

**American Board of Forensic Odontology**  
**Civil Litigation Workshop**

**Date: Saturday February 16, 2019**

**Place: Baltimore, MD**

**Time: 8AM-5PM**

**Fee: Participants - \$750; Observers - \$350**

The American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) will present another Workshop on Civil Litigation (Expert Witness Testimony) in conjunction with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Meeting in Baltimore, MD. This Workshop will be preceded by a pre-Workshop webinar with topics relevant to both civil litigation and expert witness testimony. Following the webinar, participants and observers will be provided a civil litigation case for review. After review of the case provided, participants must provide a written report of their opinions in the case as well as a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Fee Schedule. These written materials must be provided prior to the Workshop. The Workshop will be held on Saturday February 16, 2019 at a location in Baltimore to be announced at a later date. The Workshop will be offered to both participants and attendees (observers).

**Workshop Logistics**

All registered individuals (participants & observers) will play a role in a mock trial of the civil case provided. Participants will be expert witnesses and observers will act as jurors in the mock trial. Members of the Civil Litigation Committee will act as Plaintiff and Defense attorneys. The testimony provided by the participants (expert witnesses) will be evaluated by members of the Civil Litigation Committee for credit toward one of the two sworn testimony requirements for eligibility to challenge the ABFO Board Examination. At the end of the Workshop,

the jurors (observers) will provide feedback on the testimony provided by expert witnesses (participants).

### **Workshop Objectives**

All registered individuals should gain the understanding that expert witness skills are essential to communication of your opinions in forensic odontology. This expertise is a separate entity from the requisite knowledge in dentistry and forensic dentistry. In addition, registered individuals will appreciate that this skill set is not intuitive, since we are trained as health care providers, not attorneys. Communication of your opinion in a legal context is far different than in a dental context. This Workshop should provide necessary training in acquiring those skills.

### **Continuing Education**

Participants will receive 20 hours of dental continuing education participation credit

Observers will receive 11 hours of dental continuing education credit

### **Registration Criteria**

All participants and observers must have a DMS, DMD or equivalent degree. Registered Dental Hygienists may register if they are actively involved or testify in litigation cases.

### **Registration Limitations**

The Workshop registration deadline is September 1, 2018 (or earlier if Workshop is full)

Registration as a participant is limited to 12 individuals

Registration as an observer is limited to 15 individuals

Online registration will be available soon and posted on the ABFO website store, <http://www.abfo.org> . Please contact Tom David for additional information via email [tjd214@comcast.net](mailto:tjd214@comcast.net)