

Expert Witness Medical-Legal Training

How Experts Can Persuade with Clarity. Online course with Mitch Jackson, attorney, and Nicolas Rishwain, attorney, Experts.com, Orange County, October 5, 2021.

Seven Approaches and Tips for Experts. Online course with Mitch Jackson, attorney, and Nicolas Rishwain, attorney, Experts.com, Orange County, April 2, 2020.

Writing IME Reports (ExamWorks). Sacramento, CA, March 2013.

Strengthening Your Skills in Court Testifying as an Expert Witness. Conference presented by Steven Babinski, Esq., Napa, CA, April 2007.

13th Annual National Expert Witness Conference (SEAK, Inc.). Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA, June 2004.

Medical-Legal Report Writing and Testimony Workshop (Benchmark Medical Consultants). Sacramento, CA, May 2003.

Expert Witness Medical-Legal Cases

45. Expert witness, 2022: Failure of at-birth pediatrician and later family pediatrician to detect cleft of the soft palate until 20-months of age of female child. (Retained by defense, Las Cruces, NM.) (Note: After review of relevant documents, I could not support the defense.)

44. Expert witness, 2022: 47-year-old female with functional speech disorder secondary to baseball impacting her head. On-going. (Retained by defense neuropsychologist who retained me to understand speech-language pathologist's assessment report of plaintiff. Las Vegas, NV.)

43. Expert witness, 2022: 49-year-old female with vocal fold and oropharyngeal swallowing problems caused by surgical complications. On-going. (Retained by plaintiff, Seattle, WA.)

42. Expert witness, 2022: 59-year-old female who sustained tongue injury in a motor vehicle accident. (Retained by defense, Sacramento, CA.)

41. Expert witness, 2022: 46-year-old male who was electrocuted by a Southern California Edison powerline while picking fruit in an orchard, sustaining severe injuries. (Retained by defense, Riverside, CA.)

40. Expert witness, 2021: 20-year-old male with quadriplegic cerebral palsy dysphagia/swallowing disorder now requiring g-tube feeding. On-going. (Retained by plaintiff, Falls Church, VA.)

39. Expert witness, 2021: 9-year-old female with cleft palate unsuccessfully repaired due to surgical error. Reviewed medical reports, evaluated girl in her home, and discussed opinion with attorney. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Walnut Creek, CA.)

38. Expert witness, 2021: Adult male choking case in long-term care facility. On-going. (Retained by defense, Chicago, IL.)

37. Expert witness, 2021: Adult male stutterer wrongful termination case. Reviewed documents, interviewed plaintiff. (Retained by plaintiff, San Diego, CA)>
36. Expert witness, 2021: Class-action case dealing with toxic paint. On-going. (Retained by defense, Milwaukee, WI).
35. Expert witness, 2020: 10-year-old female with potential traumatic brain injury. Reviewed medical, psychological, neuropsychological, and educational records and documents. On-going. (Retained by defense, Las Vegas, NV.)
34. Expert witness, 2019: 22-year-old male accused of sexual assault. Reviewed educational and medical records and documents, evaluated the man (receptive and expressive language at 11.5-year level), and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, Juneau, AK.)
33. Expert witness, 2019-ongoing: Family of four (father, mother, 10-year-old and 8-year-old sons), carbon monoxide exposure at Marriott Hotel. (Retained by defense, Denver, CO.)
32. Expert witness, 2019-2020: Wrongful death of 31-year-old male with Angelman's syndrome while under care of residential home in Birmingham, AL. Settled. (Retained by defense, Indianapolis, IN.)
31. Expert witness, 2019-2020: Wrongful death of 14-month-old female from anoxia. Settled. (Retained by defense, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.)
30. Expert witness, 2019-2020: Aspiration pneumonia of resident of skilled nursing facility. Settled. (Retained by defense, Tampa, FL.)
29. Expert witness, 2019: 37-year-old female with locked-in syndrome following a motor vehicle accident. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, Santa Maria, CA.)
28. Expert witness, 2019: 48-year-old female with mild traumatic brain injury following in-store accident. Reviewed four-hour videotaped deposition and hospital medical and speech-language pathology records, reports, documents, and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, Medina, OH.)
27. Expert witness, 2017: 50-year-old female with a mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) with cognitive impairments. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, San Diego, CA.)
26. Expert witness, 2017: 72-year-old male with a mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) with cognitive impairments. Reviewed documents, records, and depositions, and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, San Diego, CA.)
25. Expert witness, 2017: 8-year-old female who had an electrical burn on the right commissure of her mouth during a tonsillectomy surgery at age 4 years. Reviewed documents, records, and depositions, and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, Houston, TX.)

24. Expert witness, 2017: 8-year-old male with autism spectrum disorder. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. Evaluation of child and report. (Retained by plaintiff. Settled. Huntington, WV.)
23. Expert witness, 2016: Dysphagia case involving nursing and rehabilitation center. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Palm Beach Gardens, FL.)
22. Expert witness, 2016: Medical malpractice involving a 4-year-old female with normal development but developed encephalitis at 1-year of age. The child had a loss of speech and language and acquired a bilateral profound hearing loss. Speech and language therapy were needed and bilateral cochlear implants were placed. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, San Diego, CA.)
21. Expert witness, 2016: Mother seeking support from father regarding prodigious child's private education expenses. Reviewed educational records, testing records, and evaluated child. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Los Angeles, CA.)
20. Expert witness, 2015 - 2016: Possible misdiagnosis of a patient who died in a convalescent hospital. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. Settled. (Retained by defense, Phoenix, AZ.)
19. Expert witness, 2015-2016: Medical malpractice involving young child. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. (4-hour deposition). Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, St. Louis, MO.)
18. Expert witness, 2015: Traumatic brain injury from 15-foot fall of a workman. Reviewed documents and records and rendered opinions. (Retained by defense, Chicago, IL.)
17. Expert Witness, 2015-2016: Wrongful death from possible dehydration and malnutrition while patient was cared for in a convalescent hospital for 5 days. Settled. (Retained by defense, St. Louis, MO.)
16. Expert Witness, 2014: Capital murder with the primary focus of my assessments involving receptive (auditory and reading comprehension) and expressive (verbal and written) language, and cognitive and executive functioning. These assessments were then related to how they could affect the defendant's understanding of the Miranda warning. Convicted (note: my report ended with 11 points as to why the defendant most likely understood the Miranda warning). (Retained by defense, Austin, TX.)
15. Expert Witness, 2013: Traumatic brain injury (motorcycle accident). Settled. (Retained by defense, Sacramento, CA.)
14. Expert Witness, 2011: Traumatic brain injury (1½ hour deposition). Settled. (Retained by defense, Modesto, CA.)
13. Expert Witness, 2011: Review of medical records involving elder neglect. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Denver, CO.)

12. Expert Witness, 2010: Speech, language, and cognitive impaired 5-year-old child (1½ hour deposition). Settled. (Retained by defense, Bakersfield, CA.)
11. Expert Witness, 2007: Cognitively impaired adult. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff.)
10. Expert Witness, 2006: Cognitively impaired adult, Settled. (Retained by defense.)
9. Expert Witness, 2004: Traumatic brain injured adult. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff.)
8. Expert Witness, 2001: Traumatic brain injured adult. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff.)
7. Expert Witness, 2000: Partial laryngectomy adult. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Stockton, CA.)
6. Expert Witness, 2000: Traumatic brain injured adult (1-hour court testifying). (Retained by defense.)
5. Expert Witness, 1997: Traumatic brain injured adult. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff.)
4. Expert witness (1996): Cerebral palsy male child. Settled. (Retained by defense, San Francisco, CA.)
3. Expert Witness, 1991: Cerebral vascular accident (CVA) of a 21-year-old female. Reviewed medical-legal, educational, and other documents, and evaluated the woman. (Court trial with 2½ hours on witness stand explaining neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and neuropathology of the plaintiff's stroke). Settled (multi-million dollar award). (Retained by plaintiff, Stockton, CA.)
2. Expert Witness, Court hearing (1988): Adult male cleft palate case. Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Stockton, CA.)
1. Expert Witness, Deposition (1985): Cerebral palsy female child (2- hour deposition explaining neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and cerebral palsy). Settled. (Retained by plaintiff, Stockton, CA.)