

## **Introduction to Litigation Practice**

- 1. Overview: Facts, Law and Rules**
- 2. Types of Disputes**
  - a. Interpretive
  - b. Compelling An Action
  - c. Financial Dispute
  - d. Revising Legal Relationships and Status
  - e. Taking Property
- 3. Pre-Suit: Initial Contact to Complaint**
  - a. Initial Contact
  - b. Conflict Check
  - c. Fact Finding
  - d. Legal Review
  - e. Informal Demand
  - f. Formal Demand
  - g. Preparation of Complaint
- 4. The Lawsuit: Start to Finish**
  - a. The Nature of Notice Pleading
  - b. Initial Pleading and Steps
  - c. Initial Responses
  - d. Motion Practice
  - e. Discovery
  - f. Motions for Summary Judgment
  - g. Case Management Conference/Pre-Trial Activity
  - h. Trial
- 5. Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediation and Arbitration**
- 6. Issues in Settlement: The Settlement Agreement, Waivers and Releases**
- 7. Appeal**
- 8. Professionalism in Dispute Resolution**
- 9. The Career Corner: Litigation**
  - a. What Litigators Do Every Day?
  - b. Preparing for a Litigation Career: Skills, Courses and Experiences
  - c. Where Can I Pursue a Career as a Litigator?
  - d. Substantive Specialty Litigation: Go With What You Know?
  - e. Career Paths