



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA)

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Happy Fall to everyone!

This is a great time of year when the end of Summer and the beginning of Winter are tied together with the Fall change of seasons. As the seasons change so has FEWA!

Covid has changed so much about our lives both at home and at work; it has also changed how we all conduct business, including Expert Witnesses. The biggest challenge we face is the changes to rules and processes due to Covid. Even seasoned experts who have been providing these services for years or decades have had to learn new steps and rules, which have been put into place with the courts and many aspects of how the expert witness business is conducted. While the seasoned expert may have the ability make the changes a little easier, it's still a challenge to stay abreast of these changes and make sure you're conducting your expert witness business in an efficient and complete manner. New experts must understand how the rules and processes effect their work and how to keep up.

FEWA has worked hard to provide effective classes and trainings to help experts who have mastered their craft in their industry to also master the business of being an expert witness. As I have mentioned many times, the expert witness business is separate and distinct from the business you have spent your life becoming an expert in, and FEWA is here to help you understand how the two merge.

With the changes caused by Covid to the expert witness business, it has also changed the way associations, such as FEWA, provide the education and support to our members and those interested in joining. The virtual education allows experts from across the county to sign up, sign in and learn important aspects of the expert witness business from the comfort and safety of their home or office, while also allowing them to continue to service their clients.

Our **National Summit Committee** has put together a fantastic two-day **Applied Expert Witness Skills Summit** on **October 10 and 11 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm Central Standard time each day**. The topics include **Applied Skills** as an Expert Witness at deposition and at trial; and, **Education in Professionalism**, which will cover expert witness business and constructive collaboration with other experts. We have a

wonderful lineup of **Speakers and Presenters** including two Judges, Judge Mac McCoy, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division and Judge Elizabeth Stong, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York.

**Our fantastic Summit Planning Committee is made up of the following dedicated FEWA members:**

- **John Levitske, Chair,**
- **Susan Maccoy, Vice Chair**
- **Cris Vaughan**
- **Jason Zilberbrand**
- **Steve Edrington**
- **Claudia Lezell**
- **Grace Rubio**
- **E.J. Janik**
- **Mark Withrow**
- **Ed Priz**
- **Dan Bawden**

As an expert who is either in the expert witness business currently or is considering getting involved, the **Fall 2022 Applied Expert Witness Skills Virtual Summit** will provide a lot of great information and provide contact with members of FEWA. Please go to our website and [sign up today](#).

Our dedication to help experts become expert witnesses and our focus on the ongoing training for expert witnesses makes FEWA unlike any other not-for-profit association out there. Contact us with any questions and please [sign up for the Virtual Summit](#) today.

Wishing everyone a wonderful rest of 2022 and the best in health.



**Mitch Cohen**

**National President**

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