

Cozen O'Connor Members Barry Boss and Hayes A. Hunt Lecture on Essential Trial Skills

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Cozen O'Connor members Barry Boss and Hayes A. Hunt recently lectured on "Witness Preparation and Direct Examination," as part of the District of Columbia Bar's Essential Trial Skills Series. Boss and Hunt examined techniques and strategies for effective witness preparation and direct examination, including maximizing a witness' potential, while minimizing his or her weaknesses. They also discussed ethical issues in the context of witness preparation and direct examination.

Boss is the managing partner of Cozen O'Connor's Washington, D.C., office. He concentrates his practice in complex criminal matters, focusing on white-collar crime and corporate compliance. Boss is co-author of *Federal Criminal Practice*, an 800-page treatise for criminal defense attorneys, and regularly serves as a faculty member or featured speaker at continuing legal education programs and seminars throughout the country.

Former co-chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Practitioners' Advisory Group, Boss currently serves as co-chair of the American Bar Association criminal justice section sentencing committee and is a fellow of American Board of Criminal Lawyers. He has been named a "Top Lawyer" for criminal defense by *Washingtonian* magazine and is also a past recipient of the R. Kenneth Mundy Lawyer of the Year Award from the District of Columbia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

A resident of Chevy Chase, Md., Boss earned his undergraduate degree from Bates College (B.A., 1982) and his law degree from George Washington University Law School (J.D., with high honors, 1985), where he was a member of Order of the Coif. Boss is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

A member in the Philadelphia office, Hunt practices in the firm's white collar and complex criminal defense practice, focuses on the representation of individuals and corporations charged with violations of various federal and state criminal law. Hunt has a diverse legal background in criminal law, civil litigation and teaching. He has tried numerous cases to verdict in both criminal and civil matters.

Hunt is actively involved in the development of trial advocacy training programs and has created and presented numerous vignette advocacy programs dealing with trial and deposition skills. He served as the Program Director for the 2007 Inaugural Cozen O'Connor Trial Academy (COTA), in which he developed and created a week-long trial training program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. He was also the Program Director for the 2008 Cozen O'Connor Deposition Program (CODEP). In 2008, Hunt was a faculty member at the NITA's 37th Annual National Trial Session.

Hunt is a graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D., 1997). He is admitted to practice in New York and Pennsylvania.

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