California Trial Evidence

October 21, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Why You Should Attend

Mastering the complexities of California evidence often can be the difference between winning and losing at trial. Recent case law and statutory developments in the law of evidence render this mastery critical in modern litigation and trials. This program is designed to give you the most up-to-date information on California evidence standards. The panelists represent top-flight trial attorneys and judges who will provide winning strategies for your practices.

What You Will Learn

Our expert faculty will lead you through the most pertinent and tricky trial evidence topics such as admissibility of electronic documents and social media, winning with demonstratives, overcoming obstacles to admissibility and serving more than as potted plants when making winning objections at trial. And our judges will teach how to frame or avoid trials by winning the evidence game on motions and at mediation.

Who Should Attend

Civil and criminal trial attorneys who want to hone their evidence skills and stay on top of recent developments in the field should attend. This program will be highly valuable for newer attorneys trying their first few trials as well as for experienced courtroom advocates who will stay abreast of recent developments. Plan to attend just for the invaluable tips from our experienced faculty.

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Program Schedule

9:00

Program Overview and Introductions James M. Wagstaffe

9:15

Handling Objections at Depositions and Trials

- Lawyers as Non-Potted Plants
- The Exceptional Exceptions and Privilege
- Civility and the Opposing Counsel
- The To-Die-For Objection Checklist
- Waiver and Preserving the Record

Martin P. Moroski, Honorable James Ware

10:15

Effectively Using Demonstrative Evidence

- Graphic illustrations and Photographs
- Animations
- Foundation for Scientific Evidence
- Visual Recordings
- Jury Views

Thomas B. Mayhew, Shannon M. Nessier

11:15

Networking Break

11:30

Evidence in a Facebook World: Social Media and Electronic Documents

- Authenticating social media and email evidence
- Ethical considerations in electronic discovery and spoliation
- ESI from mobile phones
- Tactics
- Updates

Honorable Stephen D. Kaus, Ivo Labar

12:30

Lunch

1:45

Overcoming Obstacles to Admissibility

- Laying the Foundation
- Hot Topics in Hearsay
- Ruling the Relevance Roost
- Short Cuts to Authentication
- Doctrine of Chances and Prior Bad Acts

Honorable Jacqueline Scott Corley, Robin G. Workman

2:45

Evidence as Part of Motion Practice

- In Limine Motions
- Motions Like Trials: Authentication, Foundation and Hearsay
- Meaningful Objections
- Experts on Paper and Beyond
- Just the Facts: anti-SLAPP, MSJ and Injunctions

Thomas R. Burke, James M. Wagstaffe

3:45

Networking Break

4:00

Judicial Arbitration, Settlement and Evidence

- Confidentiality, Privilege and Later Use
- Joint Session "Evidence"
- ADR Rules of Evidence
- Telling and Listening to Factual Storyteller

Honorable William J. Cahill, James M. Wagstaffe

5:00

Adjourn

Faculty

Chairperson

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