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Whether you have taken many depositions or only a few, knowing how and what to ask can pave the way for winning dispositive motions, productive settlement negotiations, and even voluntary dismissals.

Advance Online **Preparation Required**

Come ready to participate in the training by completing online preparation. Spend 2-4 hours viewing video demonstrations, reviewing the case file, and preparing for cross-examining the plaintiff and defendant in depositions.

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Agenda

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

8:30am

Welcome, Inspiration, and Group Discussions

In small groups, discuss the key areas you intend to explore for each Day 1 witness and put the finishing touches on your prepared cross-examination questions.

9:10am

Taking and Defending a Lay Witness Deposition: Plaintiff (Hands-On Exercise)

Go on the record with a court reporter to cross-examine and observe others cross-examining the plaintiff Laura McCarthy.

10:50am

Taking and Defending a Lay Witness Deposition: Plaintiff—Continued (Hands-On Exercise)

11:30am

Networking Lunch on Premises

12:30pm

Mini-Lecture and Demo: Deposing the Expert Witness

Explore the planning required and techniques used and what strategies work and why in an expert witness deposition.

1:25pm

Taking and Defending a Fact Witness Deposition (Hands-On Exercise)

Go on the record with a court reporter to cross-examine and observe others cross-examining fact witness Eleanor Lambert.

3:05pm

Taking and Defending a Lay Witness Deposition: Defendant (Hands-On Exercise)

Go on the record with a court reporter to cross-examine and observe others cross-examining the defendant Paul Krause.

5:10pm

Mini-Lecture: Lay Versus Expert Witnesses

Explore the key differences between taking the deposition of a fact and an expert witness, including the goals of the deposition and expert witness qualifications.

5:30pm

Networking Reception

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

8:30am

Mini-Lecture: Defending the Deposition

Identify the main objections used in defending a deposition and how and when to use them.

8:45am

Faculty Demonstration and Analysis: Deposing the Defendant and Defending the Deposition

Observe our expert faculty as they take a turn at deposing the defendant and defending the deposition. Compare your tactics and lines of questioning to theirs to help you identify your greatest strengths and growth opportunities.

9:30am

Taking and Defending an Expert Witness Deposition: Economic Loss (Hands-On Exercise)

Go on the record with a court reporter to cross-examine and observe others cross-examining the expert economist witness.

10:55am

Taking and Defending an Expert Witness Deposition: Economic Loss—Continued (Hands-On Exercise)

12:40pm

Networking Lunch on Premises

1:40pm

Mini-Lecture: Preparing the Witness for Deposition

A successful deposition happens only when the lawyer and the witness are prepared. Explain the law, the process, and what to expect to alleviate anxiety and improve the outcome.

2:10pm

How to Deal with Common Deposition Ethics Challenges

Through an interactive discussion, anticipate, avoid, and manage common ethical dilemmas in depositions.

3:15pm

Taking and Defending an Expert Witness Deposition: Emotional Distress (Hands-On Exercise)

Go on the record with a court reporter to cross-examine and observe others cross-examining the medical expert.

Thanks to Huron Reporting Service and Hanson Renaissance Court Reporters & Video for graciously providing the court reporters for this workshop for both the online preparation recording and for their service during the live event.

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MAY 2-3, 2016 The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth

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