

**The Litigation Section of the
Santa Barbara County Bar Association presents:**

TAKING & DEFENDING THE ACCOUNTANT'S DEPOSITION

Speaker Thomas Neches, CPA shares lessons learned from being deposed more than 100 times as an expert. These lessons include: important steps to prepare the attorney and the expert for the deposition; fundamental questions to ask; simple questions that can be hard to answer and important the expert answers correctly; issues unique to CPA's; and professional standards for CPAs who act as experts. The course provides deposition tips and tricks of interest to both novice and experienced litigators.

- Why Depose the Expert?
- Taking a CPA's Deposition: The Fundamental Rule
- Defending a CPA's Deposition: The Fundamental Rule
- Know What the CPA Will Testify About
- Who Pays, When and For What?
- CPA License Lookup
- The Basic Questions—More Questions
- Only a CPA Can Perform an Audit or a Review
- Reports of Accountants
- Litigation Services and Applicable Professional Standards
- Factors Affecting Revenue

Speaker: Thomas M. Neches, CPA, ABV, CFE, CVA, CFF

During the past 28 years, Mr. Neches has provided expert testimony on business damages on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in more than fifty cases, most notably *Image Technical Service, Inc., et al. v. Eastman Kodak Company*, in which the jury awarded ten plaintiffs \$23,948,300, trebled under antitrust law to \$71,844,900. He regularly provides MCLE courses on topics relating to forensic accounting. From 2003 to 2013, Mr. Neches was an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School.

Date and Time: Wednesday, **September 5th**, 12 noon to 1:00 pm
Location: SB College of Law, Room 1, 20 East Victoria Street, SB
Reservations: Via email to Mark Coffin, Litigation Section Chair, by Wednesday, August 29th, at mtc@markcoffinlaw.com
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