



THE FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION Presents

## **THE COURT'S PERSPECTIVE ON EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY**

**October 17, 2016**

*Featuring*

**JUDGE GARRETT WONG**

**DR. KAREN FRANKLIN, DR. JONATHAN FRENCH, IRA BARG,  
AND KARA CHIEN**

### **SCHEDULE**

**8:00** REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

**9:00** PROGRAM BEGINS

**10:30** BREAK

**12:00 - 1:30** BOX LUNCH

**2:30** BREAK

**4:30** PROGRAM ENDS

## PROGRAM

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Garrett Wong will lead this day long training to hone your skills related to testifying as an expert witness. A mock hearing using a fictitious competency case will be held to discuss common mistakes new expert witnesses often make. Highly experienced expert witnesses Dr. Karen Franklin and Dr. Jonathan French and notable attorneys Ira Barg and Kara Chien will play the roles in the mock trial and will offer insights on giving effective testimony on the stand and in the corresponding reports. Judge Wong will round out the day with a judge's perspective on live testimony and written reports. This seminar is appropriate for mental health experts who may be called upon to testify in court and attorneys who want to learn more about expert testimony by mental health professionals.

## ABOUT THE CASE

Casey Manning is a 39-year-old disabled man who is awaiting trial on charges stemming from two separate sex offenses, both involving the fondling of female acquaintances. His attorney has declared a doubt as to his competency to stand trial, based on his poor memory and comprehension. The defendant claims no recollection of the events that led to his arrest. A client of the local Regional Center, he suffered a traumatic brain injury at age 15 when he was struck by a fast-moving vehicle and rendered comatose for five months. He is now blind in one eye, has poor hearing, and requires a wheelchair to ambulate. His speech is slow, his thinking is concrete, and his memory is impaired. He has been evaluated by two forensic psychologists, whose opinions were split on whether he is competent to stand trial. Now, a jury will hear the evidence and decide.

## REMINDERS

- For CE credit, make sure you have signed in and signed out.
- Pick up your Certificate of Attendance at the end of the day.
- Don't forget to fill out the Evaluation Form.

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