Investigating Sex Abuse Cases

RECORDED: 4/21/21

# TIMED AGENDA

:00	Do you hire an investigator, or do your own investigation?
:10	Two-Sided Investigations
:20	TURNING NEGATIVE INFORMATION INTO POSITIVES IN YOUR CASE
:30	MANDATORY REPORTING LAWS
:40	"PRIOR NOTICE"
:50	DIRECT/VICARIOUS LIABILITY
1:00	QUESTION & ANSWER
1:30	END OF PROGRAM
TOTAL MINUTES: 60 MIN AND 30 MIN Q&A	

Program Start Time: 9:30 am PT Program End Time: 11:00 am PT

# **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

Barton, Bill (2010). "Liability Analysis of Institutional Defendants" from *Recovering for Psychological Injuries*. Portland, OR: Trial Guides (20 pages)

Barton, Bill (2020). "Investigation of Sexual Exploitation Cases" Handout. (3 pages)

**Total Educational Materials: 23 Pages** 

# **COURSE No. 210421**

### **DESCRIPTION**

There are many questions that arise when you consider how to properly vet and investigate a case involving sexual abuse. Do you hire an investigator or do you do your own investigation? Who should you be investigating? Do you need to hire a forensic expert? What kinds of power differentials exist in your case? How do you gain the trust of your client and those who support them?

Join Bill Barton and his long-time investigator, Harold Nash, as they answer all these questions and more in this 60-minute webinar designed to help you take on cases that involve survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation.

### Additional topics include:

- Legal guidelines for investigators
- Using mandatory reporting laws
- Prior notice
- Direct liability
- Vicarious liability

### **PRESENTERS**



## WILLIAM A. BARTON

- Trial Lawyer, Barton Trial Attorneys
- State Delegate, Oregon, American Bar Association
- Past President, American Board of Trial Advocates, Oregon Chapter
- Past President, Western Trial Lawyers Association
- Past President, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association
- J.D., Willamette University Law School

Bill Barton has been practicing law for thirty-five years and has tried over five hundred jury trials. A noted lecturer in thirty-five states and four countries, Barton has obtained numerous large verdicts in medical malpractice, child abuse, and product liability cases. He is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a fellow of the International Society of Barristers, and has been listed in three categories in The Best Lawyers in America.

He now handles large and complex cases, often involving issues of significant public interest. When Barton refused to settle C.B. v. The Archdiocese of Portland, et. al. so that the public could know the truth about what had happened to his client, the Archdiocese of Portland was the first diocese in America to file for Chapter 11 protection, the day before trial. He is also the first lawyer to successfully, file, serve, and state a legal cause of action against the Vatican for sexual abuse of a minor in John V. Doe v. Holy See, et. al.



### HAROLD NASH

- Licensed Private Investigator
- Nash Investigations, Inc.

Admissions: Oregon

#### Honors

- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Listed in The Outstanding Lawyers of America
- Listed in Who's Who in the World International Society of Barristers, Fellow
- Listed as one of Oregon's Super Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell's highest
- 2005 Oregon Trial Lawyers Association
- Distinguished Trial Lawyers

#### PUBLISHED WORKS

• Author, *Recovery for Psychological Injuries*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. (2010)

Admissions: n/a

For over 50 years Harold Nash has worked as a legal investigator. He's worked for criminal defense attorneys on high level cases and plaintiff's attorneys and insurance defense lawyers in serious civil litigation. He was a prior superintendent for a NW Natural Gas liquified gas facility which contributed to his wealth of knowledge concerning mechanical and technical matters. Raised by a logger, he has knowledge of logging and associated trucking matters. His Army experience included 10 years in the engineer corps. His vast technical experience and knowledge in many areas enable him to pinpoint issues and recommend experts for legal case development.

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Past-President of Oregon Licensed Investigators
- Past-Regional Director National Association of Legal Investigators