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Superior Court Judicial Colloquy 2020

A conversation with the Bench

Even in this era of the vanishing trial, there will always be a need for trial lawyers. Once, young lawyers learned their craft by apprenticing for senior lawyers and trying smaller cases on their own. Today, however, trials have become rare and expensive propositions. Up-and-coming trial lawyers now need to find new and creative ways to acquire the knowledge and skill needed to be ready for trial. Get the benefits of hearing dozens of tips and anecdotes from experienced judges who have spent thousands of hours in the courtroom trying cases, no matter what your experience level!

Join our moderator, veteran trial attorney Richard Zielinski, and learn what this panel of Superior Court Judges want practitioners to know about trial practice. The panel format allows the Judges to offer their insights on a variety of topics, while also hearing and responding to their colleagues. Don't miss this opportunity to gain invaluable insight into the judicial perspective, and be better prepared the next time you walk into Superior Court!

Agenda

- Developing Themes and Theories of the Case
- The Proper Use of Motions in Limine
- Jury Selection and Voir Dire
- Opening Statements and Closing Arguments
- Effective Direct and Cross Examination
- Trial Evidence and Objections
- The Proper Use of Experts at Trial
- Jury Instructions and Special Verdicts
- How New Lawyers Can Become Great Trial Lawyers
- Mistakes Trial Lawyers Often Make
- Trying Cases in a Post-COVID-19 World
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

Faculty

Richard M. Zielinski, Esq., *Goulston & Storrs, PC, Boston*, Chair
Hon. Karen F. Green, *Superior Court, Business Litigation Session, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Maynard M. Kirpalani, *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Michael D. Ricciuti, *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Kenneth W. Salinger, *Superior Court, Business Litigation Session, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Debra A. Squires-Lee, *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Dates & Location

LIVE WEBCAST

Thursday, October 15, 2020
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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