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- Valuable insights from six appellate judges stemming from a live moot court demonstration, specific writing critiques and other discussion
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- Networking opportunities with experienced practitioners and in-house counsel
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At DRI's 10th Appellate Advocacy Seminar, experienced appellate practitioners, in-house counsel and occasional appellate advocates alike will benefit from a distinguished faculty of judges, in-house counsel and leading practitioners providing valuable instruction and insight on effective advocacy, strategies and business tactics. The live oral argument and writing sessions will provide concrete examples of what went well and what went poorly in a high-level appeal that featured some of the best appellate practitioners in the country. Other speakers will address broad, important topics, such as appeals from the in-house perspective and building an appellate practice, as well as specific issues, such as interacting effectively with the government and strategies for addressing emerging appellate issues in e-discovery and social media.



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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Specific aspects of good writing from the judges who read the briefs and rule on the cases
- Tips on effective oral advocacy from the judges who hear the arguments
- How in-house counsel effectively manage their appellate dockets and relationships with outside appellate counsel
- Compelling historical context for appellate practice and the growth of the nation
- Recent developments in law from the appellate courts that are important to businesses
- Tips on building an appellate practice
- How to handle review of interlocutory orders effectively



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

6:00 p.m. **Registration**6:00 p.m. **Diversity Networking Reception**

Speaker: The Honorable O. Rogeriee Thompson, *United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Boston, Massachusetts*

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

7:15 a.m. **Registration**7:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

Sponsored by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Keri Lynn Bush, *Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Costa Mesa, California*

Diane B. Bratvold, *Briggs and Morgan PA, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Tillman J. Breckenridge, *Reed Smith LLP, Washington, D.C.*

8:30 a.m. **Appellate Advocacy from the Judges' Point of View**

A panel of three appellate judges will preside over a moot court with two experienced appellate practitioners providing the arguments. The parties will argue *Kurns v. Railroad Friction Prods. Corp.*, a topical case for businesses that sits at the intersection of federal preemption and employment law. The panel and advocates will provide comments about their expectations prior to the argument. After argument, the judges will confer, rule and then offer their insights about effective oral advocacy and their reactions to the presentations.

Moderator: James C. Martin, *Reed Smith LLP, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Moot Court Judges

The Honorable Peter W. Hall, *United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Rutland, Vermont*

The Honorable Sandra L. Lynch, *United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Boston, Massachusetts*

The Honorable Myron T. Steele, *Delaware Supreme Court, Dover, Delaware*

Moot Court Advocates

Diane B. Bratvold, *Briggs and Morgan PA, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Catherine R. Connors, *Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland, Maine*

10:30 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

Sponsored by Reed Smith LLP

10:45 a.m. **Hot Topics Concerning In-House Management of Appeals**

Experienced in-house counsel will discuss how they manage their appellate processes, including how they hire, how they keep arguments consistent across their dockets, appellate strategies they have developed, the briefing process and expectations for oral argument, and integration of appellate counsel at the trial court level. Handling alternative fee arrangements and ways to limit appellate costs for their clients without damaging the likelihood of success will also be covered. Learn how best to approach in-house counsel for appellate business and what corporate counsel look for when hiring appellate counsel.

Moderator: Michelle J. Sheehan, *Reminger Co. LPA, Cleveland, Ohio*

Panel

Neal S. Berinhout, *AT&T Mobility LLC, Atlanta, Georgia*

Marcy Hahn Wolfson, *Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan*

12:15 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:30 p.m. **Recent Decisions and Pending Cases Important to the Business Client**

In an interview style format, Ms. Odorizzi, chair of her firm's Supreme Court and appellate practice group, will discuss recent appellate decisions that are likely to affect the business client, as well as pending cases involving issues of significance to the corporate world.

Interviewer: Jill M. Wheaton, *Dykema Gossett PLLC*, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Speaker: Michele L. Odorizzi, *Mayer Brown LLP*, Chicago, Illinois

2:30 p.m. **Upcoming Appellate Issues in E-Discovery and Social Media**

Social media and e-discovery issues arise routinely at the trial court level and will be surfacing in the appellate courts soon. Winning or losing on appeal may turn on counsel's knowledge of and ability to communicate effectively regarding electronically stored information and e-discovery. This session will examine strategies to address e-discovery and social media issues most effectively on appeal, the e-discovery and social media issues likely to reach the appellate courts first, and the impact those issues may have on business litigation.

Moderator: Deborah Alley Smith, *Christian & Small LLP*, Birmingham, Alabama

Panel

Vincent M. Catanzano, *E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company*, Wilmington, Delaware

David C. Shonka, *Federal Trade Commission*, Washington, D.C.

3:30 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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3:45 p.m. **Building an Appellate Practice**

Appellate lawyers develop their business as advisors and specialists, and usually partner with trial attorneys. How appellate lawyers interact within their law firm and attract

clients from outside the law firm is central to professional success and satisfaction. Mr. Berg will discuss how he built his appellate practice and provide tips for developing vibrant client and referral relationships inside and outside the law firm.

Timothy J. Berg, *Fennemore Craig PC*, Phoenix, Arizona

4:30 p.m. **Historical Origins of American Appellate and Constitutional Law**

Boston and its surroundings played a critical role in the development of appellate and constitutional process and procedure. This presentation will provide images and analysis of the original Massachusetts Bay Colony charter, the Mayflower Compact, and other artifacts that will shed new light on the deep roots of today's appellate practice.

David A Furlow, *Thompson & Knight LLP*, Houston, Texas

5:00 p.m. **Appellate Advocacy Committee Meeting**
(open to all)

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
Sponsored by Andrews Kurth LLP

7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds**
Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner *(on your own)*.
More details on-site.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Sponsored by Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP

7:00 a.m. **In-House to In-House Breakfast**
Sponsored by DRI Corporate Counsel Committee

8:00 a.m. **Announcements**
Robert L. Wise, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, Virginia



8:15 a.m. **Writing for the Appellate Audience**

A panel of appellate judges will discuss writing in a way that appeals to them and their clerks. They will review the strengths and weaknesses of the petition stage filings and briefs in *Kurns*, giving concrete examples of what they like and dislike. The panel will also cover effective writing tips, styles and strategies for appeals with issues of first impression, complex legal issues, complex factual issues and matters of important public concern.

Moderator: C. Mitchell Brown, *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP*, Columbia, South Carolina

Panel

The Honorable Michael J. Melloy, *United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Honorable Francis X. Spina, *Supreme Court of Massachusetts*, Boston, Massachusetts

9:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:00 a.m. **Media and the Appellate Courts**

With one of the most visible Supreme Court terms in decades nearing its end, the Court's decisions will be scrutinized and criticized, and public opinion in an election year will be shaped, in large part, by the fourth estate. The Supreme Court correspondent for the *Huffington Post* will provide commentary and insights on the significant appellate issues of the day, as well as the role of new media in shaping public opinion on appellate matters.

Mike Sacks, *Huffington Post*, Washington, D.C.

10:45 a.m. **Interacting Effectively with the Government When It Is Involved in Your Case**

What should an appellate attorney do when the federal or state solicitor general's office, or a federal or state agency, is considering whether to become involved, or already has become involved, in a private party appeal, either as an intervenor or as an amicus curiae? How and when you provide written or oral input may be crucial. This panel will

discuss the best approaches for interacting with federal and state appellate attorneys so that they will be more likely to support your client's position, or at least be less likely to support your opponent's.

Moderator: Lawrence S. Ebner, *McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP*, Washington, D.C.

Panel

John J. Bursch, *Office of the Solicitor General of Michigan*, Lansing, Michigan

Melissa Arbus Sherry, *Office of the Solicitor General of the United States*, Washington, D.C.

11:45 a.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

1:00 p.m. **Interlocutory Review of Orders**

When clients are hit with adverse trial court rulings that have serious consequences for a case, a decision must be made whether to seek immediate appellate review. There are many strategic and practical facets to the seeking interlocutory review of orders, depending on the stakes and subject matter of the dispute. Mr. Tulumello will discuss how to approach interlocutory review of orders with clients and courts, with special attention to class action rulings, preliminary injunction rulings and 1292(b) appeals.

Andrew S. "Drew" Tulumello, *Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP*, Washington, D.C.

2:00 p.m. **With Friends Like These...: Exploring the Ethics of Amicus Support**

From "ghost-writing" to funding to the proper use of amici and compliance with various courts' procedural and ethical rules, gathering and presenting amicus curiae support can present a host of potential ethical issues and pitfalls for the unwary appellate practitioner. Mr. Riegel, a frequent "friend of the court" participant, will address the source of many of these potential problem areas and offer practical solutions from both the party and amicus perspectives.

Quentin Riegel, *National Association of Manufacturers*, Washington, D.C.

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Neal S. Berinhout spent 15 years in law firms and the last 11 years as head of litigation for AT&T's wireless business in Atlanta. His practice has focused on complex civil litigation—on the defense side for 25 years and on the plaintiff side for one year. Mr. Berinhout was the architect of the long-term strategy that culminated in the landmark *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion* victory in the Supreme Court in 2011.

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The Honorable Peter W. Hall was appointed United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit in July 2004. Previously, he was United States Attorney for Vermont from October 2001 to July 2004. From 1986 to 2001, he was in private practice, concentrating in state and federal trial and appellate litigation. From 1978 to 1986, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and later First Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Vermont.

The Honorable Sandra L. Lynch was appointed to the First Circuit in 1995 by President Clinton. She is the first woman to serve as chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Her opinions are among the most frequently cited of federal court of appeals judges. Before coming to the federal bench, Chief Judge Lynch served as an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, general counsel of the Massachusetts Department of Education, and was a partner in a Boston law firm.

James C. Martin is a partner in the appellate practice group at Reed Smith LLP, practicing in the Pittsburgh and Los Angeles offices. He is a fellow and secretary of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a member and former president of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a founder and former president of the Third Circuit Bar Association, and recognized by *Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America* for appellate law. He is a member of DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee and a frequent author and speaker on appellate related topics.

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The Honorable Francis X. Spina is an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. He served with the Western Massachusetts Legal Services from 1972 to 1974. From 1975–1977, he was an assistant city solicitor for the City of Pittsfield Law Department. From 1979–1983, he served as second assistant district attorney in the Berkshire County Attorney's Office. Thereafter he was in private practice for 10 years. Judge Spina served on the Superior Court (1993–1997), the Massachusetts Appeals Court (1997–1999) and was appointed as an associate justice on October 14, 1999.

The Honorable Myron T. Steele is the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, located in Dover. Previously, he served as a vice chancellor of the Court of Chancery. He has published over 400 opinions resolving disputes among members of limited liability companies and limited partnerships, and between shareholders and management of both publicly traded and close corporations. *Lawdragon* Magazine has consistently placed him among its annual "Top Judges in America." He is a member of the National Center for State Courts and first vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices.

The Honorable O. Rogeriee Thompson sits on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston. After serving as the first African-American woman on the Rhode Island District Court and then serving on the Rhode Island Superior Court, Judge Thompson was appointed to the First Circuit by President Barack Obama and confirmed by a 98–0 vote in 2010.

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- June 21–22 **Appellate Advocacy**
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- September 20–21 **Construction Law**
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