Video: Adding to Your Case: Examining and Cross Examining Expert Witnesses

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Welcome & Introduction:
7:55 to 8:00 am
Elena Rose Minicucci, JD Director, Alumni Relations, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law Welcome & Introduce Professor Michael Dale, Professor Kathryn Webber, Valerie Barhart, Esq. and Dr. Jack Harari.

Seminar Presentation
8:00 - 8:15 am — Direct Exam Lecture
Professor Michael Dale

8:15 - 8:45 am — Direct Exam Role Play
Professor Michael Dale and Valerie Barnhart, Esq. conduct the Direct Exam of Expert Witness, Dr. Jack Harari, Esq.
Professor Kathryn Webber, Judge
Discussion and Q&A to follow

8:45 - 9:00am — Cross Exam Lecture
Professor Michael Dale lectures on Cross Exam techniques

9:00 – 9:30 am — Cross Exam Role Play
Professor Michael Dale and Valerie Barnhart, Esq. - Cross Exam of Expert Witness, Dr. Jack Harari.
Professor Kathryn Webber, Judge
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9:30 am – Seminar Ends

Handouts and Resources: includes relevant portions of the following documents or links to the articles, used with author’s permission:

- Organization
  ABA Journal Online: Organizing the Case by James W. McElhaney
  http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/organizing_the_case/

- Preparation
  http://shop.americanbar.org/eBus/Store/ProductDetails.aspx?productId=214912

- Expert Witnesses
  ABA Online: 10 Tips for Posturing Your Case for Successful Daubert Challenge

  ABA Online: See Generally: http://apps.americanbar.org/litigation/committees/expertwitnesses/home.html

- Witnesses During Testimony
  Restrictions on Lawyers Communicating with Witnesses During Testimony: Law, Lore, Opinions, and the Rule
  http://www.floridabar.org/divcom/jn/jnjournal01.nsf/Author/F361C04FC87E0EF2852575D00654478

- Rules

- Statutes
  Florida Statues Sec. 90.702 “Testimony by Experts” (2015)
  Florida Statues Sec. 90.704 “Basis of Opinion Testimony by Experts” (2015)
  This section was amended effective July 2, 2013 to prohibit the disclosure of inadmissible facts or data to a jury by the proponent of an expert opinion or by inference unless the court determines that their probative value in assisting the jury’s evaluation of the expert’s opinion substantially outweighs their prejudicial effect. As a result of the amendments, the effect of s. 90.704, F.S., is conformed to the effect of Federal Rule of Evidence 703. (Adopting the Daubert for admitting expert witness testimony)

  Florida Statutes Sec. 90.705 “Disclosure of Facts or Data Underlying Expert Opinion” (2015)

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