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2019 ABYC Marine Law Symposium Announced

Winning Expert Witness Strategies

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has announced that registration is open for the third annual Marine Law Symposium. The symposium will be held Jan. 8, 2018, at the Renaissance Hotel in Seattle, Washington.

Attendees will receive an in-depth view of [two fatal boating accidents](#) and the lawsuits that followed - one resulting in a verdict, appeal and a retrial; the other involving an improper repair on a sophisticated product.

In addition to these case studies, the agenda includes:

- Mock Deposition - Watch as an expert witness is deposed by two attorneys looking to elicit responses to help their case and discredit the witness
- Expert Witness – Aspiring expert witnesses will receive insight and tips to be successful
- Tools of the Trade - In-depth look at some of the common tools and resources used to effectively research a case
- Law Enforcement as an Expert – Examine the role of law enforcement as an expert witness

“The combination of speakers from fields such as law enforcement, general industry experts, insurance and legal creates a diversified learning experience such that anyone in the industry can benefit from the Symposium,” said Christina Paul, partner at K&L Gates LLP. “It has

been an opportunity to interact with people in our industry and to gain knowledge from premier players in the recreational marine world and I always come away from the Symposium having gained invaluable wealth of resources."

An early bird discount is available until Sept. 12, 2018. To learn more and register visit www.abycinc.org/marinelaw.

The 2019 Marine Law Symposium speakers:

- Augusto (Kiko) Villalón - Ancon Marine Consultants
- Walter Laird - FORCON Intl.
- David Frohn - MG+M Law
- Raul Chacon – MG+G Law
- Matt Majors – NASBLA
- Christina Paul - K&L Gates, LLC
- Wendy Sanders – Jensen Hughes
- Katie Matison - Lane Powell
- Arthur Faherty - Robson Forensic
- Dawn Beery - Benesch LLP
- Greg Davis - DMCA LL
- Pete Chisholm - Mercury Marine