



A CLE and Professional Education Seminar Series

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.*

January-June, 2010

Duquesne University

- January 15 **Alcohol and Drug Toxicity in Criminal Litigation**
Forensic toxicologist and former Allegheny County Forensic Laboratory Director Fred Fochtman will join Allegheny County Deputy District Attorney Bruce Beemer and Allegheny County Assistant Public Defender Marcy Nord in a series of presentations and a panel discussion on the ins and outs of DUI cases and other criminal litigation stemming from drug and alcohol toxicity.
- February 12 **Forensic Issues in Medical Malpractice Cases**
In this look at the ramifications of medical diagnosis and treatment gone awry, plaintiff's attorney Charles Evans, defense attorney Wilbur McCoy Otto, forensic expert Dr. Cyril Wecht and legal nurse consultants Sondra Fandray and Mary Jane Smith will explore the spectrum of forensic scientific and medical issues confronting those involved in litigating medical malpractice claims.
- March 12-13† **Is Football Bad for the Brain?**
Forensic Scientific, Medical-Legal and Societal Aspects of the Concussion Debate
In the wake of the growing controversy surrounding the impact of chronic trauma on the brains of NFL players, several of the leading medical, scientific, legal and sports authorities on the issue will convene here over the course of a day a half to present on and discuss the clinical and pathological research on the subject, as well as its legal and policy implications.
- April 9 **Accident Reconstruction in Personal Injury and Products Liability Cases**
Forensic pathologist Cyril Wecht will be joined by an expert in biomechanics, along with veteran accident investigators Gary and Sarah Tallent, in this review of personal injury and products liability cases that depended on the use of physical and biological evidence to reconstruct events.
- May 14 **Forensic Investigation of Sexual Assault Cases**
Dr. L. Kathleen Sekula, director of Duquesne University's Forensic Nursing program, will join a forensic nursing practitioner and Valerie Schreiber, operations director for the Sexual Assault Response Team of Allegheny County, in discussing the investigation of sexual assault cases.
- June 4 **Behavioral Science Evidence in Divorce and Custody Cases**
In this seminar, Allegheny County Common Pleas Court Family Division Judge David Wecht will be joined by forensic psychologist Dr. William Fisher and matrimonial attorney Candace Komar in a discussion of the behavioral scientific issues pertaining to divorce and child custody proceedings.

* *Except where otherwise noted, Forensic Fridays seminars are worth 3 credit hours.*

† *The March 12-13 seminar, which begins Friday morning and concludes Saturday noon, will be worth 9 credit hours.*

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