

# Masters in Trial<sup>®</sup> A trial demonstration from opening statement through jury deliberation


**WHEN** Friday, March 10, 2017 **WHO** New and experienced trial lawyers


**WHERE** IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law | 565 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL

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## Registration

 Register online at [ABOTAMastersInTrial.org](http://ABOTAMastersInTrial.org)

 Course materials will be delivered via email.

Online registration closes at 4:00 p.m. (CST) on March 6, 2017.

## Tuition

**\$345.00 EARLY REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 10, 2017.**

**\$395.00 REGULAR REGISTRATION AFTER FEBRUARY 10, 2017.**

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Refunds will be given, less a \$40 administrative fee, if request is received in writing by the Foundation no later than 3:00 p.m. (CST) on Friday, March 3, 2017. Refunds are not available for no-shows or cancellations after March 3, 2017. All registrations must be pre-paid.

## CLE Credit

The Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates has requested accreditation from the Illinois State Bar Association.

## About ABOTA

The American Board of Trial Advocates, an organization with more than 7,600 of the best trial lawyers in America, is dedicated to the preservation of the right to trial by jury guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch premier trial lawyers do what they do best.
- Observe effective and proven techniques to use in direct and cross-examination of lay and expert witnesses.
- Network with colleagues and earn CLE credit.

The Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates is dedicated to educating lawyers in the art of trial advocacy. The Masters in Trial<sup>®</sup> program shows how some of the most successful trial lawyers in the country conduct a trial. All of the trial team counsel are ABOTA members and are well-known and highly respected in their fields.

**FEATURED SPEAKERS** Visit [ABOTAMastersInTrial.org](http://ABOTAMastersInTrial.org) for complete speaker bios

### Program Chairs

**Michael T. Gill** *Pfaff, Gill & Ports, Ltd.* • **Bruce R. Pfaff** *Pfaff, Gill & Ports, Ltd.*

**Matthew D. Ports** *Pfaff, Gill & Ports, Ltd.*

### Presiding Judge

**Hon. Lorna Propes** *Circuit Court of Cook County*

### Plaintiff Team

**Gregory F. Coplan** *Coplan & Crane, Ltd.* • **Karen A. Enright** *Karen Enright & Associates*

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### Defense Team

**David C. Burtker** *Cunningham Meyer & Vedrine PC* • **Brian C. Fetzer** *Johnson & Bell, LTD.*

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### Lunch Speaker

**Danusia Trevino** *"Jury Trial Deliberations"*

## THE CASE

A 51-year-old service director at a car dealership died suddenly from a heart attack after several visits to his primary care doctor. His widow claims the doctor was negligent in treating her husband, causing his wrongful death. The physician denies all claims. Watch many of Chicago's best malpractice lawyers try the case and watch the mock jury deliberate.

## SCHEDULE (schedule and speakers subject to change)

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of Trial**

8:50 a.m. **Opening Statements**

9:20 a.m. **Examination of Plaintiff's Administrator**

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. **Examination of Defendant**

10:45 a.m. **Examination of Plaintiff's Expert Witness**

11:40 a.m. **Panel Discussion on Strategy and Technique**

12:00 p.m. "Jury Trial Deliberations" (Lunch Provided)

1:00 p.m. **Examination of Defense Expert Witness**

1:50 p.m. **Closing Arguments**

2:40 p.m. Break

2:55 p.m. **Instructions to the Jury**

3:00 p.m. **Jury Deliberations (Streamed Live)**

4:00 p.m. **Jury Verdict and Final Thoughts**

4:15 p.m. **Panel Discussion on Strategy and Technique**

5:00 p.m. Adjourn