



73rd Melvin M. Belli Society Annual Seminar

In the Spirit of Belli: Cutting-Edge, New and Innovative Ideas for Your Cases and Your Practice.

October 9-11, 2021

The Whitley, Atlanta Buckhead
3434 Peachtree Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA 30326

Please note: While speakers have confirmed, their schedules are always subject to change.

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Arrive and check in to The Whitley, Atlanta Buckhead.

Welcome Event: 6:00pm-7:30pm

DAY 1

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Morning Session Moderator: Joe Fried, Esq., Fried Goldberg, LLC, Atlanta, GA

8:00am-8:45am: Check in for Nametags, Coffee and Visit with Sponsors.

8:50am-9:00am: Opening Remarks by Joe Fried, Esq.

9:00am-9:15am: Mastering Mediation with Mock Trial Mashups.

Eric Romano, Esq. – Romano Law Group. West Palm Beach, FL

9:15am-9:30am: Lessons from the MSU/Nassar Scandal and What is Happening with The University of Michigan/Dr. Anderson.

David Mittleman, Esq. – Grewal Law PLLC. Okemos, MI

9:30am-9:45am: Defendants Failure to Disclose Insurance Policies.

Morgan Adams, Esq. – Truck Wreck Justice, PLLC. Chattanooga, TN

- 9:45am-10:00am: Persuasion in Tractor Trailer Cases.**
Marion Munley, Esq. – Munley Law PC. Scranton, PA
- 10:00am-10:15am: Deposition Techniques to Prove Your Case Through The Defendant in Malpractice Cases.**
Adam Malone, Esq. – Malone Law Office. Atlanta, GA
- 10:15am-10:30am: Dealing with the Brain Injured Plaintiffs from the Initial Interview through Trial.**
Todd O'Malley, Esq. – O'Malley & Langan Law Offices. Scranton, PA
- 10:30am-10:45am: The Top Non-Law Books Trial Lawyers Need to Read.**
Ken Levinson, Esq. – Levinson and Stefani Injury Lawyers. Chicago, IL
- 10:45am-11:00am: Creating a Memorable and Actionable Jury Message.**
Brian Snyder, Esq. – Snyder & Wenner PC. Phoenix, AZ
- 11:00am-11:15am: Stop Wasting Opportunities to Persuade Defense Counsel and Adjusters with Your Written Demands: Don't Tell Them, Show Them!**
Robert Wagoner, Esq. – Robert J. Wagoner Co., L.L.C. Columbus, OH
- 11:15am-11:30am: Linking Liability to Damages: Arguing Harms and Takes.**
Michael Leizerman, Esq. – The Law Firm for Truck Safety. Toledo, OH
- 11:30am-11:45pm: Resolving a CRPS Case: Using the Defendant's Hired Gun Expert Against the Defense.**
Michael Neff, Esq. – Neff Injury Law, Atlanta, GA
- 11:45pm-12:00pm: Fearless Cross-Examination of a Professional Witness.**
Pat A. Malone, Esq. – Patrick Malone Law, Washington, DC
- 12:00pm-12:15pm: Moderator comments.**
- 12:15pm-1:15pm: Working Buffet Lunch and Visit with Sponsors.**

Afternoon Session Moderator: Steven M. Gursten, Esq. Michigan Auto Law. Farmington Hills, MI

- 1:15pm-1:30pm: Dram Shop Cases: Making the Bar Pick Up the Tab.**

Ken Berger, Esq. Law Office of Kenneth E. Berger. Colombia, SC

1:30pm-1:45pm: Rule 1006 Using Summaries to Prove Your Case.

Justin Kahn, Esq. Kahn Law Firm Charleston, SC

1:45pm-2:00pm: Advanced RideShare Litigation—Beyond Basics.

Lawrence Simon, Esq. – Partner, Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins. New York, NY

2:00pm-2:15pm: Hurdles to Clear in Suits Against Public School Districts.

Andrew Buzin, Esq. – Buzin Law P.C. New York, NY

2:15pm-2:30pm: Protecting your Plaintiffs Recovery.

Natalie Sticesen - Halpern Group

2:30pm-2:45pm: Suing for Negligent Provided Medical Care at Jails and Prisons.

Joseph Neal Jr., Esq. – Neal Law. Atlanta, GA

2:45pm-3:00pm: Honest and Dishonest Defense Experts and the Stupid Lie.

Jonathan Karon, Esq. – Karon Law, LLC. Boston, MA

3:00pm-3:15pm: Video Juxtapositions for Big Settlements: “The Daily Show” Approach.

Daniel Buba, Esq. – Doehrman Buba. Indianapolis, IN

3:15pm-3:30pm: Getting Damages for The Loss of Pets.

Nick Verderame, Esq. – Plattner Verderame. Phoenix, AZ

3:30pm-3:45pm: Trying Cases Quickly: A Paradigm Shift.

Joe Fried, Esq. - Fried Goldberg, LLC. Atlanta, GA

3:45pm-4:00pm: Using a State Consumer Protection Act Claim to Establish Liability in a Premises Liability Case.

Jason Konvicka, Esq. – Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen. Richmond, VA

4:00pm-4:15pm: Dating the Damage in Spine Injury Cases.

Lauren Fraser, Esq. – Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, PC. Morristown, NJ

4:15pm-4:30pm: It’s not about “what” you know or “who” you know; it’s about “what” you know “about” who you know.

Paul Littrell, Jr. – Stratejic Relationships. Atlanta, GA

4:30pm-4:45pm: Handling Burn Injury Cases.

Steve Lowry, Esq. – Harris Lowry Manton LLP. Savannah GA

4:45pm-5:00pm: The Survivors Are Counting on You: Maximizing Damages in Wrongful Death Cases.

Harry Rothenberg, Esq. – The Rothenberg Law Firm LLP. New York, NY

5:00pm-5:15pm: The Evolution of Life Care Planning.

Joseph Gonzales, Ph.D. – Physician Life Care Planning. San Antonio, TX

5:15pm: Session Adjourns.

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Monday, October 11, 2021

Morning Session Moderator: Eric Romano, Esq. Romano Law Group. West Palm Beach, FL

8:00am-9:00am: Coffee and Sponsor Visit.

9:00am-9:50am: Thought Provoking Lessons to Learn for Trial Lawyers Derived from Great Books, Great Movies and Great Television Series – also known as “Learning Good from Breaking Bad.”

John Romano, Esq. – Romano Law Group. West Palm Beach, FL

9:50am-10:40am: Be A Difference Maker.

Pete Perlman, Esq. – Peter Perlman Law Offices. Lexington KY

10:40am-11:30am: Use of Demonstrative Evidence.

Bruce Stern – Stark & Stark Attorneys at Law. Lawrenceville, NJ

11:30am-12:20pm: The Road Ahead—Where Does It Go?

Mary Beth Ramey, Esq. – Ramey and Hailey. Indianapolis, IN

12:20pm-1:20pm: Working Buffet Lunch and Visit with Sponsors.

Afternoon Session Moderator: Jason Konvicka, Esq. – Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen. Richmond, VA

- 1:35pm-2:05pm: “The Things That Matter Most”, Developing Power and Persuasion in the TBI Cases.**
Gary Gober – Gober Law. Nashville, TN
- 2:05pm-2:55pm: Strategic Decision Making in A Mass Disaster Case.**
Bob Mongeluzzi, Esq. – Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky. Philadelphia, PA
- 2:55pm-3:45pm: Cross Examination on the Rules of Analysis for Construction Site Safety Management.**
Michael Maggiano - Maggiano, DiGirolamo & Lizzi, P.C. Ft. Lee, NJ
- 3:45pm-4:35pm: How to Stop a Defendant from Cheating.**
Ira Leesfield – Leesfield Scolaro, P.A. Miami, FL
- 4:35pm-5:25pm: Trial Director: Scene by Scene SHOW your Story.**
Mel C. Orchard, III – The Spence Law Firm
- 5:25pm: Seminar ends.**