

2010 TRIAL Themes



January

Reinventing Your Practice (Law Office Management)

- How to make do with less
- Symposium: How I survived the economic downturn
- New opportunities in new practice areas
- Money-saving technology tips
- Is your malpractice insurance up to date?
- Go solo and survive

Space closing/Classified deadline: 11/17/09
Artwork due: 11/20/09

February

Trains, Planes, and Automobiles

- Cruise ship liability (with sidebar on efforts to limit DOHSA)
- Menace on the road: Trucking cases
- Handling the medevac helicopter claim
- Representing victims of transportation security abuses
- Liability for poorly trained pilots
- The auto giants, bankruptcy, and your client's recovery
- The roof crush injury case

Space closing/Classified deadline: 12/17/09
Artwork due: 12/22/09

March

Pleading and Discovery

- Rules at risk: Preview of the Federal Rules Committee conference in May 2010
- An electronic discovery checklist
- Beat that summary judgment motion/motion to dismiss
- Prove spoliation of evidence
- Strategies for avoiding removal to federal court
- Framing interrogatories for the best results
- Witness prep for deposition

Space closing/Classified deadline: 1/15/10
Artwork due: 1/21/10



April

Lines of Communication

- Powerful openings and closings
- Effective cross-examination techniques
- Persuasive visual presentations
- Connecting with jurors
- Are your electronic communications discoverable?
- Body language in the courtroom
- Communication tips for enhancing damages

Space closing/Classified deadline: 2/17/10
Artwork due: 2/24/10

May

Medical Negligence

- What health care reform means for med-mal cases
- Outpatient surgery centers—who's responsible for the patient?

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- Is electronic recordkeeping the new standard of care?
- Liability for negligently performed colonoscopy
- Savvy case evaluation
- Claims for failure to follow patients' advance directives
- The war on medical expert witnesses

Space closing/Classified deadline: 3/17/10
Artwork due: 3/24/10

June

Drugs and Devices

- Uncovering evidence of deceitful marketing practices
- When doctors behave badly (ghostwriting, pharma junkets)
- How to find and use the appropriate federal regulations
- Confessions of a former drug rep
- Drug company abuse of the patent system
- Update on hormone therapy litigation
- Opening the books on clinical trials

Space closing/Classified deadline: 4/16/10
Artwork due: 4/23/10

July

The Main Street Lawyer

- Representing the franchisee
- Building an elder law practice
- The fight for veterans on the home front
- Discovery in police misconduct cases
- When students stand up for their rights
- Helping victims of predatory lending

Space closing/Classified deadline: 5/14/10
Artwork due: 5/21/10

August

The Next Wave in Employment Law

- Does my client have a wage-and-hour claim?
- When a client's pension goes up in smoke
- Overcoming defenses in the whistleblower case
- Was it a "stealth" layoff? (masking employment discrimination with layoffs)
- What you need to know about the new ADA
- Overview of developments in age bias litigation

Space closing/Classified deadline: 6/15/10
Artwork due: 6/25/10

September

Cyberspace and the Law

- How has the Internet affected juror behavior?
- Have we no privacy?
- The two faces of Facebook (discovery issues raised by social networking sites)
- Building a better blog
- Exactly where is that Web site? (jurisdiction issues)
- Working with an e-discovery expert
- Online information-gathering for voir dire

Space closing/Classified deadline: 7/16/10
Artwork due: 7/23/10

October

New Horizons in the Law (Emerging Practice Areas)

- Building a bankruptcy practice
- The ABCs of immigration law
- The coming securities wave
- Criminal defense basics for tort lawyers
- Foreclosure litigation
- Funeral home/cemetery liability

Space closing/Classified deadline: 8/16/10
Artwork due: 8/23/10

November

Products Liability

- Tasers on trial
- Eat, drink, and be wary (tainted food)
- Update on vaccine litigation
- Suing foreign manufacturers for defective products
- Inside the defective drywall case
- Handling the air bag defect case

Space closing/Classified deadline: 9/15/10
Artwork due: 9/22/10

December

Negotiation and Settlement

- The perfect demand package
- Honing your negotiation skills
- Everything you ever wanted to know about liens (ERISA, Medicare)
- Avoiding structured settlement snafus
- Symposium: How I settled the "impossible" case
- Can a focus group help?

Space closing/Classified deadline: 10/15/10
Artwork due: 10/22/10