

# 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.

Judge 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

**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.





**Denise Peterson, JD, FCIArb:** 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, 8:30 am-5:30 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**