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Do's and Don'ts of Civil Motion Practice

Get a peek into how the civil department reviews motions. This talk will cover some common pitfalls the court sees in civil law and motion practice. Judge Chouteau and Mr. English will also provide tips on effective motion practice.



Hon. Rene Auguste Chouteau, Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma

The Honorable Rene Auguste Chouteau has been hearing the public's concerns in a career spanning more than 40 years. As a judge, he's served in a bit of everything, sitting in criminal, family law and civil courtrooms. He formerly served as Presiding Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court in 2012 - 2013, and currently sits on the bench in the Civil Division of the Sonoma County Superior Court. Before his appointment to the bench in 2001 by Gov. Gray Davis, Judge Chouteau was Santa Rosa's city attorney for more than 18 years. As chief legal adviser to the City Council, his office helped push through initiatives in public housing, community policing and city revitalization. He was a lawyer for the Sonoma County Office of Education for six years before joining the city staff, and started his government service two years out of Stanford Law School as a deputy city attorney in his hometown, San Francisco.

Kenneth English, Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma



Mr. English is the managing attorney for the Sonoma County Superior Court. Prior to his employment with the court, Mr. English worked for a couple of law firms—emphasizing civil litigation with a sprinkling of “everything else”. Mr. English graduated with honors from The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. While at law school, Mr. English was a Thurgood Marshall Scholar and a research assistant to Prof. Andrew Spanogle. Also during law school, Mr. English interned with the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court and the General Counsel for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and worked at a law firm in D.C. in his spare time. After law school, Mr. English clerked for a Federal District Court Judge in Wyoming. While there Mr. English worked on a variety of matters including the State of Wyoming's challenge to the U.S. government's decision not to delist the gray wolf as an endangered species. (See *State of Wyoming, et al. v. The United States, et al.*, 360 F.Supp.2d 1214 (D. Wyo., 2005) affirmed by *State of Wyoming et al. v. U.S. Dept. of Interior*, 442 F.3d 1262 (10th Cir. (Wyo.) 2006).)

Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 **Time:** Check-In: 11:45 am; Presentation: 12:00—1:00 pm

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