

Debate: Utility of Cross-Examination of Factual Witnesses

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Partner Nicole Sullivan will participate in a debate on the utility of cross-examination of witnesses in commercial cases at the 2019 North American Meeting of the Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR). Nicole will debate on the side opposing the motion that cross-examination of factual witnesses merits its central place in the trial process in commercial cases.

The debate, chaired by the Honourable Mr. Justice Teare of the High Court of England and Wales, is in light of *Gestmin SGPS SA v. Credit Suisse (UK) Ltd & Anor*, in which a judge called into question the credibility of the human memory in civil litigation. Prior to the debate, the eminent psychologist Professor Martin Conway, Director of the Centre for Memory & Law at City University in London, and a leading U.S. trial consultant, Dr. Douglas Green, will each give brief presentations and be questioned by the two debate teams.

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