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November 7, 2019

LOCATION RI LAW CENTER, CRANSTON

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An Overview of the Veterans Treatment Court

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SPEAKER

EMMA MARIETTI, LCSW
Veterans Treatment Court

The Rhode Island District Court has created a Veterans Diversion Program. The program, spearheaded by Chief Judge Jeanne E. LaFazia, is specifically designed for veterans and active duty military personnel who are charged with criminal misdemeanors. Instead of prosecuting these cases through the traditional court system, the cases are resolved through an alternative sentencing program, known as Rhode Island Veterans Treatment Court.

The first of a two-part series, this nuts and bolts program provides an overview of the mission, criteria for participation, charges, and access and conditions of this court. Find out if your next client is eligible to participate in this program and learn how to achieve favorable results on their behalf. Sign up today.

November 14, 2019

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How to Impanel a Civil Jury in Superior Court

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SPEAKER

JOHN S. FOLEY, ESQ.
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The process of civil jury impanelment in the Superior Court is controlled by statutory requirements and procedures that trial lawyers must know and know how to implement. This has become more important in recent years as trial judges have begun to use alternate impanelment methods, sometimes to a party's disadvantage, in an effort to speed up the impanelment process or encourage juror engagement in the proceedings.

This seminar will address:

- The size of the jury and number of alternates in a civil case
- The examination of prospective jurors
- The standard for challenging a prospective juror for cause
- The number of peremptory challenges for prospective jurors and for alternates
- What it means to be able to challenge "one in three" qualified jurors and how many total challenges that phrase provides in practice
- The statutory requirements regarding alternate jurors and when you should or should not object to a judge's attempt to modify those requirements
- How the struck juror method works in the context of the statutory framework.

The presenter will also discuss several strategic aspects of impanelment, including identifying the worst and second-worst voir dire questions ever.

November 19, 2019

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The Downfall of Open and Obvious

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SPEAKER

HENRY MONTI, ESQ.
Gemma Law Associates, Inc.

The Rhode Island House and Senate passed and July 15, 2019, the Governor signed perhaps the most significant change in our tort law since the 1974 comparative negligence statute. Forty-five (45) years later, that statute has been amended. The amendment abolishes open and obvious as a bar to recovery in premises liability cases, but makes it a factor in determining whether there is comparative negligence.

This program will discuss the legislative history of the bill, the change, effective date, impact on pending cases, case selection, settlements, trials, jury charge, and jury verdict forms.

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