

# Trying Civil Cases

*A behind-the-scenes immersive experience*

Successful trial lawyers always tell novice attorneys that an excellent way to become a better trial lawyer is to sit in court and observe veteran trial lawyers in action. But have you ever sat in court and wondered why an attorney was pursuing a particular line of questioning? Have you ever wished that a seasoned litigator was sitting by your side and explaining trial strategy to you? If you have ever wanted to hear a trial critiqued by the experts, don't miss this unique opportunity to spend a "day in court" with veteran trial attorneys and a retired Superior Court judge.

*Trying Civil Cases* presents a one-day trial from start to finish. Each step of the trial is preceded by a brief narrative highlighting what is expected during that particular phase of the trial. After each segment, the faculty critique the attorneys' performances. Instead of listening to lecturers present the do's and don'ts of trial advocacy, you actually have the opportunity to learn by observing the experts and benefitting from the expert trial commentary provided by the panel of litigators and judge. Bring your questions to personalize your learning experience!

## Agenda

- **Opening Statements:** Lecture; Demonstration of plaintiff's opening statement; Demonstration of defendant's opening statement; Analysis and critique
- **Direct and Cross-Examination:** Lecture; Demonstration of direct and cross-examination of plaintiff; Analysis and critique; Demonstration of direct and cross-examination of defendant's expert; Analysis and critique
- **Closing Arguments:** Lecture; Demonstration of defendant's closing argument; Demonstration of plaintiff's closing argument; Analysis and critique
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

## Faculty

Hon. Paul D. Wilson (Ret.), *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Chair

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## Dates & Locations

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

### BOSTON

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:30 am–4:30 pm

MCLE Conference Center

10 Winter Place, via Winter Street

Program # 2240251P01

### LIVE WEBCAST

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:30 am–4:30 pm

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### REBROADCAST

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

9:30 am–4:30 pm

Program # 2240251RB1

### REBROADCAST

Thursday, June 6, 2024

9:30 am–4:30 pm

Program # 2240251RB2

### ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Thursday, June 6, 2024

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