepared to take and defend these depositions.
1:45 p.m.	Watch and Learn Observe seasoned trial attorneys prepare an actual expert witness for an upcoming trial presentation, including tips and tricks to test the witness and assure their success during trial.	3:30 p.m.	Putting it all Together Each attendee will have the opportunity to cross examine an actual expert prepared by another small group, while instructors watch the events and provide real-time suggestions and feedback. In addition, you will have the chance to watch others examine experts on the same topics, to see how they might address the same issues.
2:00 p.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.	5:00 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 cross-examination.
2:30 p.m.	Refreshment Break	5:30 p.m.	Adjourn

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