

TRIAL ACADEMY

EQUAL PARTS ORDER AND DISORDER: DEVELOPING TRIAL SKILLS FOR CIVIL LITIGATORS

INTRODUCTION

- 8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:30 A.M. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
K. Nichole Nesbitt, *President*, MDC

PART ONE: ORDER AND CONTROL

- 8:45 A.M. OPENING STATEMENT
Performing an Effective Opening Statement
Craig A. Thompson, *Partner*, Venable®, LLP
- 9:15 A.M. DIRECT EXAMINATION
Performing an Effective Direct Examination of an Expert Witness
Margaret Fonshell Ward, *Partner*, Ward & Herzog
- 9:45 A.M. BREAK AND EXHIBITOR VISITS
- 10:00 A.M. BREAKOUTS
Workshop for practicing opening statements and expert direct examinations with guidance from experienced coaches

INTERLUDE

- 12:00 P.M. LUNCH
- 12:30 P.M. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
The Honorable Julie R. Rubin, *Circuit Court for Baltimore City*

PART TWO: FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY

- 1:15 P.M. CROSS EXAMINATION
Performing an Effective Cross Examination of an Expert Witness
Christopher R. Dunn, *Partner*, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis, LLP
- 1:45 P.M. CLOSING ARGUMENT
Performing an Effective Closing Argument
John T. Sly, *Partner*, Waranch & Brown, LLC
- 2:15 P.M. BREAK AND EXHIBITOR VISITS
- 2:30 P.M. BREAKOUTS
Workshop for practicing expert cross examinations and closing arguments with guidance from experienced coaches

PART THREE: BEYOND THE COURTROOM

- 4:30 P.M. USING TRIAL SKILLS EFFECTIVELY FOR MEDIATION
The Honorable Martin P. Welch, *Retired*, The McCammon Group, Ltd.
- 5:00 P.M. ADJOURN

