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LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

Wednesday,
March 20, 2019
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Preceding DRI's Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar | Nashville, TN

Advanced Strategies for Cross-Examination of the Life Care Planner



Experienced trial attorneys know that plaintiffs rely heavily upon their life care planners to increase their verdicts. This unique, interactive half-day session will provide tips and techniques to effectively confront these professional witnesses. Together with the Litigation Skills Committee (formerly “Trial Tactics”), we are excited to offer DRI's first Medical Liability and Health Law Litigation Skills Workshop. Participants in this program will receive practical tips for challenging a life care report and have the opportunity to practice cross-examination of an expert life care planner in small groups with faculty of highly skilled trial attorneys. One-on-one and focused group exercises will enhance skills and prepare participants to tackle these critical witnesses. Space is limited to 30 attendees and spots will go fast! Seminar attendees pay only \$300 (\$475 to attend only the workshop). See additional details on the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar registration page.

Register for the seminar and workshop at <http://bit.ly/2KBknR9>

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

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<p>12:30 p.m. Registration</p>		
<p>1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions</p>		
<p>1:05 p.m. The Life Care Planner Review and Update Understand how life care planners are used, mis-used, and misunderstood and a brief review of several key case developments that affect how to effectively confront or present these witnesses.</p>	<p>3:05 p.m. It’s Time to Take the Deposition Instructors will walk you through the fact scenarios, discuss the themes and issues to be gained from the deposition and the art of taking a life care planner witness.</p>	
<p>1:45 p.m. Preparing for the Life Care Planner Deposition You will be walked through important issues in preparing for the life care planner’s deposition, including the necessary factual ground work, case investigation, and the key issues counsel will need to understand prior to going on the record.</p>	<p>3:15 p.m. What’s This Really Going to Look Like? Instructors will walk you through a mock life care planner deposition, pointing out several key themes to consider, order of questions and how to use demonstrative exhibits and other materials to examine the life care planner witness. This session will include interactive tips on how to handle some of the common dodges that some life care planners like to use. Similarly, hear how to prepare a legitimate life care planner not to fall prey to the plaintiff counsel’s favorite cross-examination tricks.</p>	
<p>2:00 p.m. Watch and Learn Observe seasoned attorneys review and use demonstrative exhibits and other evidence that can be extremely useful when examining a life care planner witness. Similarly, hear how to prepare similar exhibits to assist a legitimate life care planner present their plan.</p>	<p>3:40 p.m. Putting It All Together Each attendee will have the opportunity to practice some of the relevant depositions strategies in small groups, while instructors watch the events and provide real-time suggestions and feedback. In addition, you will have the chance to watch others take and defend the same deposition, to see how they might address these important issues.</p>	
<p>2:15 p.m. Now It’s Your Turn In a small group setting and with the assistance and oversight of your instructors, you will review several actual life care plan reports and supporting information, and prepare strategies on how to analyze the issues raised. Obtain feedback regarding the process and your techniques.</p>		
<p>2:45 p.m. Refreshment Break</p>	<p>4:40 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 examinations of the life care planner.</p>	
<p>2:55 p.m. Taking It All In Discuss the small group exercise, ask additional questions and hear from the instructors about</p>		
	<p>5:15 p.m. Adjourn</p>	

Speakers

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Additional Clinical Faculty drawn from the DRI Medical Liability Committee Leadership will be supporting these sessions.

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