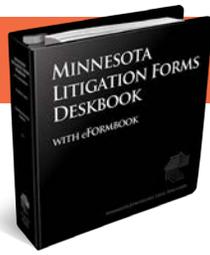


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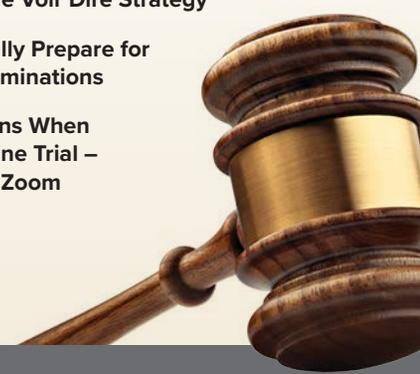
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9:00 – 9:05 a.m.
Welcome & Announcements

- Archana Nath, Course Chair
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9:05 – 9:45 a.m.
Preparing for Trial – Trial Prep Logistics for Getting Started, Preparing Your Team and Making Your Plans

Learn how to start and continue your preparations for trial, including creating your drive sheet and trial notebook, using your trial team, planning trial tasks, preparing evidence, and using technology to your advantage.

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9:45 – 10:15 a.m.
Developing Your Case Theme

Learn the importance of developing a case theme or theory. This session will show you how to promote your theme using evidence (witnesses and exhibits), demonstratives, motions, and opening and closing arguments. Also, learn how to defend your theme against attacks from the opposition.

- Faris A. Rashid
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10:15 – 10:25 a.m. BREAK

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Preparing Your Opening and Closing Arguments – How to Strengthen Your Credibility with the Judge and the Jury

Preparing your opening and closing arguments in advance provides a roadmap to follow for the trial. This session will provide helpful advice and tips to help you strengthen your credibility and deliver winning arguments.

- Nathan H. Bjerke
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- Kathy S. Kimmel
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- Judge John R. Tunheim
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11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Preparing an Effective Voir Dire Strategy – What You Should Never Ask

Learn what you must ask, what you should ask and what you should never ask. This session will provide best practices and tips for preparing for an effective voir dire. Also, we'll have a brief discussion regarding jury instructions and special verdict forms.

- Bryce M. Miller
Collins, Buckley, Saunty & Haugh, PLLP; Saint Paul

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.
Preparing Your Evidence and Pre-Trial Motions – How to Focus Your Motion Responses to Best Educate the Court

Learn how to choose the right exhibits and create effective demonstratives. Also, this session will provide tips and best practices for bringing and defending motions in limine with a focus on objectives, topics, uses and pitfalls.

- Elizabeth (Lisa) C. Henry
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2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Preparing the Witness to Present Their Best Case at Trial

Learn how to focus on important issues and favorably impress the judge or jury. How to deal with strong versus weak witnesses. How to get them to tell the story you are looking for and how to prepare to defend against opposing counsel's attacks. Also, learn some key tips for working with experts.

- Randall E. Kahnke
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP; Minneapolis
- Cicely R. Miltich
Lathrop GPM LLP; Minneapolis

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
10 Keys to Successfully Prepare for Direct and Cross Examinations

You have prepped your trial witnesses, and now you must develop your strategy for examining your witnesses and the opposition's witnesses at trial. This session will provide tips for preparing an effective direct and cross examination strategy. We will also discuss special considerations when examining expert witnesses and best practices for handling difficult witnesses. Further, learn important tips on court decorum by attorneys, their clients, and witnesses during trial.

- Judge Mark R. Ireland
Second Judicial District; Saint Paul
- Judge Sophia Y. Vuelo
Second Judicial District; Saint Paul

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.
Special Considerations When Preparing for an Online Trial – Perfecting the Art of Zoom Litigation

Because of its convenience and access, litigating by Zoom is most likely here to stay, at least in some form. However, litigating on Zoom is different than in person. Learn practical tips and best practices to become more comfortable and familiar with the process and to ensure that your next initial hearing, deposition, motion hearing, mediation, or trial is productive and effective.

- Casey D. Marshall
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