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Miller and Drury Contribute to 2012 Illinois Civil Practice Handbook

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[Tim Miller](#) and [Shelby Drury](#) are contributing authors to the new 2012 edition of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IILCE) handbook, “Illinois Civil Practice: Trying the Case.”

The book addresses the practical and strategic aspects of handling a case during the trial phase of litigation. It covers the typical sequence of events as a trial progresses, and discusses the traits and skills of an effective trial advocate.

Sections include: the jury; the opening statement; presenting testimony, preserving the record during trial; presenting the case-in-chief; motions during and at the close of the plaintiff’s and defendant’s cases; motions at the close of all the evidence; the closing argument; jury instructions and special interrogatories; return of the verdict and entry of judgment; and posttrial motions.

Novack and Macey’s lawyers drafted the chapter of “Trying the Case” that addresses jury instructions and special interrogatories. The chapter provides detailed guidance on drafting jury instructions in Illinois.

Mr. Miller was a co-author of the 2006 and 2009 editions of IICLE’s publication “Smart Evidence: Commercial Litigation.”

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