



Judge Mark R. Kravitz Inaugural Symposium

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

“Exploring the Vanishing Trial Phenomenon”

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 7:45 a.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast - Lobby**
- 8:30 a.m.** **Introductions and Welcome - Ballroom**
Hon. Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court
Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Connecticut
Hon. Barry R. Schaller, Justice (Ret.), Connecticut Appellate Court
Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Timothy S. Fisher, President, Connecticut Bar Foundation; McCarter & English LLP
- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.** **What is the landscape of vanishing trials for federal and state courts? - Ballroom**
Panelists will present data on the extent to which the number of trials is declining nationally and locally in recent years in civil and criminal cases. The panelists will contrast the number of cases that currently proceed to trial and verdict as compared to previous years, focusing on the number of filings, the nature of dispositions and whether the data reveal significant differences based on the types of cases involved.
- Moderator:** **Brad Saxton**, Chair, James W. Cooper Fellows, Connecticut Bar Foundation; Dean, Quinnipiac University School of Law
- Panelists:** **Theodore Eisenberg**, Henry Allen Mark Professor of Law & Adjunct Professor of Statistical Science, Cornell University
Hon. Barbara M. Quinn, Chief Court Administrator, Office of the Chief Court Administrator
Hon. Stefan R. Underhill, Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Break

9:50 – 10:50 a.m. What is causing the landscape of vanishing trials? - *Ballroom*

Panelists including academics, judges, insurance counsel, and attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants will offer a range of perspectives on the underlying causes of the phenomenon of the decrease in trials.

Moderator: **Ernest F. Teitell**, Silver Golub & Teitell LLP

Panelists: **James I. Glasser**, Wiggin and Dana LLP

John Humphreys, Group General Counsel, Travelers Inc.

Michael Koskoff, Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder PC

Hon. Linda K. Lager, Superior Court Chief Administrative Judge, Civil Division

John H. Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History, Yale Law School

Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale Law School

10:55 – 11:55 a.m. What are the implications of the vanishing trial? - *Ballroom*

Panelists will discuss the governmental and jurisprudential consequences of the private resolution of disputes, the impact on the trial bar and the trial bench, and various appropriate responses.

Moderator: **James K. Robertson**, Carmody & Torrance LLP

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Hon. William G. Young, Judge, U. S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

11:55 - 12:15 p.m. Questions and Closing Remarks - *Ballroom*

Timothy S. Fisher, President, Connecticut Bar Foundation; McCarter & English LLP

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