Precision Advocacy: Reinventing Motion Practice to Win
Presented by the ABA Section of Litigation

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You are cordially invited to the New York session of a traveling national series by the ABA Section of Litigation, *Precision Advocacy: Reinventing Motion Practice to Win*, which brings national thought leaders together with local judges and practitioners to improve motion practice—the most critical way in which lawyers persuade judges. Two panel discussions will address new and active approaches to determine which motions will be filed, which motions (and arguments) to leave on the cutting room floor, and how to focus motions that will win. The program is April 27, 2017, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the Ceremonial Courtroom, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY.

U.S. District Judge John Bates, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Federal Rules, will moderate two panels including:

- Chief U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon (SDNY)
- U.S. District Court Judges Valerie E. Caproni (SDNY), Brian M. Cogan (EDNY), and Lorna Schofield (SDNY)
- Plaintiff and Defense Counsel: David Crichlow, Maeve O'Connor, Michael Stocker and Douglas Wigdor

The program co-organizers are Tracey Salmon-Smith and Mor Wetzler. More information and links to registration can be found in the attached flyer, or at http://www.precisionadvocacy.org/new-york.html. Registration is $75 for general public, $50 for ABA Section of Litigation members, $25 for government/public interest, and free for judges and law clerks.

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Tuition Assistance

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Ceremonial Courtroom
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Continuing the momentum of last year's "Rules Roadshow"—which addressed how to use the 2015 Federal Rules Amendments to promote efficient discovery—this year's "Roadshow 2.0" addresses how to promote efficiency and improve the chances for success in motion practice.

ABOUT

Like it or not, it's indisputable: far more cases are disposed of today through motions than through trials. Motion practice is the primary way that lawyers persuade judges. But ill-conceived, unfocused, unnecessary, or poorly crafted motions only weigh down the system, distract from the key issues, and backfire on the movant, while driving up judicial workloads and legal fees and slowing down and degrading resolutions.

This nationwide series, moderated by Hon. John Bates, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Federal Rules, will tackle the challenge of making motions better. National thought leaders will lead discussions with local judges and top plaintiffs' and defense counsel, analyzing problems with current practice and offering new, better, and cutting edge approaches for resolving interlocutory disputes, including how to:

- Employ novel informal processes to narrow disputes or obviate having to file a motion
- Streamline motions to make them more efficient and powerful
- Focus the judge's attention on what really matters
- Obtain faster decisions and better results

Judges and lawyers in attendance will leave with an array of new methods to upgrade motion practice, make motions and oppositions more effective, save time and reduce expense, enhance credibility, and lead to better outcomes for clients.

Moderator

Hon. John Bates
Chair of the Advisory Committee on Federal Rules

Local Speakers

Hon. Valerie E. Caproni
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