

2012 Trial Themes



January

Law Office Technology

- Keep law office data secure
- Watch your online reputation
- Pros and cons of cloud computing
- Bridge the technology generation gap
- Stay on top of the e-discovery process

Space closing/Classified deadline: 11/14/2011
Artwork due: 11/21/2011

February

Transportation

- Deal with misperceptions in rear-impact collisions
- Common challenges in cruise ship cases
- The nuts and bolts of a dram shop case
- Fight preemption in design defect claims
- The ins and outs of a bicycle case

Space closing/Classified deadline: 12/12/2011
Artwork due: 12/19/2011

March

Countdown to Trial

- How to build a healthy client relationship
- Focus groups: an essential trial preparation tool
- Avoid deposition disasters
- The paralegal's pretrial role

Space closing/Classified deadline: 1/12/2012
Artwork due: 1/19/2012

April

Damages

- What to look for in jury selection
- Reduce liens to maximize recovery
- Elements of a compelling settlement brochure
- Cope with caps on damages
- Make your damages case to the insurance adjuster

Space closing/Classified deadline: 2/15/2012
Artwork due: 2/22/2012



May

Medical Negligence

- Induced-labor birth injuries
- Use clinical trials to your advantage
- Failure to diagnose breast cancer: the lost chance at life
- Fight the reasonable explanation defense (in misdiagnosis cases)
- Liability of nurse practitioners

Space closing/Classified deadline: 3/14/2012
Artwork due: 3/21/2012

June

Drugs and Devices

- Use the FDA's stepped-up enforcement actions in court
- The growing problem of off-label drug use
- How the FDA's 510(k) system fails consumers
- An update on Zimmer knee implant litigation
- Generic drug litigation after *Mensing*

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Artwork due: 4/20/2012

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July

Ethics and Professionalism

- E-mail and attorney ethics: what you need to know
- Resources to help answer your most pressing ethics questions
- How trial lawyers are giving back and building their professional reputations
- Professionalism and your online presence

Space closing/Classified deadline: 5/11/2012
Artwork due: 5/18/2012

August

Recreational Torts

- Cruise ship liability
- Beat the assumption-of-risk defense
- Inadequate security: Finding evidence of prior incidents
- When your client was injured abroad (jurisdiction issues)
- Defeat that liability release

Space closing/Classified deadline: 6/12/2012
Artwork due: 6/22/2012

September

Science and the Law

- The battle over junk science
- Presenting scientific evidence to juries
- Understand clinical testing/misuse of clinical trials
- Lies, damn lies, and statistics
- Is that medical literature reliable?

Space closing/Classified deadline: 7/13/2012
Artwork due: 7/20/2012

October

Representing the Elderly

- Fighting fraud on the elderly
- Discovery abuse in nursing home cases
- Family feuds: Protecting your client's interests
- Fighting arbitration clauses in nursing home cases
- End-of-life decision-making

Space closing/Classified deadline: 8/13/2012
Artwork due: 8/20/2012

November

Products Liability

- *Daubert*-proofing your experts
- Is our food safe?
- What the new cell phone science means for litigation
- Getting the foreign manufacturer to court
- The future of asbestos litigation

Space closing/Classified deadline: 9/12/2012
Artwork due: 9/19/2012

December

Battling Tort Reform

- In the trenches: a state legislative roundup
- Overcoming jurors' antiplaintiff bias
- Spreading the pro-civil-justice message in your community/legislature
- Why we need a strong civil justice system
- The medical error epidemic

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