

*Wills Eye Institute Continuing Medical Education*

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***Medical-Legal Seminar: Avoiding Litigation in the Clinical Practice of Ophthalmology***

**on Saturday, January 16, 2010 to be held at:**

*Wills Eye Institute, 840 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA (Auditorium – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor)*

**Registration and continental breakfast: 7:30 am Meeting: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Harold P. Koller, MD, FACS, FAAP, Program Chair**

***Purpose and Objectives:*** *This seminar will educate EyeMD's on avoiding litigation as a result of patient care. The seminar will focus on how to testify as a fact witness, expert witness, and defendant in a medical malpractice suit. By teaching the essence of risk management in the ophthalmic practice as well as the appropriate MD-JD relationship, the EyeMD can achieve optimal risk management effectively. Optimal communication skills with patients, insurance executives, hospital administrators, attorneys, judges, and jurors will be stressed.*

***At the conclusion of the course, the attendee should be able to***

- *Identify contributory vs. comparative negligence*
- *Understand the Frye rule vs. Daubert challenge*
- *Understand the consultant expert vs. the testifying expert*
- *Understand an overview of medico-legal rules and laws*

***Program and Speakers on Reverse Side***

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7:30 am	<b>Registration, Continental Breakfast</b>
7:50	<b>Introduction, Pre-Test Questions</b> Harold P. Koller, MD, Program Chair
8:00	<b>The Difficult Patient: Strategies for Avoiding a Poor Outcome and Documentation Pearls</b> Harold P. Koller, MD
8:30	<b>Preparation for Deposition or Trial Testimony: How to Cooperate With Defense or Retaining Attorney</b> Naomi A. Plakins, Esquire
9:15	<b>Legal Requirements and a Basic Law School Course for Clinical Practitioners; What a Plaintiff's Attorney Looks for in Accepting a Case for Litigation</b> A. Roy DeCaro, Esquire
10:00	Break
10:15	<b>Proper Decorum and Strategies when Testifying for a Deposition or a Trial; What I have Learned in 30 years of Defending Physicians</b> George L. Young, Jr., Esquire
10:35	<b>A View from the Bench: What a Physician Must know when Participating in a Trial as a (an) Fact Witness, Expert, Defendant</b> Hon. Abraham J. Gafni, Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law
11:00	<b>Criminal Court and the Ophthalmologist: Who's on Trial?</b> Alex V. Levin, MD, MHSc
11:20	<b>Why an EyeMD Should Know Law and Business</b> Harold P. Koller, MD
11:35	<b>Round Table Discussion, Summary of Findings and Post-Course Test</b> Harold P. Koller, MD, All Speakers and Audience
12:00 pm	Break
12:15 pm	<b>Workshop: Employment Law in Your Practice; How to Avoid Problems with Your Employees' Employment Pre-Contracts</b> David M. Koller, Esquire
1:00	<b>Evaluation, Certificates, End of Program</b>

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**Thank you Wills Eye Institute Department of Continuing Medical Education.**