



Trial Preparation for Plaintiff Firms 101

Desk Reference Manual

INTRODUCTION

In developing this course and the design of this desk reference manual, we wanted to develop a guide for the members of the litigation team. Trial preparation is a complex weave of tasks which is subject to procedural and evidentiary rules. Trial preparation is also an exercise in managing the many personalities, temperaments and moods you are likely to encounter when dealing with witnesses, opposing counsel and your own colleagues.

Trial preparation is also an opportunity to develop your own professionalism by exhibiting leadership, flexibility and tenacity through the months required to ready a case for trial. And a good sense of humour does not hurt either!

Highlights

The fundamentals of trial preparation are the keys to successful litigation: proficiency with the Rules of Court, knowledge of court forms and an understanding of the rules of evidence.

This version of the manual has been completely revised to reflect the new Civil Rules of Court that came into effect last July 1, 2010.

Learning Objectives

After attending “Trial Preparation for Plaintiff Firms 101”, you will have an understanding of the applicable Rules of Court and how to use them to your advantage. You will also gain a knowledge of the Forms and how their use can affect your case. This course will help you organize all the details and schedule all the tasks!

For those with trial experience, you will pick up some new coping strategies and for those new to trial preparation, you will learn what must be done and when.

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