



A College of Trial Advocacy

## 2019 WORKSHOP ON EVIDENCE

Learn the intricacies of admitting and excluding evidence and how to make appropriate objections.

**The Evidence Program** is for both new and experienced attorneys who want to learn and polish their evidence skills. Key concepts are covered through dynamic lectures and demonstrations by some of San Diego's top trial attorneys. In addition, participants receive individualized coaching from sitting state and federal judges and premier local attorneys as they practice in small workshop settings.

Program objectives include conducting a competent direct and cross-examination, laying an appropriate foundation, using exhibits, making objections, impeachment using a prior inconsistent statement, refreshing recollection, rehabilitation of a witness, and using factual stipulations. Enrollees receive program materials as well as a softbound 2019 California Evidence Code.

### EVIDENCE LECTURE SERIES

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

Check-In: 5:00 p.m.

Lecture (Part I): 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep  
United States Courthouse, Courtroom 14B  
333 West Broadway, San Diego  
Featured Lecturer: Judge Robert J. Trentacosta

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

Lecture (Part II): 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep  
United States Courthouse, Courtroom 14B  
333 West Broadway, San Diego  
Featured Lecturer: Judge Robert J. Trentacosta

Judge Robert J. Trentacosta, a distinguished member of the San Diego bench, presents a two-part lecture on the rules of evidence with demonstrations by experienced trial attorneys. He will discuss the rules of evidence, the intricacies of admitting and objecting to evidence, and courtroom etiquette.

### EVIDENCE WORKSHOPS

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

Check-In: 5:00 p.m. for Courtroom Assignment  
Workshop: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

San Diego Superior Court, Hall of Justice  
330 West Broadway, San Diego

#### THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

Check-In: 5:00 p.m. for Courtroom Assignment  
Workshop: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

San Diego Superior Court, Hall of Justice  
330 West Broadway, San Diego

At the workshops, the lectures are put into practice. Using written program materials, participants are paired in teams of two and take turns conducting examinations and raising timely and appropriate objections.

The workshops are designed to increase competence by teaching a wide variety of evidentiary issues under the guidance of distinguished judges and lawyers who assist with training and provide judicial insight.

**10 MCLE Credits**

### ABOUT THE LECTURER

**Judge Robert J. Trentacosta** completed his term as the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court in December 2013. Formerly, he held multiple leadership positions within the court including: Assistant Presiding Judge, Supervising Criminal Judge and Supervising Judge of the South County Division. He is presently presiding over Juvenile Delinquency matters.

Judge Trentacosta is currently a member of the California Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions (CJEO) providing ethics advice to all judicial officers in the State of California. He previously served as the Chairperson for all Judicial Leadership Education in the State of California. He also served as a member of the Commission on the Future of California's Court System and Chairperson of the Technology Working Group tasked with advising the Chief Justice with recommendations for the future administration of the Judicial Branch. Judge Trentacosta is an Adjunct Professor of law at California Western School of Law teaching "Trial Practice."

When he was a practicing trial lawyer, Judge Trentacosta was the President of the Plaintiff's Trial Bar (2000) and the President of the San Diego Inn of Court, College of Advocacy (1997). He has been honored as "Outstanding Jurist of the Year" several times by various trial lawyer and bar organizations.



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