



Trying the Products Liability Case: Tips and Strategies from Pros

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Please join us for a complimentary Webinar (Web-based seminar produced through Adobe Connect) sponsored by the IADC Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee, Product Liability Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee, on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 for one (1) hour beginning at:

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HOW TO REGISTER:

ONLINE REGISTRATION! Although there is no fee to attend, you must register so that the IADC can plan accordingly for the number of interested participants. [Click here](#) to register online. If you are registering multiple participants from the same firm, please register each participant individually.

We hope that you will join us for this exciting and informative program. If you have any questions, please contact **Melisa Maisel Vanis, Professional Development Manager**, at mmaisel@iadclaw.org or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

THE PRESENTATION:

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Seasoned trial lawyer Jeff Lilly will moderate this panel of other esteemed IADC trial lawyers to talk about tips to assist you in preparing for all phases of trial. Topics will include motions, openings, remote trial testimony by video, cross, jury instructions, and closings. Whether you're trying your first case or not, you won't want to miss these secrets that you can immediately put to use!

THE PRESENTERS:

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Sherry Knutson is a partner in Sidley Austin LLP's Chicago office. She has proven trial experience in product liability and toxic tort cases, including as co-lead trial counsel for Takeda in the first bellwether case tried in the Illinois *In re Actos* coordinated proceedings, which resulted in a defense verdict. She is Lead Defense Counsel in the Actos and Gadolinium-Based Contrast Agents Coordinated Proceedings in Cook County, and one of the National Coordinating Counsel in Actos. Ms. Knutson's experience has earned her acknowledgement in numerous industry publications, including recognition as "Up and Coming" by *Chambers USA* in the Product Liability & Mass Tort category in 2015 and being named a *Law360* MVP for 2014.

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Beth S. Rose is a partner at Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. in Newark, New Jersey where she chairs the Firm's Product Liability Practice Group. She has served as national counsel to several pharmaceutical and medical device companies defending mass tort litigation including claims relating to pelvic mesh products, a generic form of Accutane, PPA, and latex gloves. She has also served as lead/liaison counsel for a contract research organization, foreign defendants, and discovery counsel in a multi-district litigation. Ms. Rose has trial experience in product liability cases and has secured defense verdicts on behalf of her clients. Ms. Rose was recently named by *NJ BIZ* to its list of Best 50 Women in Business for 2015. She was named in the 2014 edition of *Benchmark's* Top 250 Women in Litigation: The Definitive Guide to the Leading Female Attorneys in the US and the 2014 Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law (3rd Edition) under Product Liability. Since 2008, she has been recognized in the *Chambers USA®* Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Ms. Rose received her B.A. with honors from Wesleyan University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

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