

# Judge William G. Young on Using the Rules of Evidence to Persuade

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Join Judge William G. Young of the U.S. District Court for this popular series on evidence and trial practice, which takes you through the essentials of discovery, motion practice, and trial.

## Evidence and Discovery

- Theory and types of relevance; Burdens, standards, and methods of proof; Prima facie case; Burdens of production and persuasion; Habit and routine; Relevant but inadmissible; Guilty pleas; Collateral source; Rape shield provisions
- Trial preparation; Interrogatory and deposition practice; Requests for entry on land and admission; Litigation support services; Preparation of demonstrative aids; Time line; "Waves" of discovery; Multi-district practice; Preparation of the trial book
- Experts; Law of expert testimony; GHOSTO rule; Qualifying the expert; Eliciting and explaining the expert opinion; Cross-examination of experts

## Evidence and Motion Practice

- Motion practice; Forum shopping; District of Massachusetts Cost and Delay Reduction Plan; Utilizing motions; Class certification; Advocacy of motions
- Privileges and confidential data; Variety and manners of privileges
- Presumptions and judicial notice; Conclusive relationships based on social policy; Rule of deference to legislative fact-finding

## Evidence at Trial

- Trial procedures; Jury empanelment; Taking objections and making the record; Motions for directed verdicts; Requests for jury instructions; Requests for findings and rulings; Time limits; Roles of the courtroom deputy clerk and court reporter
- Direct and cross-examination techniques and structure; The five W's; Leading questions; Order of witnesses; The adverse witness; Scope of interrogation
- Impeachment; Grounds for impeachment and techniques; Prior inconsistent statements and convictions; The three Cs; Impeachment through evidence
- Theory of rule against hearsay; The M theory; Four major groups of exceptions; Hearsay within hearsay; Rebutting hearsay testimony; Confrontation Clause; Prior statements of witnesses; "Reliable" and "necessary" exceptions
- Evidentiary foundations; ARBPHU rule; Submission and use of tangible evidence; Arguments at trial; Opening statement; Closing argument

## Instructor

William G. Young, District Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, has been an active trial judge, serving on both the Massachusetts Superior Court and the U.S. District Court. A longtime teacher of evidence and trial advocacy, he is a member of the faculty of Boston College and Boston University Law Schools and has frequently served as a trial advocacy team leader at Harvard Law School and in MCLE's summer Trial Advocacy Workshop. He is the author of numerous MCLE publications, including the highly acclaimed *Reflections of a Trial Judge*. An electrifying lecturer, Judge Young has specifically crafted this program to distill the very best of his fifty years of teaching.

## Dates & Location

Register at [www.mcle.org](http://www.mcle.org)

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

Thursdays, March 23, March 30,  
and April 6, 2023  
4:00 pm–6:00 pm

John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse,  
Judge Young's Chambers  
Courtroom 18—5th Floor,  
1 Courthouse Way, Boston

Program Number: 2230195P01

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## Materials

The materials for this program include MCLE's *Massachusetts Evidence: A Courtroom Reference*, which, along with any other materials, can be downloaded via the link emailed to you upon registration.

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