Judge Mark R. Kravitz
Inaugural Symposium

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

“Exploring the Vanishing Trial Phenomenon”

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:45 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast - Lobby

8:30 a.m.  Introductions and Welcome - Ballroom
Hon. Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court
Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the
District of Connecticut
Hon. Barry R. Schaller, Justice (Ret.), Connecticut Appellate Court
Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the
Sixth Circuit
Timothy S. Fisher, President, Connecticut Bar Foundation; McCarter &
English LLP

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.  What is the landscape of vanishing trials for federal
and state courts? - Ballroom
Panelists will present data on the extent to which the number of trials is
decending nationally and locally in recent years in civil and criminal cases. The
panelists will contrast the number of cases that currently proceed to trial and
verdict as compared to previous years, focusing on the number of filings, the
nature of dispositions and whether the data reveal significant differences based
on the types of cases involved.

Moderator:  Brad Saxton, Chair, James W. Cooper Fellows, Connecticut Bar
Foundation; Dean, Quinnipiac University School of Law
Panelists:  Theodore Eisenberg, Henry Allen Mark Professor of Law &
Adjunct Professor of Statistical Science,
Cornell University
Hon. Barbara M. Quinn, Chief Court Administrator, Office of the
Chief Court Administrator
Hon. Stefan R. Underhill, Judge, U.S. District Court, District
of Connecticut
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.  Break

9:50 – 10:50 a.m.  What is causing the landscape of vanishing trials? - Ballroom
Panelists including academics, judges, insurance counsel, and attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants will offer a range of perspectives on the underlying causes of the phenomenon of the decrease in trials.
Moderator:  Ernest F. Teitell, Silver Golub & Teitell LLP
Panelists:  James I. Glasser, Wiggin and Dana LLP
          John Humphreys, Group General Counsel, Travelers Inc.
          Michael Koskoff, Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder PC
          Hon. Linda K. Lager, Superior Court Chief Administrative
          Judge, Civil Division
          John H. Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History,
          Yale Law School
          Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale
          Law School

10:55 – 11:55 a.m.  What are the implications of the vanishing trial? - Ballroom
Panelists will discuss the governmental and jurisprudential consequences of the private resolution of disputes, the impact on the trial bar and the trial bench, and various appropriate responses.
Moderator:  James K. Robertson, Carmody & Torrance LLP
Panelists:  Theodore Eisenberg, Henry Allen Mark Professor of Law &
          Adjunct Professor of Statistical Science,
          Cornell University
          John H. Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal
          History, Yale Law School
          Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale
          Law School
          Hon. William G. Young, Judge, U. S. District Court,
          District of Massachusetts

11:55 - 12:15 p.m.  Questions and Closing Remarks - Ballroom
Timothy S. Fisher, President, Connecticut Bar Foundation; McCarter &
English LLP
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