

Attacking and Defending Experts after Sargon

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An estimated 80% of all cases that go to trial in California involve one or more experts. The California Supreme Court's decision in *Sargon v. University of Southern California* significantly changed the standards for the admissibility of expert opinion in California trial courts. Using an innovative argument structure to make key points, an experienced trial judge and two outstanding trial lawyers will provide key insights into *Sargon* and its progeny. You will learn:

- How *Sargon* compares to prior California practice and the federal *Daubert/Kuhmo Tire* standards
- How to defend your experts after *Sargon*
- How to use *Sargon* to attack your opponent's expert
- Practical tips on how to use *Sargon* effectively in your own practice

Speakers:

- **Hon. Ernest Goldsmith**, Judge of the Superior Court, San Francisco
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