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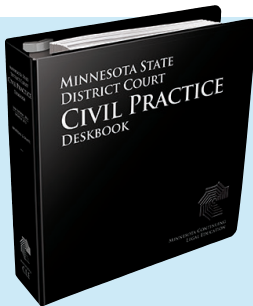
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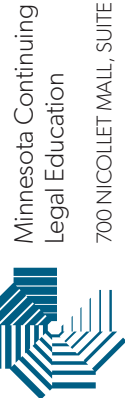
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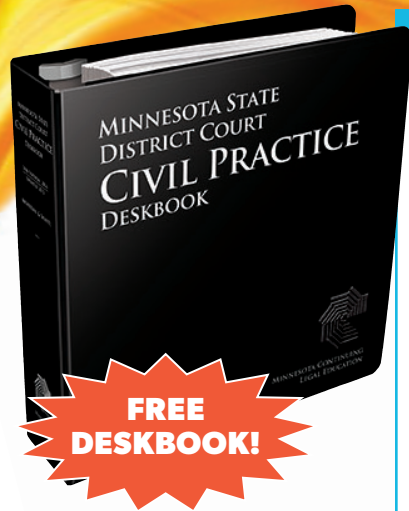
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# THE SEMINAR

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.  
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

9:05 – 9:50 a.m.  
**The Big Picture – A 50,000 Foot View of a Civil Case in Minnesota State Court**

- How a typical case proceeds from start to finish
- How to stay focused on the big picture throughout the case
- How does your client fit into this big picture?
- How to level the playing field when the opposing counsel is more experienced
- How does AI fit into all of the above?

– *Kendra E. Olson*

9:50 – 10:35 a.m.  
**Pleadings – How to Manage the Rules, Keep Track of the Timelines & Tell Your Client’s Story**

- What the rules require regarding content, form, signing, service and filing, and timing of pleadings
- Tips for using a complaint or an answer as an effective tool to tell the court your client’s story

– *Wilbur W. Fluegel*

10:35 – 10:45 a.m.  
BREAK

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
**Disclosures Under Minnesota Rule of Civil Procedure 26.01**

- What information do the rules require to be disclosed?
  - When must disclosures take place?
  - What format must disclosures follow?
- *Brandie Morgenroth*  
– *Leah Kippola-Friske*

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.  
**Written Discovery – How to Make Informed, Strategic Discovery Requests and Responses**

- How to draft effective requests that are targeted to your discovery plan and that comply with timing, form, and scope requirements
- How to respond to discovery requests, including permissible objections
- When to seek a protective order
- What happens when there’s a discovery dispute

– *Gregory J. Duncan*

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**Depositions – How to Make the Most of Depositions**

- Tips and strategies in preparing for and conducting fact and expert depositions
- Tips for preparing your clients and third-party witnesses
- Tips for dealing with hostile witnesses and/or opposing counsel
- Tips for handling privilege issues
- Proper and improper objections

– *Kendra E. Olson*

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  
LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.  
**Trial – Preparation, Strategies, and More**

- Tips and strategies to be ready for the trial
- Tips for preparing your clients and third-party witnesses
- Tips for dealing with hostile witnesses and/or opposing counsel

– *Bryce M. Miller*

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Motions – Key Rules, Strategy, and Practical Considerations**

- Procedural requirements
- Strategic and practical considerations
- Oral argument technique

– *Kelly C. Engebretson*  
– *Matthew P. Kostolinik*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
BREAK

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Mediation – Framework, Setting Expectations & Potential Resolution**

- What to expect and what to tell your client to expect
- How mediators are selected
- Who is responsible for paying the mediator
- What information should you share with the mediator
- What happens if the dispute is resolved at mediation

– *Justice James H. Gilbert*  
– *Judge Phillip Carruthers*

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.  
**Ethical Considerations in Civil Cases**  
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- Common pitfalls and how to avoid them

– *Karin Ciano*

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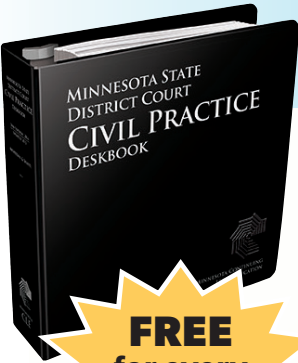
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*Editor: Judge Laura Moehrle, Ken D. Schueler & Julian C. Zebot*

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