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Expertly Handle Evidence in Your Next Hearing or Trial

Want to feel more at ease with evidence? Get the peace of mind you need for your next motion hearing or trial with this interactive workshop featuring an all-star lineup of top litigators and judges. Using real-life scenarios—and fun, game show-inspired exercises—you'll learn the fundamentals of admitting and objecting to evidence, thinking on your feet, and putting the rules of evidence to work for you. Walk away more confident and prepared than ever before.

Plus, all attendees receive ICLE's *Michigan Rules of Evidence and Trial Objections at a Glance*—a laminated chart for quick courtroom access to every rule of evidence and authority for common objections. A \$50 value!

You will be able to:

- Identify various ways to lay a foundation for admitting evidence
- Persuasively argue the relevance of a piece of evidence
- Determine the difference between refreshing recollection and impeachment
- Take the correct steps to qualify your expert
- Preserve your record with appropriate objections
- Quickly object to evidence and state the basis for each objection



Featured Speaker

Hon. Christopher P. Yates

Michigan Court of Appeals, *Grand Rapids*

Judge Yates was appointed to the court in March 2022, having previously served as a trial judge in Kent County Circuit Court. Before joining the bench, he worked as a federal prosecutor in Detroit, an attorney-advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice, a chief federal public defender for the Western District of Michigan, and a partner in two private law firms.

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8:30am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00am

Welcome and Introductions and Litigation Section Update

Kathleen A. Lang, *Washington*; Andrew L. Stevens, Landry Mazzeo Dembinski & Stevens PC, *Royal Oak*

9:05am

Admitting Evidence: Authentication and Foundation

Authenticate evidence, lay the foundation for admissibility, determine relevance, balance probative value against prejudice, explore hearsay and exceptions, excluding evidence on specific grounds, demonstrations.
Hon. Carol Kuhnke, 22nd Circuit Court, *Ann Arbor*; Kathleen A. Lang, *Washington*

9:55am

Opinion Testimony: Federal and MI Rules of Evidence

Select experts, qualify experts, *Daubert* challenges, expert depositions and notices, Michigan and federal rules.
James J. Harrington IV, Fieger Law, *Southfield*

10:35am

Networking Break

10:50am

Impeachment and Refreshing Recollection

Overview and mechanics of both, review refreshing recollection, impeach prior inconsistent statements, demonstrations.
James L. Liggins, Jr., Warner Norcross + Judd, *Kalamazoo*; Hon. Christopher P. Yates, Michigan Court of Appeals, *Grand Rapids*

11:50am

Networking Lunch

12:50pm

Evidence “Jeopardy”

Compete in groups and test your evidence knowledge.
Hon. B. Chris Christenson, 7th Circuit Court, *Flint*

2:20pm

How and When to Make Objections

Preserving your record, identifying when to object, and objections in depositions versus trial.
Cary S. McGehee, Pitt McGehee Palmer Bonanni & Rivers PC, *Royal Oak*

2:50pm

Networking Break

3:05pm

Making and Responding to Typical Objections—Audience Voting

Address common objections—form of the question, documents, hearsay, lack of foundation, expert witnesses, and attempts to impeach—with real-time audience voting on each scenario.
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4:05pm

Questions and Answers