



**Gain The Hometown Advantage, Even When You Are an
Outsider: Understanding Locality Differences in
Commercial and Consumer Matters.**


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LOCALITY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



- Identify Key Practice Variations
- Discuss Best Practices to Address the Variations
- Suggest Achievable Changes to Foster Uniformity

AREAS OF VARIATION EXPLORED

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- Motion Practice
 - Tentative Rulings
 - Status Reports / Conferences
 - Evidence & Discovery Disputes
 - Stay Relief
 - Settlement & Mediation
Procedures
 - Local Rules
 - Proffer of Evidence
 - Length of Appeals Process
 - Communications with Court
 - Fee Applications / Approvals /
Rates

KEY QUESTIONS



- Sources of Greatest Conflict?
- Do the Differences Affect Your Decision Making or Case Approach?
- Do the Differences Affect Venue Choice?

AREAS OF GREATEST VARIATION / IMPACT



- Local Rules
- Motion Practice (Including Fee Applications/Approval/Rates)
- Requirements for Evidence – Uncontested and Consent Matters

PROGRAM MATERIALS:



DETAILED PRACTITIONERS' SURVEY

- Posed Key Questions

- Identified Key Differences

PROGRAM MATERIALS:



JUDGES' SURVEY

- Solicited Input on Best Practices

PROGRAM MATERIALS:



LOCAL RULES COMPENDIUM

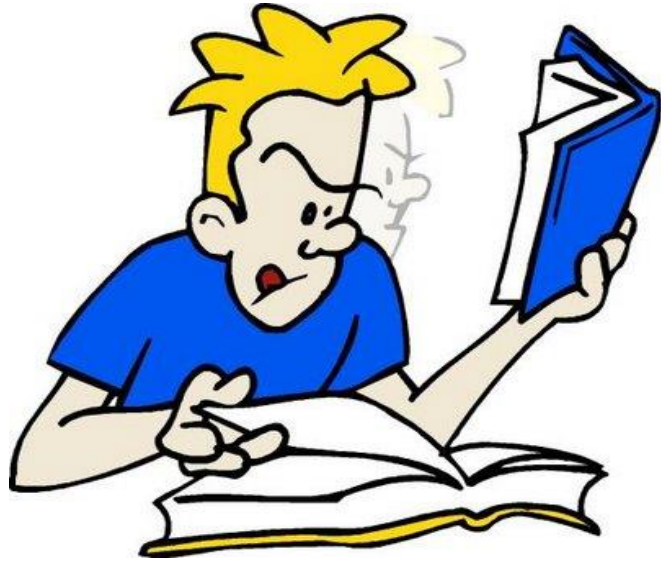
- Summary of Key Local Rule Variances in Eight Larger Jurisdictions

TODAY'S DIALOGUE



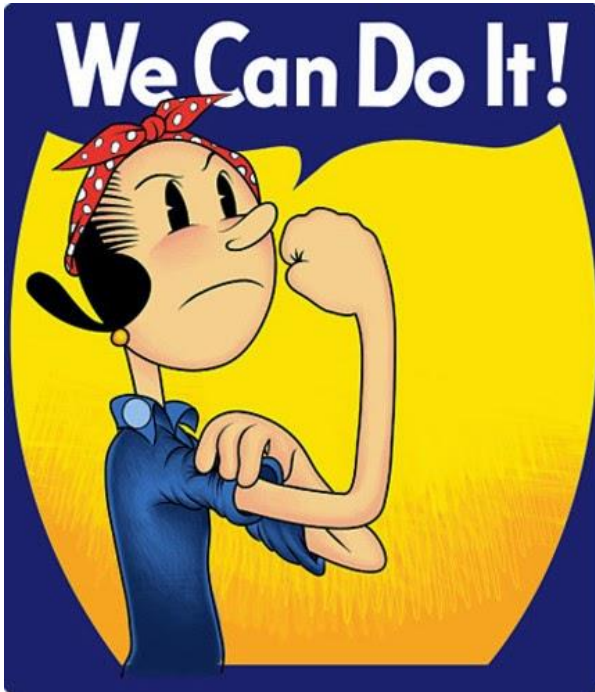
- Identify Issues of Greatest Concern
- Highlight Differences Among Jurisdictions
- Discuss Best Practices
- Explore Achievable Changes

IDEAS FOR BEST PRACTICES & ACHIEVABLE CHANGE



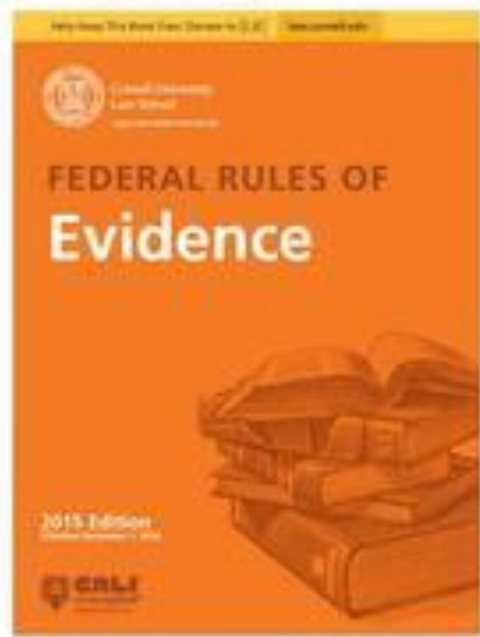
Local Rules

IDEAS FOR BEST PRACTICES & ACHIEVABLE CHANGE



- ❑ Motion Practice (Including Fee Applications/Approval/Rates)

IDEAS FOR BEST PRACTICES & ACHIEVABLE CHANGE



- ❑ Presentation of Evidence –
Uncontested and Consent Matters



For Your Participation, Thoughts and Ideas for Change