

A Conversation with the LEGENDS

A celebration of the American jury trial

For more than a decade, the jury trial has been declining as the principal means of dispute resolution in the United States. The reasons for this phenomenon are many, and the impact on our system of justice will be profound. Where new lawyers once had the opportunity to learn their craft at the feet of the masters and hone their skills trying cases with little or no pretrial discovery, today jury trials have become rare and expensive events.

There will always be a need for trial lawyers, whether to handle a routine slip and fall, a first degree murder or a “bet the company” IP case. In this one-of-a-kind seminar, Richard Zielinski, one of MCLE’s most expert speakers, engages in discussion with eight living legends of the trial bar. The experienced panelists give many practical tips on how to effectively try cases before juries and provide demonstrations of particularly dramatic moments from trials. They share war stories about great victories—and painful lessons learned in the courtroom. United States District Court Judge William G. Young, perhaps the greatest living lecturer on trial practice, will also share his thoughts on the phenomenon of the vanishing jury trial and deliver his famous and ever-popular lecture on trial evidence.

Trial lawyers of all ages and experience levels will pick up invaluable tips and insights born of thousands of hours in the courtroom. There simply is no other way a trial lawyer coming up through the ranks can hope to replicate this experience today.

Agenda and written materials

- ▶ How to Actually Get a Case to Trial
- ▶ What to Do During the Last 30 Days Before Trial
- ▶ How to Organize and Use a Trial Notebook
- ▶ How to Deliver an Effective Opening Statement
- ▶ How to Construct and Execute a “Killer” Cross-Examination
- ▶ How to Deal with Surprises and Setbacks in the Courtroom
- ▶ How to Effectively Use Demonstrative Evidence
- ▶ Which of the Many “Juror Innovations” Really Work
- ▶ How to Make and Oppose Trial Objections
- ▶ How to Effectively Argue Damages in Closing
- ▶ How to Craft Effective Jury Instructions and Special Verdict Forms
- ▶ How to Make a Record for Appeal

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