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# Law Professors as Expert Witnesses

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**Friday, April 24, 2015**  
**8:15 am–4:45 pm**

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The use of law professors as expert witnesses in litigation raises an interesting, and largely unexplored, mix of issues. This symposium examines these issues from the perspective of judges, litigators, academics, and professional responsibility.

## AGENDA

**8:15–9:00 am Check In & Continental Breakfast**

*Course materials will be provided electronically.*

**9:00–9:15 am Welcome and Introductions**

**Lawrence A. Hamermesh**, Director of the Widener Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law and Professor of Law, Widener Law Delaware

**9:15–10:45 am The View from the Bench**

This panel will examine the utility of expert testimony from law professors – where it’s been helpful, where it’s been less than helpful, where it might be useful but hasn’t yet been presented, and where it’s unwelcome.

**Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr.**, Delaware Supreme Court; **The Honorable Kevin Gross**, Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware; **President Judge Jan R. Jurden**, Delaware Superior Court

**Moderator: Professor Paul L. Regan**, Widener Law Delaware

**10:45–11:00 am Break**

**11:00–12:30 pm The View from Trial Counsel**

This panel will discuss how to evaluate whether, when, and how to use law professors as expert witnesses, and

how to address the obvious problem of how not to invade the law-determining function of the court.

**Thomas J. Allingham II, Esquire**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Wilmington, DE; **Parvin Moyne, Assistant U.S. Attorney**, Southern District of New York; **Kenneth J. Nachbar, Esquire**, Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, Wilmington, DE

**Moderator: Professor Jules Epstein**, Widener Law Delaware

**12:30–1:15 pm Lunch — Barristers’ Club**

*(included with registration)*

**1:30–3:00 pm The View from Academia**

This panel brings together the views of law school administrators and professors who have acted as expert witnesses, on issues such as the appropriate place or extent of work as an expert witness in relation to academic obligations (does such work enrich teaching or scholarship, or both?), and any other considerations relevant to the mission of the law school.

**Professor Arthur B. Laby**, Rutgers-Camden Law School;

**Professor Edward B. Rock**, University of Pennsylvania Law School; **Professor Andrew L. Strauss**, Widener Law Delaware (Dean-elect, University of Dayton Law School)

**Moderator: Professor Lawrence A. Hamermesh**, Widener Law Delaware

**3:00–3:15 pm Break**

**3:15–4:45 pm The Ethical Perspective**

This panel will explore considerations of professional responsibility in relation to law professor service as an expert witness, such as: Do the rules of professional conduct applicable to lawyers apply to work in this capacity? How and to what extent? Regardless, are there obligations of competence or diligence? Reasonableness of fees? Are there issues of conflict of interest? Obligations of candor to the tribunal? What are they?

**Professor Stephen Gillers**, New York University Law School; **Lawrence J. Fox, Esquire**, Drinker, Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA; **Professor Nancy J. Moore**, Boston University Law School

**Moderator: Professor Louise L. Hill**, Widener Law Delaware

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