

# Expert Witness Workshop & Mock Trial

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## PARTICIPATING ATTORNEYS

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hon. Michael Landrum



Michael Landrum presided as State District Court Judge in civil trials and has served as an arbitrator in hundreds of cases administered by the American Arbitration Association and FINRA. A licensed attorney for 45 years, he holds specialist certifications in the fields of Civil Trial Law and Civil Appellate Law from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. In his practice he represented clients in a wide variety of transactional, litigation and appellate matters.

Landrum has been a mentor to dozens of law students and young lawyers. He has taught about American courts at Houston Baptist University, served as judicial liaison to the Houston Young Lawyers Association, lectured in continuing legal education programs, judged student mock trial and moot court competitions and is active in Houston Bar Association activities.



### MOCK TRIAL ATTORNEY LINEUP



**Stephanie M. Harp, JD:** For over 15 years, Stephanie Harp has been handling complex commercial and construction litigation, and insurance coverage matters for small businesses and individuals. Focusing on effective and efficient resolution, she does not hesitate to take cases to a jury or up on appeal when justice demands.

She is admitted to practice in the State of Texas, in all four Federal districts within the State of Texas in District and Bankruptcy court, as well as before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ms. Harp uses the skills obtained in her extensive trial and appellate experience in both State and Federal Courts to obtain the best possible results for her clients.

**Denise Adkison-Brown, PLLC:** Denise Adkison-Brown is a personal injury and consumer litigation attorney in Houston, Texas. After spending more than a decade defending insurance companies and those who hurt people, Denise opened her own law firm to help the injured and the wronged. As a dedicated trial attorney, Ms. Brown is happiest when she's trying cases.

A native Houstonian, Denise returned to Houston to attend South Texas College of Law after graduating from Baylor University. She is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas and in the Southern District of Texas.





**Joshua Wood JD, MAI, AI-GRS:** Joshua Wood is Managing Director of Litigation for Valbridge Property Advisors, Houston and a state certified general appraiser in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana and Colorado. He holds the MAI and AI-GRS designations from the Appraisal Institute and is a member of the State Bar of Arizona. He is also an arbitrator on the Construction Panel of the American Arbitration Association.

As an instructor for the Appraisal Institute, Mr. Wood teaches litigation and regulatory compliance and serves as a course reviewer. He is also an instructor for the International Right of Way Association and is an AQB Certified USPAP Instructor for the Appraisal Foundation. He has presented lectures for bar associations and national conferences and has been published in law reviews and journals. Mr. Wood’s professional work is focused on appraisals and consultation for litigation. His opinions have been used in conjunction with a variety of legal disputes, including property tax, condemnation, bankruptcy, construction defect, breach of contract, title defect, environmental contamination, partition and estate tax.

**Denise Peterson, JD, FCI Arb:** Denise Peterson is a full-time professional neutral, focusing her practice exclusively on alternative dispute resolution services. She mediates both civil and probate cases and is on several arbitration panels. In addition to being a licensed attorney in Texas and New York, she is a solicitor to the Senior Courts of England and Wales. Both a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Vice-Chair of the North American Branch of the organization, her goals include attracting more law students to the organization as well as improving diversity. Ms. Peterson is a member of the Texas Bar Honors College and a volunteer mediator for the Harris and Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Centers. She offices in Houston.



**James Smith, Crain, Caton & James:** Jim Smith specializes in environmental, intellectual property and related litigation. He has tried cases and argued appeals in both civil and criminal matters.

In addition to trials and arbitrations, Jim has appeared before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Railroad Commission of Texas, and other administrative agencies and has been the lead oral advocate before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, the Supreme Court of Texas, and several Texas Courts of Appeals.

Jim has been listed in Chambers USA in Environmental Litigation since 2005. He has been selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers since 2003 and Best Lawyers in America in Environmental Law since 1995. His degree in chemical engineering combined with his legal experience enable him to bring a unique perspective as he represents refining, petrochemical and other resource related industry clients.

## REGISTER TODAY!

One Day Event, 9 am-5:15 pm

includes Lunch and Networking Hour

8 hours credit: CE, MCLE #174138092, CFLC, MCFLC



**Mock Courtroom, 4900 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401  
In the Bellaire/Galleria area, inside Houston**