

Legal Symposium Schedule

Monday, June 3, 2019



7:30 am Registration Opens

8:30 am Opening Remarks

8:45 am Traumatic Brain Injury 101: Medical Information to Successfully Handle a TBI Case, including Diagnostic Testing

Presented by Brian D. Greenwald, MD & Kenneth B. Goldblatt, Esq.

This lecture will review normal brain function; define Traumatic Brain Injury, describe pathophysiology; discuss mild brain injury definition, work up and differential diagnosis; review advanced radiology options; review outcomes including physical, psychological, cognitive; and review treatment options.

9:45 am Understanding the Roles of TBI Health Professionals: A Multidisciplinary Approach

Presented by Richard S. Jaffe, Esq.

In this session, attendees will learn that concussions result in a constellation of symptoms and learn how to discuss concussion and its treatment with the clients. With this understanding, the lecture will go on to review how recovering from brain injury requires a multidisciplinary approach and that coordination of therapeutic services is the key to success.

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Nuances of Successfully Litigating a Traumatic Brain Injury Case

Presented by Andy Siegel, Esq.

This presentation will focus on important trial aspects and approaches ranging from mechanism of injury through the critical importance of witness selection, concluding with a unique approach to closing argument.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Cross Examination of the Defense Neurologist and Neuropsychologist

Presented by Kenneth Goldblatt, Esq.

This presentation will present unique techniques to cross examine a defense neurologist in a Traumatic Brain Injury case. You will also be presented with information on how to limit the testimony of a defense neuropsychologist.

2:00 pm Summations and Ending Your Brain Injury Case Strong

Presented by Mike Ronemus, Esq.

The goal of this presentation is to help attorneys become better advocates for their brain injured clients by discussing ideas of how to approach summations; in refuting and debunking false claims made by defense lawyers; in grabbing the jurors' attention and making them want to find for the plaintiff; and in continuing themes used throughout the trial. This seminar will help injured people with brain injuries and their attorneys maximize their legal recovery.

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3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Brain Injury Settlement Considerations

Presented by Kelly Mikullitz, Esq., and John Bair

This session will present attendees with elements attorneys should consider if their brain injury case goes to settlement, including life-care plans, pre-settlement funding (ie: how to deal with it and how does it affect settlement), qualified settlement funds, subrogation or lien interests, settlement issues, the interplay between third-party liability and benefits, special needs trusts, Medicare set-aside and non-Medicaid trusts.

4:15 pm Closing Remarks



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