

TIMED AGENDA

:00	Challenges of virtual trials
:20	Presenting Remote and Live testimony
:40	Novel Legal Issues
:50	Lessons Learned
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

March v. United States (2021) (32 pages)

Michael Koskoff & Sean McElligott (2019). “Finding the Standard of Care” from *The Medical Malpractice Trial*. Portland, OR: Trial Guides (20 pages)

Michael Koskoff & Sean McElligott (2019). “Order of Proof” from *The Medical Malpractice Trial*. Portland, OR: Trial Guides (22 pages)

Michael Koskoff & Sean McElligott (2019). “Trial Technology & Courtroom Optics” from *The Medical Malpractice Trial*. Portland, OR: Trial Guides (12 pages)

Total Educational Materials: 86 Pages

COURSE NO. 210407

DESCRIPTION

On March 8th, 2021, Kathleen Nastri obtained a \$9.5 million judgment for her client in federal court. Join us for a unique opportunity to discuss the recent trial with Nastri as her and fellow trial attorney Sean McElligott discuss her recent success and how Nastri went about trying the case during the pandemic.

Nastri will discuss the strategies she successfully used to try the case, including how she presented both remote and live testimony, while complying with health and safety guidelines. Learn insights and tactics from the trial, as well as how Nastri managed the novel legal issues raised by trying a case during a pandemic. We anticipate an interesting discussion that will be helpful for anyone likely to try a case in these uncertain times.

Kathleen Nastri is a past president of the AAJ, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA), and is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates. Nastri is known both for the record-setting results she has obtained for her clients and the thoroughness and compassion she brings to each of her cases. She worked closely with legendary trial lawyer Michael Koskoff, (coauthor of *The Medical Malpractice Trial*) for a number of years and has tried to carry on his legacy of excellence in the courtroom. In 2017, Kathleen was elected president of the AAJ, and she continues to work to promote the AAJ’s goal of increasing access to civil justice for all. She has also held numerous leadership positions with the CTLA, including becoming its first woman president in 2003.

Sean K. McElligott is the coauthor (with Michael Koskoff) of the *The Medical Malpractice Trial*, and is an experienced trial lawyer who represents people suffering from catastrophic injuries caused by medical malpractice, dangerous products, and negligence

PRESENTERS



SEAN MCELLOGOTT

- Trial Lawyer
- [Silver Golub & Teitell LLP](#)
- Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, 2001, Doctor of Jurisprudence
- Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 1996, Bachelor of Arts

Admissions: Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, U.S. District Court: Connecticut, U.S. District Court: Southern District of New York, U.S. District Court: Eastern District of New York, U.S. District Court: Massachusetts, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, United States Supreme Court

Sean K. McElligott, a graduate of Yale Law School, is an experienced trial lawyer who has obtained numerous record-setting medical malpractice verdicts. He recently obtained a \$12 million verdict in a medical malpractice case involving negligent surgical technique leading to a perforated bowel and catastrophic sepsis. In 2011, he obtained a \$10.5 million verdict in a medical malpractice case involving a patient who was rendered comatose by negligent anesthesia care. This verdict remains the highest recorded personal injury verdict in the history of New London County, Connecticut. Mr. McElligott has obtained numerous other multimillion-dollar medical malpractice jury verdicts, including: a \$6.5 million verdict in a medical malpractice case involving the death of a forty-four-year-old man from improper sodium treatment, a \$4.35 million verdict on behalf of a woman who suffered spinal cord damage from a negligently placed epidural needle, a \$4.25 million verdict on behalf of a man who suffered a nerve injury to his neck during lymph node removal surgery, \$2.45 million verdict on behalf of a same sex couple where one spouse died as a result of negligent cancer treatment, and numerous other medical malpractice verdicts in excess of one million dollars.

Mr. McElligott also maintains an active appellate practice in both state and federal court. He won an important appeal before the Connecticut Supreme Court involving the rights of same sex couples to the loss of consortium remedy in Connecticut. Mr. McElligott was part of a team of lawyers that appeared before the United States Supreme Court in a case raising important issues of appellate jurisdiction. Mr. McElligott has published numerous articles on various legal topics and is regularly consulted by the media to explain legal matters of public concern.

HONORS

- SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, 2011-2014; 2016-2019
- RECEIVED COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY PRO BONO SERVICE FROM INMOTION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME WOMEN AND CHILDREN, 2004
- RECOGNIZED AS "NEW LEADER IN THE LAW" BY *CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE*, 2012
- NAMED "RISING TRIAL LAWYER" BY THE *CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE*, 2014
- RECOGNIZED BY THE *CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE* PERSONAL INJURY HALL OF FAME, FOR ACHIEVING HIGHEST VERDICT, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CATEGORY, 2011 AND 2015
- SUPER LAWYER AS RECOGNIZED BY *NEW ENGLAND SUPER LAWYERS MAGAZINE* AND *CONNECTICUT MAGAZINE*, 2013-PRESENT
- SUPER LAWYERS RISING STAR 2008-2012, AS RECOGNIZED BY *NEW ENGLAND SUPER LAWYERS MAGAZINE* AND *CONNECTICUT MAGAZINE*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
- PRODUCT LIABILITY
- SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY

PUBLICATIONS

- THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE TRIAL (2019) TRIAL GUIDES



KATHLEEN L. NASTRI

- Trial Lawyer
- [Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder PC](#)
- University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut: J.D., With Honors
- University of Connecticut: B.S.

Admissions: Connecticut, U.S. District Court District of Connecticut, U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

Kathleen's focus is on medical malpractice, personal injury, and other complex cases. She is known for the thoroughness she brings to each of her cases, and the compassion and empathy she has for each of her clients.

Kathleen has obtained numerous precedent-setting and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements, including a \$58 Million verdict, the largest medical malpractice verdict in Connecticut history, for a Norwalk family whose son suffered a birth injury that resulted in cerebral palsy. Recently, she won a \$12.3 Million verdict for the family of a 5-year-old girl who drowned at the Waterbury Boys & Girls Club.

Whether through her commitment to provide the best possible representation to her clients, or her fierce conviction to do whatever she can to protect the civil justice system, Kathleen's goal is always to make a difference. In 2017, Kathleen was elected President of the American Association of Justice, and she continues to serve on the Association's Board of Governors. She has also held numerous leadership positions with Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA), including becoming its first woman president in 2003, and is on the editorial board of CTLA's Forum Magazine.

HONORS

- FELLOW, CONNECTICUT BAR FOUNDATION
- FELLOW, INNER CIRCLE OF ADVOCATES
- BEST LAWYERS
- SUPER LAWYERS
- MARTINDALE-HUBBELL AV RATING

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LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICE, RECENT PAST PRESIDENT
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICE, MEMBER: BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL FINANCE COUNCIL, NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ADVOCACY. CO-CHAIR AAJ PAC
- CONNECTICUT TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, PAST PRESIDENT (FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT), 2003 TO 2004
- CONNECTICUT TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, MEMBER, EDITORIAL BOARD OF FORUM MAGAZINE, CLE COMMITTEE
- CONNECTICUT TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, CO-CHAIR, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION, MEMBER
- GREATER BRIDGEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION, MEMBER
- AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES, MEMBER
- AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS, MEMBER
- INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BARRISTERS, MEMBER
- INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS, MEMBER