

LITIGATING A SURVEY DISPUTE

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SCOPE: This seminar will examine justice, law and the legal system. A judge and an expert surveyor will discuss where and how surveyors fit and practice in the legal system, both as expert witnesses and as possible participants as either plaintiffs or defendants. The historical background and the modern functions of law will be discussed which the surveyor/business owner or business surveyor should both understand, respect and work within. The session will examine the judicial system from both the vantage point of the judge who is charged to make the system work, the attorney who is an officer of the court and the surveyor who, often times is manipulated by and thus is terrified of what can be expected. The session will culminate with a mock trial that address a surveyor/business litigation problem and an actual survey problem.

OUTLINE

- I. **IMPORTANCE OF DEFINING
LAW
JUSTICE
THE SYSTEM**
- II. **THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND JUSTICE**
- III. **ROLES OF THE VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS
THE JUDGE
THE PARTIES
THE ATTORNEYS
EXPERTS**
- IV. **USES & MISUSES OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM**
- V. **USE AND MISUSE OF AN EXPERT**
- V. **DISCOVERY & THE TRIAL**
- VI. **MOCK TRIAL
DEFINING THE PARAMETERS
SETTING THE JURY
MAKING A DECISION**

Presentation time: 8, 12, or 14 hours.
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