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- Join friends and colleagues for Seminar Madness in Las Vegas!
- Tips and strategies for effective appellate briefs and oral arguments
- Insights from Bryan Garner on the interpretation of legal texts
- Experienced appellate practitioners, in-house, and judges from across the country
- Joint sessions and networking opportunities with the DRI Trial Tactics Committee



March 14-15, 2018

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At the **DRI Appellate Advocacy Seminar**, experienced appellate practitioners, in-house counsel, and occasional appellate advocates alike will benefit from a distinguished faculty of judges, in-house counsel, and leading practitioners providing valuable insights into effective appellate advocacy. The live oral argument and writing sessions will provide concrete strategies and techniques for improving persuasiveness on appeal. The program also features Bryan Garner and his insights into making winning arguments about the interpretation of legal texts. Other speakers will address important topics, such as appeals in state courts, building an appellate practice, and positioning a case for successful resolution on appeal. For the first time, the seminar also will feature joint sessions and networking opportunities with the DRI Trial Tactics Seminar attendees, including complimentary attendance at additional sessions sponsored by DRI Trial Tactics Committee.



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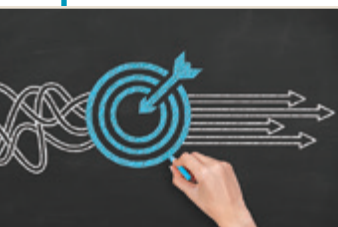
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What You Will Learn








- Gain valuable insights from judges and experienced practitioners on effective appellate advocacy, including specific writing techniques and strategies for oral argument preparation.
- Join Bryan Garner to enhance arguments about the proper interpretation of legal texts.
- Learn strategies for framing issues and positioning a case for positive resolution on appeal.
- Glean practical knowledge from experienced appellate and trial practitioners, in-house counsel, and state and federal judges from across the country, during multiple networking opportunities.

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See page 4 or download the **Trial Tactics Seminar brochure** now at dri.org.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

DRI FOR LIFE

Arrive early and join colleagues from the Appellate Advocacy Committee and Trial Tactics Committee for one of these activities.

7:00 a.m. **Golf Scramble at Las Vegas National Golf Club**

Join friends for a golf scramble at Las Vegas National Golf Club, a classic, 18-hole championship golf course, located less than 10 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. To sign up or for more details, please contact Jack Burden at jburden@backuslaw.com.

9:00 a.m. **Hiking Las Vegas**

Enjoy the natural wonders near Las Vegas with a beautiful hike not far from the Las Vegas Strip. To sign up or for more details, please contact Sara Kobak at skobak@schwabe.com.

2:00 p.m. **Registration**

3:00 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mary Re Knack, *Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC*, Seattle, WA

Sara Kobak, *Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC*, Portland, OR

3:15 p.m. **The Economics of Appellate Practice: Surviving, and Hopefully Thriving, as an Appellate Litigator**

How can appellate specialists persuade law firm managers, colleagues, and clients that it makes economic sense to team with trial counsel when a case goes on appeal, and sometimes while a case is being tried? Appellate litigators with differing perspectives will discuss topics such as internal and external marketing, alternative fee arrangements, and cost-effective staffing and competing for appeals and amicus briefs.

MODERATOR | **Lawrence S. Ebner**, *Capital Appellate Advocacy PLLC*, Washington, DC

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4:15 p.m. **Legal Ethics in the Digital Age**

Data breaches are on the rise, affecting law firms and legal departments of all sizes. Whether ransomware, sophisticated cyberattack, data theft or loss, lawyers bear responsibility for their clients' confidential information. This presentation covers what attorneys need to know about the applicable legal and ethical requirements and how to comply with them. The presentation also identifies privacy and security risks in law practice and offers practical tips on how to address them.

MODERATOR | **Adam M. Koss**, *Law Office of Adam Koss*, San Francisco, CA

Simone McCormick, *CIPP (US)*, *Selman Breitman LLP*, Portland, OR

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

5:20 p.m. **Appellate Advocacy Committee Meeting**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends from the Appellate Advocacy Committee at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**

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8:15 a.m. **The State of State Appellate Courts**

State appellate courts follow a number of different approaches in deciding cases and issuing opinions. This presentation looks at the challenges that state appellate courts face in conducting their reviews and making their decisions and offers observations on “best practices” that can be utilized.

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John P. Doerner, *National Center for State Courts*, Denver, CO

The Honorable Eliot D. Prescott, *Connecticut Court of Appeals*, Hartford, CT

9:15 a.m. **Reading Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts with Bryan Garner**

Most litigation today involves the interpretation of documents. In their book, *Reading Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts*, the preeminent exponent of textualism in the world, the late Justice Antonin Scalia and Professor Garner, the foremost expert on legal language and legal lexicography, teamed up to explain the history and modern application of the canons. This presentation is based on that book and will address how lawyers can most skillfully make sophisticated interpretive arguments, as well as how judges should rule on issues of textual interpretation.

MODERATOR | **Charles T. (Charlie) Frazier**, *Alexander DuBose Jefferson & Townsend LLP*, Dallas, TX

Bryan A. Garner, *LawProse Inc*, Dallas, TX

10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**10:30 a.m. **Appellate Writing**

This session will begin with the audience trying their hands at editing sample paragraphs from an appellate brief and continue with a critique of the writing samples by two experts in the field. Interactive CLE at its best!

Mary Beth Beazley, *UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law*, Las Vegas, NV

Mitchell C. Tilner, *Horvitz & Levy LLP*, Burbank, CA

11:15 a.m. **Preparing for Oral Argument**

Oral argument provides litigants with their only opportunity to engage directly with judges' questions that may stand between the litigant and winning on appeal. Effective preparation for an appellate oral argument is crucial to anticipating judges' questions and success on appeal. This presentation provides practical tips and insights into best practices for the preparation process and delivery of oral arguments, including how to conduct a moot effectively and addressing related financial concerns.

MODERATOR | **Matthew T. Nelson**, *Warner Norcross & Judd LLP*, Grand Rapids, MI

 **Thomas R. Jayne**, *BNSF Railway Company*, Fort Worth, TX

12:00 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**12:00 p.m. **Diversity and Women in the Law Luncheon**

To sign up or for more information, please contact Teresa M. Young at tyoung@bjpc.com.

■ JOINT AFTERNOON SESSION WITH TRIAL TACTICS COMMITTEE

1:30 p.m. **Handling the Big Case: Lessons Learned from Flight 3407**

The last major commercial aviation disaster in the United States occurred in Buffalo, New York, in 2009. Hear from defense counsel in this matter as he discusses how his team managed the media attention associated with this localized catastrophe, including the pretrial publicity and community impact, and how media coverage influenced defense strategy. He will also explain the defense team's focus on preserving errors for appeal and the reasoning behind those decisions.

John P. (Jack) Freedenberg, *CFEI, Goldberg Segalla LLP*, Buffalo, NY

2:30 p.m. **Positioning a Case for Appeal**

Success on appeal often depends on the record from the proceedings in the trial court. Learn tips and strategies for framing issues, preserving claims of error, and positioning a case for a

■ **JOINT AFTERNOON SESSION**, *continued*

positive resolution on appeal, whether you are the appellant or the respondent.

MODERATOR | **Melinda S. Kollross**,
Clausen Miller PC, Chicago, IL

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Teresa M. Young, *Brown & James PC*,
Saint Louis, MO

3:30 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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3:45 p.m. **Mock Appellate Argument:
Sports-Gambling Case**

A panel of judges will preside over a mock oral argument, performed by exceptional practitioners, in a case on review before the Supreme Court of the United States that challenges the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, a federal law banning states from authorizing sports gambling in all but a handful of “grandfathered” states, such as Nevada.

MODERATOR | **Sarah Elizabeth Spencer**,
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The Honorable Kristina Pickering,
Nevada Supreme Court, Las Vegas, NV

The Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson, *US Court
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5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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CLE credit.*

8:10 a.m. **Mock Voir Dire: Wrongful Death Case**

Two seasoned litigators will conduct a mock voir dire of a panel of local jurors in a wrongful death case involving contributory negligence and product liability issues.

9:00 a.m. **Analysis of the Mock Voir Dire**

Join the interactive analysis of the mock voir dire, including a follow-up discussion with the actual jurors and questions and answers from attendees.

10:35 a.m. **Trial Ethics: Using Social Media**

This presentation will identify the ethical considerations for attorneys to consider when using social media both in the courtroom, including during voir dire, and outside the courtroom during the trial.

11:35 a.m. **Mediating Complex and
Catastrophic Cases to Resolution**

A seasoned mediator and structured-settlement broker will provide practical and creative approaches from the trenches to assist advocates in achieving resolution at mediation in a catastrophic injury case.

12:05 p.m. **Adjourn**

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- Speakers and times may be subject to last-minute changes.
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Diversity is a core value at DRI. Indeed, diversity, which includes sexual orientation, is fundamental to the success of the organization, and we seek out and embrace the innumerable benefits and contributions that the perspectives, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences a diverse membership provides.

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