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OBJECTIONS AT TRIAL AND OTHER METHODS OF AVOIDING WAIVER IN CIVIL LITIGATION

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time

Locations:

In-person: Armstrong Teasdale LLP, 7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1800, St. Louis, MO 63105. Parking in the building will be complimentary. Also, there is limited metered parking on the street.

Virtual: via Zoom (meeting ID and password will be provided upon registration)

This presentation will address best practices for preservation of error at all stages of the litigation process, with an emphasis on recent decisions of Missouri appellate courts. The presentation will include preserving issues and arguments before litigation, in pleadings, before trial, at trial, and after trial.

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AGENDA

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.-4:50 p.m.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

(Biographies of the speakers appear on the next page)

The Honorable Cristian M. Stevens, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District
The Honorable Thomas C. Albus, Circuit Court of St. Louis County
The Honorable Virginia W. Lay, Circuit Court of St. Louis County
The Honorable Stanley J. Wallach, Circuit Court of St. Louis County
Michelle Spirn, Spirn Family Law
Jeff McPherson, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Cost

(includes materials)

In-Person and Virtual Option Members: \$60 / Non-members: \$80 / Senior Members (Practiced 50 years or are 75 years of age): \$40 / Judges, Benefactors, and Students complimentary

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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You can pay by credit card by visiting the Events section on our webpage at <https://stlcountybar.org/> or by check payable to the St. Louis County Bar Association, providing your contact information, and mail to P.O. Box 16591, Clayton, MO 63105. Registration is preferred by September 25, 2024 although registration for both options on September 26th are welcome, including walk-ins for the in-person option.

BIOGRAPHIES OF SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

The Honorable Cristian M. Stevens, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District

Judge Stevens was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals in 2021. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia (magna cum laude) and the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law (cum laude). Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Stevens worked in private practice, served as Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri from 2002-2017, and was First Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office from 2019-2021.

The Honorable Thomas C. Albus, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Judge Albus was appointed Circuit Judge in 2020. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to his appointment to the circuit bench, Judge Albus worked in private practice before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri in 2002 where he prosecuted criminal cases for 17 years. In 2019, Judge Albus joined the administration of the Missouri Attorney General as First Assistant.

The Honorable Virginia W. Lay, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Judge Lay was appointed as an Associate Circuit Judge in 2019 and as a Circuit Judge in 2021. She received her B.A. with honors from Columbia University and her law degree from Washington University School of Law in 1993. Judge Lay served as an Assistant Circuit Attorney in St. Louis, as an Assistant Prosecutor for Jackson County in Kansas City, and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri. Judge Lay was in private practice from 2002-2017, served as an Adjunct Professor at Washington University School of Law, and served as a Special Assistant Circuit Attorney, handling white collar cases for the Missouri Division of Employment Security.

The Honorable Stanley J. Wallach, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Judge Wallach was appointed Circuit Judge in 2016. He received his Bachelor of Arts (cum laude) from Duke University in Durham, N.C., and his law degree from the University of Chicago. Prior to his appointment to the circuit bench, Judge Wallach was engaged in the private practice of law.

Michelle Spirn, Spirn Family Law

Michelle Spirn has over 25 years of experience in all facets of family law litigation. She is proud to be the current president of the Missouri Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a national organization whose members are committed to practicing family law at the highest levels of skill, honesty, integrity, and professionalism. She has been recognized by Best Lawyers In America since 2019 and was named Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" for Family Law in 2021.

Jeff McPherson, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Jeff McPherson is a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and has been selected to Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers. Jeff has represented clients in over 200 appeals of all kinds, including appeals in the Missouri Supreme Court and every district of the Missouri Court of Appeals. He is also an experienced trial litigator and has taken civil cases to final judgment through trials, dismissals, and summary judgments. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America since 2013 and was recently named Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" for Appellate Practice in 2025.