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## Appellate Advocacy

July 17-18, 2014

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**D**RI's 11th Appellate Advocacy Seminar promises to deliver the strong programming and informative content that its attendees have come to expect. The seminar will feature a moot argument by skilled practitioners before experienced jurists, who will critique the presentations and offer rare "behind the scenes" insights into what makes for effective oral advocacy from a judge's perspective. The programming will also feature speakers on an array of topics, including not only effective and compelling appellate advocacy, but also in-house perspectives and building an appellate practice.

But this year's program will also feature a first—a partnering with the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE) and an overlap with its annual symposium, which is attended by over 100 sitting state court appellate judges. For the afternoon sessions on July 18, the two meetings will merge; the NFJE Symposium attendees will join the Appellate Advocacy Seminar attendees for two informative presentations, followed by the tenth anniversary NFJE celebration cocktail reception and dinner at the Trump Hotel (*a ticketed event—see inside back cover*). You will not want to miss this first-of-its-kind seminar and the opportunity to engage with colleagues and dozens of appellate judges.



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#### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Insights on effective oral advocacy from state and federal judges
- Best practices for successfully navigating the role of embedded appellate counsel at trial, from the perspectives of judge, corporate counsel, appellate counsel, and trial counsel
- Views of in-house counsel on all aspects of appellate counsel involvement, from retention to management and through argument
- Tips for improving the quality and effectiveness of appellate briefs and motions practice from experienced jurists
- Practical advice for establishing and growing an appellate practice from attorneys with diverse backgrounds and with differing types of practices
- How best to promote and support diversity within the appellate ranks of the legal profession
- Expectations of appellate judges on ethics and professionalism from the appellate bar
- Updates on important cases from the Supreme Court and other influential courts

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

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

## THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014

7:00 a.m. **Registration**7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**SPONSORED BY **Christian & Small LLP**7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**

APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR

**C. Mitchell Brown**8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction****Brooks R. Magratten**, *Pierce Atwood LLP*, Providence, Rhode Island**C. Mitchell Brown**, *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP*, Columbia, South Carolina**Robert L. Wise**, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, Virginia8:15 a.m. **Recent Important Appellate Cases**

In an interview-style format led by Mr. Whitson, Pratik Shah, head of Akin Gump's Supreme Court practice, will discuss the most important cases of the past year. Mr. Shah will address recent cases from the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as significant cases from other federal or state courts.

**Pratik A. Shah**, *Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP*, Washington, D.C.**Keith E. Whitson**, *Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania9:15 a.m. **Embedded Appellate Counsel at Trial**

Increasingly, appellate practitioners, often embedded with the trial team, assist with trial preparation and error preservation. This session will focus on how best to fulfill the role of embedded appellate counsel, as well as how best to develop and promote this knowledge and talent as a marketable tool for business development.

MODERATOR | **David M. Walsh IV**, *Chamblee Ryan Kershaw & Anderson PC*, Dallas, Texas

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**Tillman J. Breckenridge**, *Reed Smith LLP*, Washington, D.C.**The Honorable Sara L. Ellis**, *United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois*, Chicago, Illinois**Sherri Hallerman Gould**, *Wells Fargo & Company*, Minneapolis, Minnesota**Jonathan Judge**, *Schiff Hardin LLP*, Chicago, Illinois10:30 a.m. **Refreshment Break**SPONSORED BY **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP**10:45 a.m. **In-House Perspectives on Appellate Practice**

Experienced in-house counsel will discuss their use, management, and expectations of appellate counsel at all levels of their caseloads, offering insights into their selection and hiring processes, how they decide what cases and what issues warrant appellate intervention, and how they decide what cases to appeal.

MODERATOR | **Robert L. Wise**, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, Virginia

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**David P. Crowe**, *Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance*, Boston, Massachusetts**Laura E. Proctor**, *LP Building Products*, Nashville, Tennessee**Brian P. Roche**, *Riddell Inc.*, Chicago, Illinois12:15 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**1:30 p.m. **Effective Appellate Motions Practice**

Getting your motion in an appellate court noticed and ruled on is something with which many appellate practitioners have had little or no experience. With perspectives from esteemed jurists, this discussion will focus on the dos and don'ts of appellate court motions practice and how best to obtain the relief your client needs.

MODERATOR | **Jill M. Wheaton**, *Dykema Gossett PLLC*, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**The Honorable Eva Guzman**, *Supreme Court of Texas*, Austin, Texas

**The Honorable James A. Wynn, Jr.**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit*, Raleigh, North Carolina

2:30 p.m. **Building an Appellate Practice**

Distinguished appellate practitioners with unique backgrounds will offer practical guidance on building a successful appellate practice and career. Discussion will also focus on credential building, networking, developing and growing your practice inside and outside your firm, and nurturing the development of your appellate practice team.

MODERATOR | **Ed R. Haden**, *Balch & Bingham LLP*, Birmingham, Alabama

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**Wallace B. Jefferson**, *Alexander Dubose Jefferson Townsend LLP*, Austin, Texas

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

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3:45 p.m. **Capone on Trial**

Journalist and award-winning author Jonathan Eig will take us on a journey through the life and trial of Al Capone, as laid out in his book, *Get Capone*.

**Jonathan Eig**, Chicago, Illinois

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014

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

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

SPONSORED BY **Wright Lindsey & Jennings LLP**

8:10 a.m. **Announcements**

**Paula D. Vraa**, *Larson King LLP*, St. Paul, Minnesota

8:25 a.m. **Promoting and Supporting Diversity in Appellate Practice**

Judge Donald will speak about her background and career, the importance of improving diversity in the legal profession and supporting a pipeline of diverse talent into the practice of appellate litigation and the state and federal appellate courts.

**The Honorable Bernice Bouie Donald**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit*, Memphis, Tennessee

9:25 a.m. **Appellate Advocacy from the Judges' Point of View**

Class actions have been a hot topic before the United States Supreme Court in recent years, and many have been filed in the area of labor and employment law. Using *Integrity Staffing Solutions, Inc. v. Jesse Busk, et al.* as a model, experienced appellate practitioners will argue both sides of this compelling fact pattern before esteemed appellate jurists, who will then provide "behind the curtains" insight into the judicial decision-making process.

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

MOOT COURT ADVOCATES

**Mary Massaron Ross**, *Plunkett Cooney PC*, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

**Scott Burnett Smith**, *Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP*, Huntsville, Alabama

JUDGES

**The Honorable Duane Benton**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit*, Kansas City, Missouri

**The Honorable Joan N. Ericksen**, *United States District Court for the District of Minnesota*, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**The Honorable Theodore A. McKee**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

10:25 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:40 a.m. **Appellate Advocacy from the Judges' Point of View** (*Cont.*)

11:40 a.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

12:55 p.m. **Ethics and Professionalism: A View from the Bench**

Ethical behavior is the minimum standard; professionalism is the aspiration. Distinguished current and former judges will discuss their expectations of the appellate practitioners who brief and argue cases before them. Learn how ethics and professionalism can help your credibility, your message, and your case.

MODERATOR | **Paula D. Vraa**, *Larson King LLP*, St. Paul, Minnesota

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**Eric J. Magnuson**, *Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi LLP*, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**The Honorable Margret G. Robb**, *Court of Appeals of Indiana, Fifth District*, Indianapolis, Indiana

**The Honorable Michael J. Talbot**, *Michigan Court of Appeals, First District*, Detroit, Michigan

1:55 p.m. **Writing for Your Audience**

A distinguished panel of appellate judges will share their thoughts on effective merits briefing and offer insight into how judges write opinions, how they use their law clerks and staff, and how best to get your brief recognized, understood, and followed.

MODERATOR | **B. Tyler Brooks**, *Millberg Gordon Stewart PLLC*, Raleigh, North Carolina

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**The Honorable Bernice Bouie Donald**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit*, Memphis, Tennessee

**The Honorable Costa M. Pleicones**, *South Carolina Supreme Court*, Columbia, South Carolina

**The Honorable Richard A. Posner**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*, Chicago, Illinois

2:55 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

3:15 p.m. **The Role of the Judiciary\***

Professor Friedman will speak on the role of the judiciary in America and his book *The Will of the People*, which the *New York Times* calls a “thought-provoking and authoritative history of the Supreme Court’s relationship to popular opinion.”

**Barry E. Friedman**, *New York University School of Law*, New York, New York

4:15 p.m. **Court Funding: The New Normal\***

The Great Recession created a financial crisis for courts. Although recovery is underway, a return to past funding and practices in most states will not be possible. How will courts deal with the new normal? Can reform of civil procedures assist? What is the role of court performance standards and measures? How can the business and legal communities help?

**Robert N. Baldwin**, *National Center for State Courts*, Williamsburg, Virginia

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

\*Session held jointly with the NFJE Symposium.



**National Foundation for Judicial Excellence Tenth Anniversary Celebration**

Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, 401 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago (*ticketed event, see inside back cover*)

6:00 p.m. **NFJE Cocktail Reception**

7:00 p.m. **NFJE Dinner**

Keynote Presentation: Qualities of a Good Judicial Opinion

**Chief Judge Diane P. Wood**, *United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*, Chicago, Illinois

## FACULTY

**Robert N. Baldwin** is the executive vice president and general counsel at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia. He coordinates these divisions: Research/Technology, Court Consulting, International, and the Institute for Court Management.

**The Honorable Duane Benton** has served as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Kansas City, Missouri, since 2004, after 13 years as both associate and chief justice on the Missouri Supreme Court.

**Diane B. Bratvold**, a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan PA in Minneapolis, heads its appellate practice group. She is a fellow and board member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and former chair of DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee.

**Tillman J. Breckenridge** is a member of Reed Smith LLP's appellate group and leads the appellate practice for the Washington, D.C., and Virginia offices. He is a barrister in the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court and is actively involved in the NFJE.

**B. Tyler Brooks**, an attorney at Millberg Gordon Stewart PLLC, Raleigh, North Carolina, is licensed to practice law in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. He is president of the Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

**C. Mitchell Brown** is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, practicing in Columbia, South Carolina. He focuses on appellate law, business litigation, class actions, consumer litigation, bad faith insurance defense, and premises liability.

**Linda T. Coberly**, a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago, is chair of its nationwide appellate and critical motions practice. Ms. Coberly is ranked among the nation's top appellate lawyers by *Chambers USA*.

**David P. Crowe**, senior vice president of Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance in Boston, is responsible for its claims function. He has been in the industry for over 21 years, most recently as global head of commercial property claims at AIG.

**The Honorable Bernice Bouie Donald** has served as circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Memphis, Tennessee, since 2011. Previously, she served as a U.S. district judge for the Western District of Tennessee. She is president of the American Bar Foundation.

**Jonathan Eig**, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, is the best-selling author of three books: *Get Capone*, *Luckiest Man*, and *Opening Day*. His book on Al Capone is based on never-before-seen documents.

**The Honorable Sara L. Ellis** sits on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. Prior to becoming a judge, she was in private practice and assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago Department of Law.

**The Honorable Joan N. Ericksen** is a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in Minneapolis and serves as president of that state's chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She has presided over more than 50 patent suits.

**Barry E. Friedman** is the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law in New York City. He is a leading authority on constitutional law and the federal courts.

**Sherri Hallerman Gould** is managing counsel for Wells Fargo & Company in Minneapolis. She handles complex litigation defense nationwide, including intellectual property, ERISA, personal trust, corporate trust, negotiable instruments, lender liability, data breach, and regulatory matters.

**The Honorable Eva Guzman** serves on the Supreme Court of Texas in Austin. Previously, Justice Guzman was an associate justice on the Houston-based Texas Fourteenth Court of Appeals. She began her judicial service on the 309th District Court in Harris County.

**Ed R. Haden**, a partner with Balch & Bingham LLP in Birmingham, Alabama, chairs the firm's Appellate Practice Group. He is the author of *Alabama Appellate Practice* (Lexis-Nexis 2013). His practice focuses on appellate litigation.

**Wallace B. Jefferson** is a partner with the appellate boutique firm of Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend LLP in Austin, Texas. He served as chief justice on the Supreme Court of Texas from 2004 to 2013 and as an associate justice from 2001 to 2004.

**Jonathan Judge**, a partner at Schiff Hardin LLP in Chicago, focuses on product liability, and counseling and defending manufacturers of juvenile, household, and industrial products in matters nationwide. Mr. Judge is also licensed Wisconsin.

**Wendy Cole Lascher**, a partner with Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP in Ventura, California, handles civil and criminal appeals in state and federal courts. She is a past president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

**Eric J. Magnuson** is a partner in the Minneapolis office of Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi LLP. He served as chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court from 2008–2010 and has handled hundreds of appeals over 35 years of practice.

**Brooks R. Magratten** is the partner in charge of Pierce Atwood LLP's Providence, Rhode Island, office. He has more than 20 years' experience in insurance, product liability, and commercial litigation. He is a member of DRI's Law Institute.

**Mary Massaron Ross**, DRI Immediate Past President, is an appellate lawyer with Plunkett Cooney PC in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She handles complex civil appeals in state and federal courts nationwide, including over 100 in the Sixth Circuit.

**The Honorable Theodore A. McKee** has sat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia since 1994, becoming chief judge in 2010. He has served as Assistant United States Attorney and a state court judge.

**The Honorable Costa M. Pleicones** has served as a justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court in Columbia, South Carolina, since 2000. Previously, he served several years as a general jurisdiction trial court judge. Earlier, he was a senior partner in a Columbia law firm.

**The Honorable Richard A. Posner** sits on the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago. Prior to joining the bench in 1981, he clerked for Justice William J. Brennan and was an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States.

**Laura E. Proctor** is associate general counsel over litigation with LP Building Products in Nashville, Tennessee. Ms. Proctor focuses on product liability, employment law, construction, antitrust, toxic torts, premises liability, and general tort litigation. She serves as DRI's first vice president.

**The Honorable Margret G. Robb**, appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis in July 1998, served as its first woman chief judge from 2011–2013. She serves the state, national, and local bar associations and the National Association of Women Judges in many capacities.

**Brian P. Roche** is general counsel for Riddell Inc. in Chicago, providing counsel on all Riddell and Easton-Bell Sports legal matters, including litigation, labor and employment, IP, and

governance. Previously, he was a partner in an international firm.

**Pratik A. Shah** is head of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP's Supreme Court practice in Washington, D.C., and partner in its national appellate practice. He served over five years as Assistant to the Solicitor General at the United States Department of Justice.

**Scott Burnett Smith** is the founding member of the appellate litigation group at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Huntsville, Alabama. He has represented clients before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Alabama Supreme Court, and several U.S. appellate courts. He is a DRI national director.

**The Honorable Michael J. Talbot** was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1998. He is the special judicial administrator of Detroit's 36th District Court, chief judge of the Court of Claims, and chair of the Court Reporting Board of Review.

**Paula D. Vraa**, attorney at Larson King LLP in St. Paul, Minnesota, focuses on appeals, insurance coverage disputes, product liability claims, and professional malpractice defense cases. She is adept at working with trial counsel to ensure that potential appellate issues are identified and preserved.

**David M. Walsh IV**, a partner at Chamblee Ryan Kershaw & Anderson PC in Dallas, has nearly 20 years' experience representing individuals and businesses in trial and appellate matters. In his career, he has been the primary lawyer handling over 60 cases.

**Jill M. Wheaton** is a litigator at Dykema Gossett PLLC, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is involved in high-profile appellate work, commercial litigation, and product liability defense. Ms. Wheaton is the leader of the firm's appellate practice.

**Keith E. Whitson**, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in Pittsburgh, has 20 years of litigation experience. His practice focuses on general commercial litigation, product liability, toxic torts, and appellate advocacy.

**Robert L. Wise**, co-managing partner of the Richmond, Virginia, office of Bowman and Brooke LLP, chairs its appellate and advanced motions practice group. He focuses on appellate, product liability, class action and mass torts, and commercial litigation. He is the program chair of this seminar.

**The Honorable James A. Wynn, Jr.**, sits on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Raleigh, North Carolina. Previously, he was an appellate judge on both the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

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April 30–May 2	<b>Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Claims</b> <i>Sheraton Chicago Hotel &amp; Towers, Chicago, IL</i>	July 17–18	<b>Appellate Advocacy</b> <i>The Westin Chicago River North, Chicago, IL</i>
May 7–9	<b>Employment and Labor Law</b> <i>Montelucia Resort, Scottsdale, AZ</i>	July 24–25	<b>Class Actions</b> <i>Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C.</i>
May 8–9	<b>Business Litigation</b> <i>The Westin Washington, D.C. City Center, Washington, D.C.</i>	July 24–25	<b>Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance</b> <i>Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C.</i>
May 8–9	<b>Intellectual Property Litigation</b> <i>The Westin Washington, D.C. City Center, Washington, D.C.</i>	September 10–12	<b>Construction Law</b> <i>Hard Rock Hotel, San Diego, CA</i>
May 15–16	<b>Drug and Medical Device</b> <i>Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel, Washington, D.C.</i>	September 11–12	<b>Data Breach</b> <i>Conrad Chicago, Chicago, IL</i>
May 15–16	<b>Retail and Hospitality Litigation and Claims Management</b> <i>The Westin Chicago River North, Chicago, IL</i>	September 18–19	<b>Nursing Home Litigation</b> <i>Swissôtel Chicago, Chicago, IL</i>
May 22–23	<b>Hot Topics in International Dispute Resolution</b> <i>Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, Amsterdam, NL</i>	October 22–26	<b>Annual Meeting</b> <i>San Francisco Marriott, San Francisco, CA</i>
June 12–13	<b>Diversity for Success</b> <i>Swissôtel Chicago, Chicago, IL</i>	November 6–7	<b>Asbestos Medicine</b> <i>San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, CA</i>
June 19–20	<b>Trucking Law</b> <i>The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV</i>	November 6–7	<b>Fire Science Litigation</b> <i>FireSky Resort, Scottsdale, AZ</i>
June 26–27	<b>Young Lawyers</b> <i>The Westin Denver Downtown, Denver, CO</i>	November 13–14	<b>Complex Medicine</b> <i>Westin San Diego, San Diego, CA</i>
		December 4–5	<b>Insurance Coverage &amp; Practice</b> <i>New York Marriott Marquis, New York, NY</i>
		December 4–5	<b>Professional Liability</b> <i>New York Marriott Marquis, New York, NY</i>



### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN DRI: A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

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