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Course on Expert Witnesses from National Institute for Trial Advocacy Introduced by Cognistar

Gianna Shows Litigators How to Use Experts to Tell a Story

Southborough MA, November 18, 2002—A new online course on using expert witnesses, approved for continuing legal education credits, has been unveiled by Cognistar, a leading provider of Web-based education. This is the first course developed by National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) under its agreement with Cognistar.

Master advocate Dominic J. Gianna teaches "Expert Witness Testimony." This dynamic presentation features a demonstration of the use of expert witnesses in a trial. It covers using expert testimony, how to select and work with an expert and looking at an expert from the juror's standpoint. "Jurors need a coherent, complete story. We think in stories," Gianna says.

A founding partner of Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna, he has tried cases throughout the United States in areas such as products liability, toxic tort and mass class actions, employment law, and commercial matters for both corporate and insurance defendants and plaintiffs.

"This course is indispensable for any litigator who deals with experts, and it showcases the quality of the courses we'll be developing in partnership with Cognistar," said Raymond White, chief operating officer with NITA.

More information on the course, including detailed descriptions, a free preview and CLE credits in various states, England and Wales, is available at www.cognistar.com.

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Attorneys can log onto the Cognistar site, pay by credit card and start earning credits immediately. For information on volume discounts and subscriptions, write sales@cognistar.com or call 508-490-0990, ext. 703.

The National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) is a not-for-profit continuing legal education institution affiliated with Notre Dame Law School. NITA believes that all people are entitled to quality legal representation by skilled and ethical lawyers.

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