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Why This Summit?

Many litigators of color are thriving on the climb to reach their professional goals. Whether in private practice, corporate counsel, civil service or the judiciary, their success is indispensable to the continued growth and success of their organizations. But reaching the pinnacle means mastering every aspect of the craft. This includes not just lawyering skills, but the intangibles necessary to create a distinguishable, marketable identity. Hence this unique Summit: to assemble an unsurpassed faculty of diverse talent to share the knowledge, the nuance, and the network to empower talented lawyers of all stripes to reach the top tier of their profession, in the courtroom, the boardroom, and in their business development.

Who Should Attend

- Litigators of color who have already attained a certain level of technical expertise and career success and are ready to achieve the highest levels of professional accomplishment, in the courtroom and in the boardroom.
- Emerging leaders seeking to expand and polish their management, coaching and business tools and skills.
- Law firm and in-house legal department diversity and inclusion stakeholders interested in learning how to attract, retain and serve the needs of their litigators of color as they advance within the organization.
- Any lawyer who values diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, looking for relevant and impactful CLE credit.



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Schedule at a Glance

Monday, November 14

12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.		Registration
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3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.		Plenary: C-Suite Experiences: The Litigation Route
4:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	CLE	Plenary: The Persuasive Litigator: A Perspective from the Bench
6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.		Welcome Reception

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.		Registration
7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.		Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.		Opening Remarks: Paulette Brown, ABA President 2015-2016
8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.		Plenary: Transcending Law: Rising to Public Figure Status
10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.		Networking Break
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10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.		Breakout: From Advocate to Jurist: The Path to the Bench
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.		Keynote Luncheon (<i>Ticketed \$55</i>)
1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.		Plenary: Civil Service: Career Fuel Injection
3:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.	CLE	Breakout: The Dual Role: Law Firm Management and Lead Litigator
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7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.		Reception: National Center for Civil and Human Rights (<i>Ticketed \$100</i> - Transportation will be provided)

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.		Registration
7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.		Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.		Opening Remarks: Linda Klein, ABA President 2016-2017
8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.		Plenary: The Intangibles: Self Investment, Branding, Coaching
10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.		Networking Break
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10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.		Breakout: Small Firm Practice: Big Firm Success



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CLE Plenarities & Breakouts

Monday, November 14

Plenary Session:

The Consummate Trusted Advisor: Are You on that Path?

1:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

You will hear from leading C-Suite executives on the intangibles necessary to earn the trust of a CEO or other business stakeholder. You will also learn the skills sets most relevant to exuding confidence and contributing to discussion in the boardroom.

Moderator: Robert J. Grey, Jr., Hunton & Williams LLP, Richmond, VA

Speaker: Michael K. Tucker, Avis Budget Group Inc., New York, NY

Plenary Session:

C-Suite Experiences: The Litigation Route

3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Your arrival at the C-Suite will not happen by chance. Nor will it result from talent and hard work alone. You need a plan. This panel of senior-level executives will share how they travelled the litigation path to make it to the very top, and how you can do the same.

Moderator: Kim J. Askew, K&L Gates LLP, Dallas, TX

Speakers: Brett J. Hart, United Airlines, Chicago, IL, **Mark Roellig**, MassMutual Financial Group, Springfield, MA, **Lauren S. Tashma**, Graphic Packaging International, Atlanta, GA

Plenary Session:

The Persuasive Litigator: A Perspective From the Bench

4:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Winning your case in court requires not only solid evidence and credible witnesses but also the necessary know-how to present your entire case successfully. This esteemed panel of judges will provide invaluable insight about what really makes a litigator persuasive and identify specific skills necessary to be successful in court as well as the common mistakes attorneys make that often derail their cases. Litigators will walk away with practical tips they can incorporate immediately into their litigation arsenals.

Moderator: Hon. Karen Wells Roby, US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA

Speakers: Hon. Victor A. Bolden U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Bridgeport, CT, **Hon. Lorna G. Schofield**, US District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, NY, **Hon. Linda T. Walker**, US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, GA





CLE Plenaries & Breakouts

Tuesday, November 15

Plenary Session:

Transcending Law: Rising to
Public Figure Status

8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

The legal industry has evolved from being a traditional courtroom-based profession into an enterprise that is actively reshaping social, economic, and political issues directly in public arena today. These experienced panelists will discuss their rise to public figure status, the power of the court of public opinion, the role of the media, and their perspective on the trajectory of the legal profession beyond the courtroom.

Moderator: **Laurence F. Pulgram**, Fenwick & West LLP, San Francisco, CA

Speakers: **Morgan Chu**, Irell & Manella LLP, Los Angeles, CA, **Benjamin L. Crump**, Parks & Crump LLC, Tallahassee, FL, **Elaine R. Jones**, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Washington, DC **Brian A. Sun**, Jones Day, Los Angeles, CA, **Theodore V. "Ted" Wells**, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, NY

Breakout Session:

The Corporate Perspective
on Trial: Take Charge of Your
Destiny

10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Corporate counsel's decision to try a case involves unique factors that are not commonly considered by litigators in law firms. This panel will discuss specific issues exclusive to corporate counsel based on their industry, the important relationship with outside counsel, and important policy decisions that influence their strategy and judgment calls at trial.

Moderator: **Joseph M. Drayton**, Cooley LLP, New York, NY

Speakers: **Marcus Delgado**, Cox Communications, Atlanta, GA, **Isabella Fu**, Microsoft Corporation, Seattle, WA, **James K. Grasty**, Merck & Co, Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, **Antonio D. Robinson**, Carter's Inc., Atlanta, GA

Breakout Session:

Litigation Success &
Longevity: Effective Team
Management

10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Most lawyers have never been formally trained to lead others. And even the best lawyer can turn out to be a terrible team manager. This panel of law firm leaders will discuss what it takes to be an effective team manager and how you can leverage excellent team management skills into a long and successful career.

Moderator: **Tracey Salmon-Smith**, Bressler, Amery, & Ross PC New York, NY

Speakers: **David A. Crichlow**, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, New York, NY, **Koji F. Fukumura**, Cooley LLP, San Diego, CA, **Allegra Lawrence-Hardy**, Lawrence & Bundy LLC, Atlanta, GA, **Ava E. Lias-Booker**, McGuireWoods LLP, Baltimore, MD



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Breakout Session:

From Advocate to Jurist: The Path to the Bench

10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Holding a judicial office is one of the highest promotions in the legal profession. This panel is uniquely designed for lawyers who aspire to become judges one day or will be tapped with the opportunity. Based on their unique experiences, each panelist will share the basics and intangibles to successfully prepare to seek judicial office on the state, appellate, and federal levels.

Moderator: **Karol Corbin Walker**, LeClairRyan, Newark, NJ

Speakers: **Hon. Bernice B. Donald**, US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Memphis, TN, **Hon. Eric A. Richardson**, State Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, GA, **Hon. Eleanor L. Ross**, US District Court of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, **Hon. Ann Claire Williams**, US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago, IL

Plenary Session:

Civil Service: Career Fuel Injection

1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Some of the best litigators have transitioned from public service to private practice (and vice versa) and then back. Learn how a stint in public service has fueled these notable litigators' careers, what lessons they carried with them and the skills they honed through the transition.

Moderator: **Dennis Archer**, Dickson Wright PLLC, Detroit, MI

Speakers: **Peter C. Harvey**, Patterson Belknap Webb and Tyler LLP, New York, NY, **Lori E. Lightfoot**, Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, IL, **Brian Monroe**, Comcast Corporation, Pennsylvania, PA, **Stephen Zack**, Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP, Miami, FL

Breakout Session:

The Dual Role: Law Firm Management and Lead Litigator

3:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

As law firms are operated more and more like traditional businesses, lead litigators are often being saddled with the challenging dual role of "running the business." Like acrobats, the participants on this panel have successfully balanced these demanding roles. Hear how they do it, and their advice as to how you can do the same and become an indispensable resource to your organization.

Moderator: **Steven H. Wright**, Holland & Knight LLP, Boston, MA

Speakers: **Tobey M. Daluz**, Ballard Spahr LLP, Wilmington, DE, **Ernest L. Greer**, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Atlanta, GA, **Helen B. Kim**, Thompson Coburn LLP, Los Angeles, CA, **Yvette Ostolaza**, Sidley Austin LLP, Dallas, TX



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Breakout Session:

Success in the Business of Law: Building a Powerful Personal Book

3:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m.

Whether your goal is to rise to the top at one firm or have the portability to make a move, your book of business is the key. A diverse panel of rainmakers will share their lessons learned in developing client loyalty and a powerful book of business.

Moderator: Sonya Olds Som, Major Lindsey & Africa LLC, Chicago, IL

Speakers: Barbara J. Dawson, Snell & Wilmer LLP, Phoenix, AZ, **Daniel Johnson Jr.**, The Dan Johnson Law Group, San Francisco, CA, **Donald S. Prophete**, Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP, Kansas City, MO, **Grace E. Speights**, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, Washington, DC

Breakout Session:

Major Shifts: Litigation Partner to Law Department Management and Vice-Versa

3:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m.

Many attorneys jump in-house in search of greener pastures. But the grass is not always greener and some in house counsel move back to private practice. This panel will discuss the pros and cons of moving from law firm partner to law department manager and vice-versa, and how you can successfully make the leap in either direction.

Moderator: Joshua W. Martin III, Potter Anderson Corroon LLP, Wilmington, DE

Speakers: Kelly-Ann Clarke, AT&T Services Inc., Houston, TX, **John C. Childs**, Georgia-Pacific LLC, Atlanta, GA, **Angie Hankins**, Samsung Electronics, Menlo Park, CA, **Michael S. Kwun**, Kecker & Van Nest LLP, San Francisco, CA, **Victoria McGhee**, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX

Breakout Session:

Trial Skills: Training to Win the War

4:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

Few things are more exciting to litigators than a high-stakes trial, the dramatic culmination of a hard-fought dispute. Come learn from titans of the bar about the techniques and tactics they employ to prevail, including how to plan for voir dire, how to sell your case theme, how to conduct direct and cross examinations, and how to deliver persuasive opening and closing statements.

Moderator: Richard R. Harris, Littler Mendelson PC, Philadelphia, PA

Speakers: Richard R. Deane Jr., Jones Day, Atlanta, GA, **Tricia "C.K." Hoffer**, Edmond Lindsay & Hoffer LLP, Atlanta, GA, **W. Ray Persons**, King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, GA



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Breakout Session:
**The Mechanics of Starting
Your Own Practice**
4:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

Starting your own firm is daunting but not impossible. In addition to being a good lawyer, you will also need to be a savvy businessperson, negotiator, and bookkeeper. You will need to think about budgeting, equipment, and marketing. Learn the essentials for starting your own practice successfully, the challenges that lie ahead, and the important lessons our panelists learned along the way.

Moderator: **Anna D. Torres**, Torres Law Group, West Palm Beach, FL

Speakers: **Christina Dixon**, The Dixon Law Firm, Houston, TX, **Sheela Murthy**, The Murthy Law Firm, Owings Mills, MD, **Manuel San Juan**, San Juan Law Firm, San Juan, PR, **Oran F. Whiting**, Oran F. Whiting Law, Chicago, IL

Breakout Session:
**Beauty Contests:
Capturing the Crown**
4:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

Steve Harvey is not on the stage, but you are being judged in a sea of competitors with similar background, experience, and skills. Instead of evening gowns, swimsuits, and sky-high heels, you have your PowerPoint, brochures, and list of notable wins. How do you go from first runner-up to capturing the crown? Our panel of general counsel will offer insight on what works and what doesn't and tips on winning the business.

Moderator: **Joseph K. West**, Duane Morris LLP, Washington, DC

Speakers: **Debra Page Coleman**, Macy's Inc., Atlanta, GA, **Darlene Quashie Henry**, Office Depot, Inc., Boca Raton, FL, **Kamran Q. Khan**, Altria Client Services Inc., Richmond, VA, **Candace Thurmond Rodriguez**, The Home Depot, Atlanta, GA

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CLE Plenarities & Breakouts

Wednesday, November 16

Plenary Session:

The Intangibles: Self
Investment, Branding,
Coaching

8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Climbing the ladder, whether in a law firm or in-house, involves more than putting one foot in front of the other and showing up to work every day. It requires even more than excellent work product, leadership, and management skills. Speakers will offer insight on what in-house attorneys, law firm partners, and associates can do to drive their careers forward and concrete steps they can take starting today.

Speakers: **Janice P. Brown**, The Brown Law Group, San Diego, CA, **George Schell**, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA

Breakout Session:

Litigation Management:
Results Oriented Leadership
10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Increasing client demands mandate that law firms perform proficiently and effectively more than ever to remain competitive among their peers. This panel will discuss how litigation management has shifted over the years, the impact of technology on the practice of law, and how to remain competitive and stay ahead of industry client demands.

Moderator: **Twanda Turner-Hawkins**, Allstate Insurance Company, Northbrook, IL

Speakers: **Elia Diaz-Yaeger**, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin, & Hubbard New Orleans, LA, **Joan M. Haratani**, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, San Francisco, CA, **Robert R. Simpson**, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Washington, DC

Breakout Session:

Making the Transition: From
Litigation Team Member to
Team Lead
10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Before they became recognized leaders in the profession, they were invaluable law firm associates. What differentiates an excellent associate from a good one? What skills and habits do you need to develop to become an effective litigation team lead? Learn essential tips and strategies from top litigators, who were once in your shoes.

Moderator: **Rhonda R. Trotter**, Kaye Scholer LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Speakers: **Cari K. Dawson**, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, GA, **Nili T. Moghaddam**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Los Angeles, CA, **Errol B. Taylor**, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP, New York, NY



CLE Plenaries & Breakouts

Breakout Session:

Small Firm Practice: Big Firm
Success

10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Gone are the days of large law firms monopolizing the legal industry and preferred clients. The industry is experiencing a rise in small firm practice based on the economy, technology, client demands, and quality of life preferences. The panelists will discuss their firm's pathway to success, the evolution of law firms, the advantages and disadvantages of small firm practice, and their strategy for client development.

Moderator: **Rodney Villazor**, DLA Piper LLP, New York, NY

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The deadline for early bird registration is **Monday, October 24, 2016**. After this date, registration will increase. The deadline for advance registration is **Friday, November 4, 2016**. After this date, registration will take place onsite. We encourage you to take advantage of online registration. Visit us online at www.ambar.org/successsummit. You can also retrieve a printable registration form online. All attendees must be registered for this conference to participate.

Registration Desk Hours

The registration desk will be located in the pre-function space, 1st floor during the following hours:

Monday, November 14, at 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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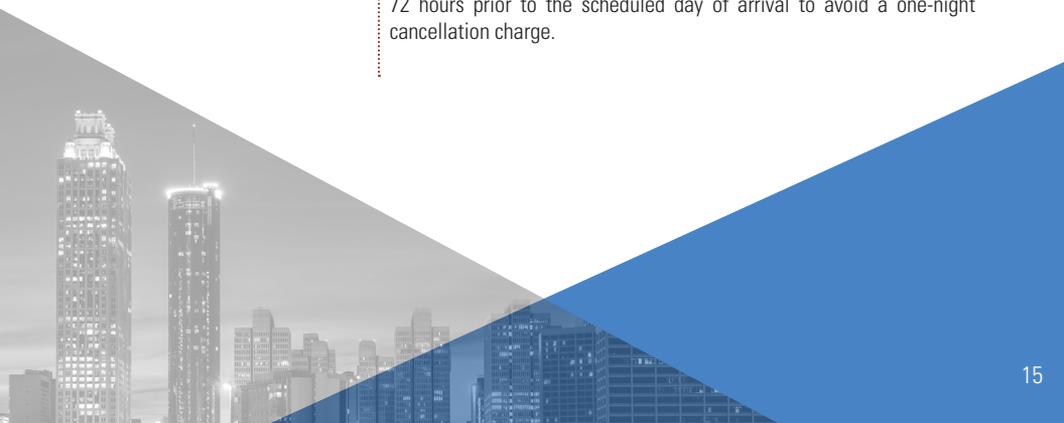
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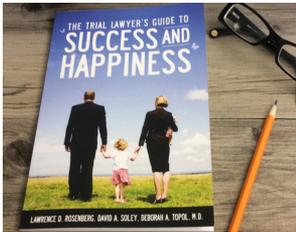
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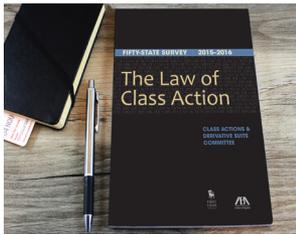
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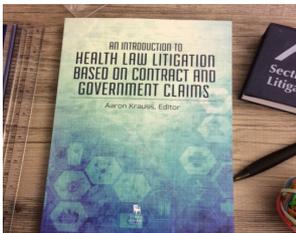
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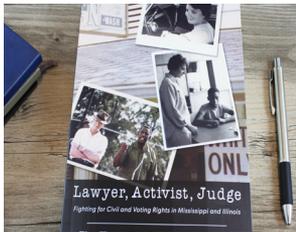
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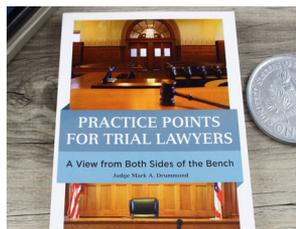
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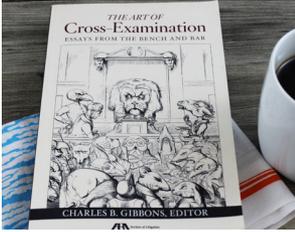
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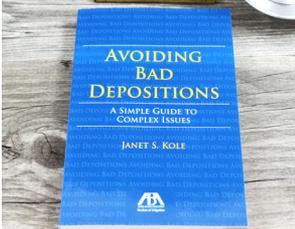
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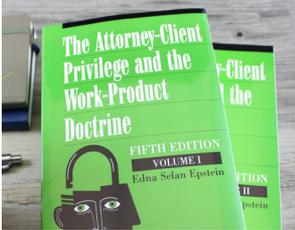
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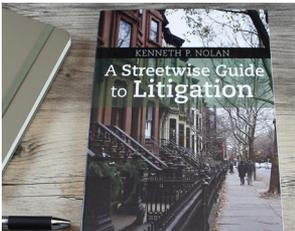
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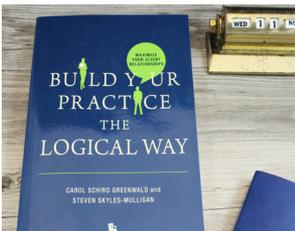
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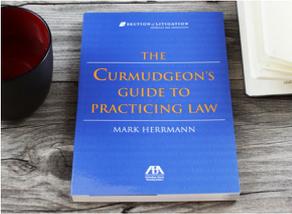
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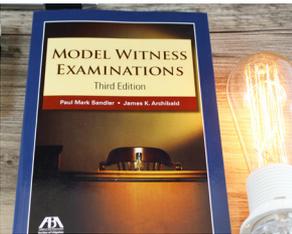
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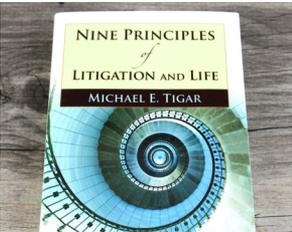
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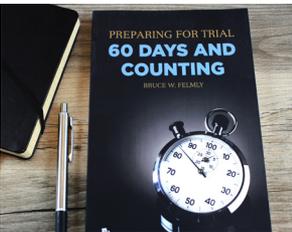
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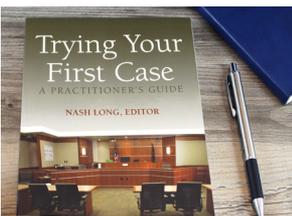
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