ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This day-long program on March 26, 2019 will provide practical skills training and practice tips for taking deposition testimony from experts. Using a hypothetical case and mock discovery materials, participants in this program will take, defend, and observe mock depositions of real experts from Ankura Consulting Group LLC (“Ankura”), under the guidance of experienced trial lawyers and judges who will provide participants with feedback, practical tips and instruction. In the morning sessions, each participant will take one 40-minute deposition and defend another 40-minute deposition of the Ankura expert, get feedback and instruction from the faculty, observe other deposition techniques, styles and strategies, and get additional coaching from the faculty. The afternoon sessions will provide the same format as the morning session, with different faculty members providing the coaching and instruction for the examination of another real expert witness from Ankura.

Registrants should be available for a pre-workshop CLE webinar on March 14, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm EDT. Details will be sent out to all registrants.

SCHEDULE (Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Charlotte, NC)

Registration/Welcome Breakfast/Kickoff: 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

Prior to the start of the program, each participant will be assigned to a specific workshop group, to ensure equal participation and the appropriate ratio of faculty to participant.

Mock Depositions Session 1:  8:10 AM to 10:00 AM (110 minutes)

- Breakout Workshop A: Led by Hon. Louis Bledsoe, Brian Cromwell and Elizabeth Timkovich
- Breakout Workshop B: Led by Jim Cooley and Michelle Spak
- Breakout Workshop C: Led by Tom Cottingham and Rob Harrington
- Breakout Workshop D: Led by Jerry Parnell, Kobi Brinson and Mark Calloway
• Breakout Workshop E: Led by Ed Hinson, Dana Lumsden and Anne Tompkins

In this session, two participants will face off in a mock deposition of a real expert from Ankura—one taking the deposition and one defending the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty. Then the next two participants, who had observed the first mock examination, will take over and resume the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty.

Break: 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Mock Depositions Session 2: 10:15 AM to 12:05 PM (110 minutes)

• Breakout Workshop A: Led by Hon. Louis Bledsoe, Brian Cromwell and Elizabeth Timkovich
• Breakout Workshop B: Led by Jim Cooley and Michelle Spak
• Breakout Workshop C: Led by Tom Cottingham and Rob Harrington
• Breakout Workshop D: Led by Jerry Parnell, Kobi Brinson and Mark Calloway
• Breakout Workshop E: Led by Ed Hinson, Dana Lumsden and Anne Tompkins

For session 2, the roles will be reversed. Those who had defended the mock examination in the first session will take the examination now. As before, two participants at a time will face off in a mock deposition of the Ankura expert—one taking the deposition and one defending the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty. Then the next two participants, who had observed the first mock examination of this session, will take over and resume the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty.

Lunch Break (12:05 PM to 1:10 PM): Guest Speaker: Laurence M. Rose, Professor of Law Emeritus & Director, Litigation Skills Program, University of Miami School of Law

During the lunch break, the workshop groups will be reassigned, so that each participant faces a new expert witness, a new “opposing counsel,” and has different instructors for the afternoon sessions.

Mock Depositions Session 3: 1:10 PM to 3:00 PM (110 minutes)

• Breakout Workshop A: Led by Ed Hinson, Dana Lumsden and Anne Tompkins
• Breakout Workshop B: Led by Hon. Louis Bledsoe, Brian Cromwell and Elizabeth Timkovich
• Breakout Workshop C: Led by Jim Cooley and Michelle Spak
• Breakout Workshop D: Led by Tom Cottingham and Rob Harrington
• Breakout Workshop E: Led by Jerry Parnell, Kobi Brinson and Mark Calloway

In the afternoon sessions (three and four), each workshop will have a different expert witness from Navigant and will be led by different members of the faculty—to vary the experience and broaden the instruction.

As before, two participants will face off in a mock deposition of a real expert from Ankura—one taking the deposition and one defending the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty. Then the next two participants, who had observed the first mock examination of this session, will take over and resume the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty.

Mock Depositions Session 4: 3:15 PM to 5:05 PM (110 minutes)
• Breakout Workshop A: Led by Ed Hinson, Dana Lumsden and Anne Tompkins
• Breakout Workshop B: Led by Hon. Louis Bledsoe, Brian Cromwell and Elizabeth Timkovich
• Breakout Workshop C: Led by Jim Cooley and Michelle Spak
• Breakout Workshop D: Led by Tom Cottingham and Rob Harrington
• Breakout Workshop E: Led by Jerry Parnell, Kobi Brinson and Mark Calloway

For session 4, the roles will be reversed. Those who had defended the mock examination in the first session will take the examination now. As before, two participants at a time will face off in a mock deposition of the Ankura expert—one taking the deposition and one defending the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty. Then the next two participants, who had observed the first mock examination of this session, will take over and resume the deposition. After 40 minutes of questioning, the mock deposition will break and the participants will receive feedback and instruction from the faculty.

Wrap Up and Final Thoughts: 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM

Cocktail Reception (onsite): 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

REGISTRATION
To ensure equal participation and meaningful feedback, class size will be limited, so please register now at www.ambar.org/ltpx19. Deadline is March 4, 2019.
• Section of Litigation Members: $295
• ABA Members: $375
• Non-Members: $450

Registration includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a cocktail reception following the program.

MCLE INFORMATION
The ABA will seek 7.3 hours of general CLE credit in 60-minute states and 8.8 hours of general CLE credit for this program in 50-minute states. Credit hours are estimated and are subject to each state’s approval and credit rounding rules. Please visit the program website at www.ambar.org/ltexp19 for program CLE details or visit www.americanbar.org/mcle for general information on CLE at the ABA.

TUITION ASSISTANCE
A limited number of scholarships to defray registration fees may be available for government employees, public interest lawyers employed with nonprofits, academics, law students, and unemployed attorneys. For courses costing over $500, attorneys who qualify will receive at least a 50% reduction in the course fee(s). Please contact Porscha Boyd at Porscha.Boyd@americanbar.org to apply for a scholarship. All requests must be received by February 28, 2019.

QUESTIONS
Please contact Porscha Boyd at Porscha.boyd@americanbar.org or 312-988-5490, with any questions.