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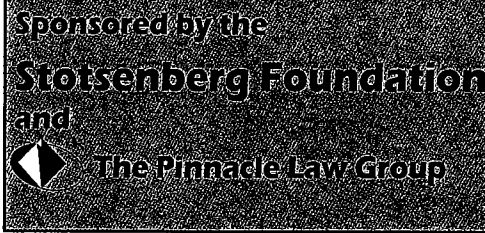
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Day One

Welcome and Introductions..... 8:30 am
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Keynote Speaker..... 8:35 am
Speaker to be announced

Thriving as Forensic Accountants in the New
Regulatory Era..... 9:25 am

- Federal and state regulatory reforms – the new face of the regulatory era
- Shifting the CPA business focus
- The expanding role of the forensic expert
- New opportunities

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Luncheon Speaker (Lunch provided)..... 11:40 pm
Speaker to be announced

"Hearing" on Defendant's Motion to Exclude Expert
Testimony: *Pittman Products Co. v. Performance
Engineering, Inc.*..... 1:00 pm

For forensic accountants or financial experts as well as their client, the short- and long-term effects of disqualification as an expert at trial can be devastating. Scrutiny of forensic accountants and financial experts in business litigation is likely to increase given the recent headlines and clarity of the courts' gate-keeping function. With several recently reported successes excluding financial expert testimony, we can expect to see lawyers increase their use of the expert exclusionary motion at the time of trial.

This session will feature two esteemed and experienced trial lawyers in a real-life courtroom battle over whether a designated expert should be precluded from testifying at trial. Judge Lawrence Crispo, Los Angeles Superior Court will preside over the proceeding, which is based on a real case. The audience will be invited to participate in the examination of the expert. At the conclusion, there will be an interactive discussion of motions to exclude.

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Objective

To provide important insights into numerous advanced litigation topics

Who Should Attend

CPAs attorneys and other professionals who have extensive expertise in business litigation.

Registration Information

All registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served, space available basis. Register at least two weeks before each event to ensure your place in class! VP Members and Coupon Users must register in advance for all classes. No walk-ins allowed. All attendees must show photo ID at each course. Coupon users must bring coupon(s).

Once you are registered, you will receive a Confirmation Notice 21 days prior to the program. (You may also print your own confirmation notice for your class from the Web site.) Please bring this notice to the program for admission.

CPE hours: 16 • Level: Advanced
Prerequisites: None

