

# Motion Practice in Housing Court

*Learn the strategy and execution of motion practice*

Cases are often lost or won based on motion practice, which lives at the center of civil litigation. Don't miss this fast-paced seminar explaining motion practice from the initial filing of the summary process or civil action in the Housing Court through post-trial motions. To be effective, litigators at all experience levels must have a firm grasp on the procedural and substantive issues affecting each potential motion.

Understanding the legal principles and recent developments in the law and court rules is crucial to skillfully evaluating whether to recommend making a contemplated motion—and to making or opposing a motion effectively. Learn how to file motions to strike, motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, and motions to obtain and preserve evidence, including electronic data. The faculty explain the strategic use of motions in limine before trial, the requirements for requesting or defending temporary restraining orders and injunctive relief, and the nuances of post-trial motions and appellate issues. The panel of experienced practitioners also provide guidance on how to decide whether to file a motion, when to file it, and how to persuasively make and respond to motions—along with tips for effective oral argument. Get valuable insight to hone the motion practice skills necessary to succeed in civil practice in the Housing Court Department.

## Agenda

- Motions to Dismiss
- Motions for Summary Judgment
- Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings
- Discovery Motions
- Common Substantive Motions
- Common Procedural Motions
- TRO/PI Motions
- Oppositions to Motions
  - Motions to strike
  - Motions to enlarge time
- Procedural Requirements
- Pre-Trial Motions
- Motions in Limine
- Post-Trial Motions
- Appellate Issues
- Miscellaneous Practical Tips

## Faculty

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### LIVE WEBCAST

Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
9:30 am–11:30 am  
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### REBROADCAST

Thursday, March 21, 2024  
2:00 pm–4:00 pm  
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### REBROADCAST

Friday, March 29, 2024  
12:00 pm–2:00 pm  
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