

# INTRODUCTION TO CIVIL TRIAL PREPARATION IN NEW JERSEY

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 | 4:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

S.I. Newhouse Center for Law and Justice | 123 Washington Street | Newark, NJ 07102

---

This program will provide an introduction to civil trial preparation in New Jersey, from taking the case to final trial preparation, and the many important procedures in between. You will learn not only the rules, but also practical strategies and techniques to handle basic civil litigation in both federal and state courts of New Jersey. Topics include:

- Case evaluation, engagement budgets and client relations
- Pre-Suit Proceedings, including investigation, witness interviews and evidence preservation
- Pleadings – drafting techniques and pleading strategies
- Discovery – scope and privilege issues; Rule 26 Disclosures; best practices; case management; discovery of electronically stored information; effective use of interrogatories and document requests; deposition procedures, strategies and techniques; requests for admission; independent medical examinations and non-party discovery
- Experts – role of experts; finding and retaining experts; preparation of reports; discovery issues; and admissibility of expert opinion testimony
- Motions – strategies, procedures and standards for motions directed to pleadings, discovery and dispositive issues; brief writing and oral argument
- Final trial preparation – pre-trial exchanges/submissions; pre-trial conferences and motions *in limine*

This program qualifies for New Jersey newly admitted lawyer credit for civil trial preparation.

## Faculty:

**Kevin R. Gardner, Esq.**, Partner, Connell Foley LLP

Mr. Gardner has been representing clients in the federal and state courts for more than thirty years in complex commercial, construction and environmental litigation, class actions, product liability claims and mass tort actions. He is also an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School teaching Civil Litigation Strategy and Practice, and has served six terms as a member of the Supreme Court's Civil Practice Committee.

**CLE Credit Hours:** 4.8 NJ | 4.5 NY | 4.0 PA

**Registration Fee:** \$125

**Register at [rutgerscle.com](http://rutgerscle.com)**