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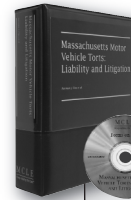
Representing an injured client or defending an alleged tortfeasor in a "simple" motor vehicle accident case only seems simple to those who do not do it. It is essential for attorneys to know the typical and not-so-typical issues that arise in car crash cases, how to negotiate, when to settle, and how to decide if the settlement is reasonable. Our expert panel guides you through the intricacies of motor vehicle torts, from understanding the basic auto insurance policy to valuing your client's case to preparing for trial.

You will learn...

- ▶ Issues of proof and disproof of negligence and causation
- ▶ The pitfalls in insurance policies, particularly concerning PIP and uninsured and underinsured vehicles
- ▶ What you need to know in claims involving public estates
- ▶ How to assess and value injuries
- ▶ How to value the case and when to decline a case

Agenda and written materials

- ▶ Understanding the Standard Insurance Policy
- ▶ PIP; Pitfalls of Uninsurance and Underinsurance and Liability Coverages
- ▶ Taking the Case; Client Interview; Fact Gathering
- ▶ Drafting the Complaint and Answer
- ▶ MBTA; Special Considerations; G.L. c.258 Entities and the Public Duty Rule
- ▶ Negotiation and Settlement/Working with the Claims Adjuster
- ▶ Discovery; Valuing the Case
- ▶ Mediation; Arbitration; Trial
- ▶ Special Case Clinic Roundtable—Bring Your Files and Questions!
- ▶ "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session



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