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CAFL Appellate Training

Start your brief with a bang: Making better use of issue statements

Date & Time: March 16 from 2-4pm

Location: Hadley Juvenile Court, jury pool room

Presenters: Rob Young, Dorothy Storrow and Cara Cheyette

The best briefs baby-step the court through the analysis that will lead to the client's desired outcome. They are also free of jargon and the tortured syntax of "legalese." But the first page of even the best briefs often does little to advance the client's case. Worse, that first page is often awash in jargon and tortured syntax because the lawyer feels compelled to use the formulaic one-sentence issue statement that starts with the words "whether" or "did."

Join us as we work through Bryan Garner's approach to making better use of that opening page by crafting issue statements that, in 3-4 sentences of 75 words or less, weave mini-stories that invite the court to rule your way. Although issue statements will be our emphasis, we hope to have time to exercise your editing eye in other, more general, ways, as well.

Approved for two CAFL CLE credits.

Open to appellate attorneys only.

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