

### REMOTE CONTROL: HOW TO BEST PREPARE FOR AND MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS IN REMOTE DEPOSITIONS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS

**Presented by:**

Product Liability & Complex Torts and Transportation Practice Groups

**Date:**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

**Time:**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT

**About this Webinar:**

This webinar will address the growing trend of courts requiring attorneys to participate remotely in light of COVID-19 related restrictions. The presenters will discuss strategies to best prepare for and maximize effectiveness in remote depositions and court proceedings, or how to avoid such proceedings altogether. Emphasis will be placed on corporate representative depositions and motion hearings.

**Presenters:**

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