

Federal Court Boot Camp

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- Introduction to Fed Court, Magistrate and District Court Judges
- Jurisdiction and Venue hot issues
- Creating your Complaint post Bell Atlantic and Ashcroft
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- E-Filing Tips
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- Discovery (Rule 26, Forms, dealing with disputes, critical motions, asking for sanctions)
- Ex Parte Motions and how to handle them
- Injunctive Relief
- Rule 12 Motions - why the matter and what to do about them (drafting tips: form and content, issues to expect, what to watch out for, responses)
- Drafting and Replying to Motions for Summary Judgment (rules, drafting tips: form and content, the Reply, helpful hints)
- Pretrial Statement, Pretrial Conference and Order (FRCP 16)
- Trial Briefs (in general)
- The Purpose and Function of Motions in Limine
- Your Jury Questionnaire and Voir Dire Tips
- Jury instructions and Verdict Forms - pitfalls and best practices
- Handling and Submitting your Exhibits
- Improving your Presence and your Credibility
- Post Trial Motions
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Cynthia has spent over 15 years working for the federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. She is a career law clerk to the Honorable Blanche M. Manning of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and previously served as a motions attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Before her clerkships, Cynthia practiced commercial litigation at Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather and Geraldson. Cynthia received her J.D. in 1991 from Cornell University.

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He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received his law degree from Kent College of Law in 1986. Rick is a member of The Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

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Ellen Robbins

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Ellen S. Robbins has been a partner of Sidley Austin since 1999. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois in 1988 with a B.S. in Business Administration, and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1991.

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