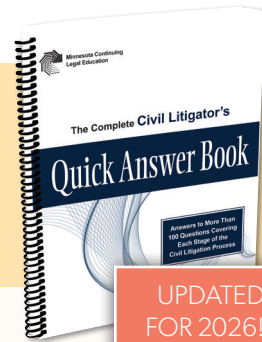


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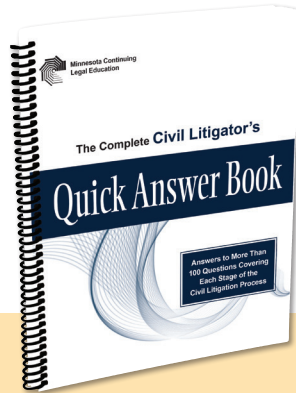
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8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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

9:05 – 9:35 a.m.
Commencing an Action

- What should I consider if I want to initiate a lawsuit?
 - What must my complaint include to survive a motion to dismiss?
 - When is an amendment to a complaint allowed?
 - And more!
- Michael P. McBride
Bibeane Metsch-Garcia

9:35 – 10:05 a.m.
Responding to a Complaint

- What is required for pleading affirmative defenses to a complaint?
 - When should I consider bringing a motion to dismiss a complaint?
 - When are jurisdictional motions appropriate in response to a complaint?
 - And more!
- Thomas J. Radio
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10:05 – 10:40 a.m.
Class Actions and Multi-District Litigations (MDLs)

- What is the difference between a class action and an MDL?
 - What role does early motion practice play in class actions and MDLs?
 - How do discovery and settlement strategy vary between them?
 - And more!
- Shawn M. Raiter
Genevieve M. Zimmerman

10:40 – 10:55 a.m.
BREAK

10:55 – 11:30 a.m.
Fact Discovery

- When suit is commenced, what is my client required to do to preserve electronic and other evidence?
 - What should my objectives be for written discovery?
 - How do I most effectively prepare my client to be deposed?
 - And more!
- Tracey Holmes Donesky

11:30 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Working with Experts

- How do you go about finding and retaining a qualified expert?
 - What part of the expert's file is subject to discovery?
 - How can you best prepare your expert to withstand a *Frye-Mack* or *Daubert* challenge?
 - And more!
- Kathleen K. Curtis
Margaret R.S. Hagen
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12:05 – 12:40 p.m.

Dispositive Motions and Other Pre-Trial Motions

- When should I consider bringing a summary judgment motion for a plaintiff or a defendant?
 - What should I seek to accomplish through motions *in limine*?
 - What other kinds of pre-trial motions should I consider?
 - And more!
- Theresa M. Bevilacqua
Mark R. Bradford

12:40 – 1:20 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)

1:20 – 1:50 p.m.
Settlement

- When should I make a Rule 68 offer of settlement or judgment?
 - How do *Pierringer*, *Naig* and reverse-*Naig* settlements work?
 - What makes for an effective settlement and release agreement?
 - And more!
- Kathy S. Kimmel
Richard C. Scattergood

1:50 – 2:25 p.m.

Trial: Part I

- What are some ways to develop rapport with potential jurors?
 - What should my objectives be for an effective opening?
 - What can I reasonably expect to accomplish in my closing?
 - And more!
- Nathan H. Bjerke
Todd Wind

2:25 – 3:00 p.m.

Trial: Part II

- What are the steps for laying proper foundation for witness testimony during trial?
 - How do you, and when should you, impeach a witness and refresh a witness's recollection?
 - How should evidence and objections be handled in a court trial versus a jury trial?
 - And more!
- Janel M. Dressen
Samuel L. Walling

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

BREAK

3:15 – 3:50 p.m.

Damages and Other Remedies

- How are compensatory damages calculated, and what factors are considered in determining the amount?
 - When can punitive damages be awarded, and what is the standard for their assessment?
 - What equitable remedies and injunctive relief are available, and in what situations are they appropriate?
 - And more!
- Nathan J. Ebnert

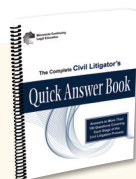
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Post-Trial Proceedings

- What are the most important steps to take before and during trial to preserve my ability to appeal evidentiary issues post-trial?
 - Can I still appeal if I don't bring any post-trial motions?
 - My client has a judgment in their favor. Can I enforce it immediately?
 - And more!
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