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**Track:** Litigation Consulting

**Session Date / Time:** Friday, June 4, 2010 / 9:15am – 10:05am

**Session Title:** *10 Ways Attorneys Kill Their Experts and 10 Ways Experts and Protect Themselves*

**Session Summary:** Those of us who have had significant experience in the courtroom typically employ proven approaches and protocols and embrace the highest level of professional standards as we strive to formulate and deliver opinions that will withstand the most rigorous challenges, pretrial and in court. Our focus is typically upon 'our' protocols, 'our' procedures, and 'our' standards. On the (hopefully rare) occasions when things may go sour, we again look back at what it is that we may have done differently. Occasionally that which should have been done differently rests primarily in the lap of retaining counsel. Sometimes counsel is unaware of the expert's time and evidentiary requirements. Sometimes counsel embraces an inappropriate view of the expert's role. And sometimes counsel's focus upon budgetary issues translates into a less than ideal environment for the expert. In this program we will explore ten practices of litigation counsel that become most problematic for experts and ways that experts can protect themselves.

**CPE Hours / Fields of Study:** One (1) hour / Production (PRD)

**Presenter Bio:**



**Michael G. Kaplan**, CPA CVA CFFA has more than 34 years of experience in forensic accounting, business valuation, economic damages analysis and expert testimony. He has qualified to testify as an expert witness in more than 250 trials and has served as a court appointed expert and accounting referee. He has served on the faculty of the Leventhal School of Accounting and Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. He has created numerous continuing educational programs for financial professional practicing in litigation. Mr. Kaplan is a past chair of the Executive Advisory Board, Certification Board and Litigation Forensics Board of NACVA. He is the President of the Financial Forensics Institute and lead instructor of NACVA's Litigation Boot Camp for Financial Experts, Forensics Workshop for Financial Professionals and Expert Witness Boot Camp.

**Presenter Bio:**



Miles Mason, Sr., JD, CPA, Crone & Mason, PLC, practices family law exclusively with offices in Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. An active member of the ABA Family Law Section, Miles is past Chair of the Tennessee Bar Association's Family Law Section, and served on the Editorial Board of the Tennessee Bar Journal. Miles currently serves as an Instructor for the NACVA's Forensic Accounting Academy and the IBA's Business Valuator Accredited for Litigation (BVAL) Workshop. Miles often presents seminars on divorce, forensic accounting, and business valuation for attorneys, CPA's, and business valuation experts. For more information, see [MemphisDivorce.com](http://MemphisDivorce.com).