# **FACULTY**

Thomas M. White is a trial lawyer in Omaha; a former judicial clerk to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals; a former two-term Nebraska state senator and candidate for the United States Congress; and a partner in the law firm of White & Jorgensen. Tom has tried more civil rights cases to verdict than any other Nebraska plaintiff's lawyer. As a state senator, Tom shepherded into law the Military Family Leave Act, fought for rural school funding and frequently annoyed large corporate interests - consistent with his trial work for Nebraskans in need of protection.

Greg Eiesland, of Rapid City, South Dakota, is an advocate for safe nursing homes. He leads juries to insist on better care and more compassion for loved ones who by virtue of age and disability must trust in the attentiveness of staff and the care of corporate owners. Greg has worked throughout his career to tell the stories underlying complex scientific evidence. This includes helping jurors understand how a person already sick or senile may suffer and may be taken advantage of. His appellate work eviscerated sovereign immunity in South Dakota, advancing the goal of holding accountable every wrongdoer, be it individual or governmental. He is a graduate of Trial Lawyers College, and can sing quite beautifully.

Over his 40-year career, Richard Kammen has forgotten the meaning of "easy cases." He is lead counsel for the accused terrorist charged in the planning and preparation for the attack on the USS Cole in October 2000, to be tried at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As one of an elite group of death penalty lawyers appointed by the federal judiciary in complex capital federal cases, Rick has tried cases all over the U.S., speaking for those most easily vilified and telling the stories that underlie the heinous allegations against them. He is an instructor for Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College, has been featured on NPR, and, as he is an

Indianapolis man, his fixation with fast cars is totally healthy.

California lawyer Joseph Hawkins Low IV, of practices at military bases around the world, and throughout the U.S. He obtained an acquittal for Cpl. Marshall "Magic" Magincalda in a military court-martial, from charges of first-degree murder of an Iraqi civilian which were supported by five snitch witnesses. The Supreme Court case of U.S. v. Gonzalez-Lopez, 126 S. Ct. 2557 (2006), tells the story of Joseph's commitment to his client and made law on a defendant's right to choose his counsel. He represents persons charged with serious felony offenses and persons who have been seriously injured. Joseph is an instructor for Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College, and is a former United States Marine.

Like Joey Low, Haytham Faraj also defends service members facing military courts-martial in serious and challenging cases worldwide. Haytham also defends civilian criminal cases in Illinois, Michigan, California and the District of Columbia. His relentless investigation and defense of a Marine accused of massacring Iraqi civilians is the subject of Haytham's new book, No Time for the Truth: The Marines, Justice and the Haditha Incident. He was featured in the Pulitzer Prize-winning series "Other Than Honorable" in the Colorado Springs Gazette. Haytham is an instructor for Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College and is a former United States Marine.

Omaha trial lawyer Ryan Sewell, of the Fraser Stryker law firm, maintains a diverse practice throughout the state and federal courts of Nebraska and Iowa. His clients range from family-owned businesses to young undocumented immigrants maimed by defective products. Ryan's appreciation for history and literature and his storytelling abilities make him a captivating speaker on the topics of ethics. He is also the only speaker at this year's program to have attended a presidential inaugural ball.

A recent transplant to Fort Collins, Colorado, where he works with Metier Law Firm, Phil Stackhouse is expanding his practice, which previously focused on high-profile military criminal defense cases, to representation of persons who have sustained brain trauma and other serious injuries. Phil also handles bad faith cases against insurers who betray their own insureds when their insureds have been sued. Having tried 100+ cases to verdict, Phil understands that discovering and telling the story of "what really happened" is the first offensive in a civil case and the critical counteroffensive in a criminal case. His work has been reported on NPR and in the New York Times. Phil is an instructor for Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College and is a former United States Marine.

Milton Grimes is a legend among criminal defense lawyers and a pioneer among civil rights attorneys. Milton rose to national prominence for his representation of Rodney King in Mr. King's lawsuit against the LAPD, after obtaining superior outcomes in death penalty cases for clients who had confessed, clients who killed while serving sentences for previous murders and others who do not naturally draw juror sympathy. Milton's weapon is his storytelling skill, teaching and preaching while drawing from literature, history and music. Based out of Los Angeles, he is an instructor for Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. If we are lucky, Milton will show how he won the "Put On Your Red Dress" trial.

# **PROGRAM**

## Thursday, November 13

12:30	Ryan Sewell Omaha, NE	Ethics and Courage in Trial
1:30	Greg Eiesland Rapid City, SD	Proving and Arguing Damages for the Elderly and Disabled
2:30	Haytham Faraj Detroit, MI	A New Approach to Voir Dire: I'm Not Biased, I Just Like My Kind!
3:30	Joseph H. Low, IV Long Beach, CA	He Who Tells the Best Wins: What Makes a Good Story and Why

#### Cocktail reception (cash bar) – Hampton Inn

## Friday, November 14

8:30	Richard Kammen Indianapolis, IN	Wrangling the Expert Witness
9:30	Phil Stackhouse Fort Collins, CO	The Betrayal Story in Trial
10:30	Tom White Omaha, NE	Holding Government Accountable: Speaking a Language 21 <sup>st</sup> -Century Jurors Understand
11:30	Milton Grimes Los Angeles, CA	History, Myth and Song: Storytelling in Opening Statement and Final Argument
12:30	Adjourn	

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Mandatory CLE: This program has been approved for 8 hours of credit toward Nebraska and Iowa's mandatory CLE requirements, including 1 hour of ethics/professional responsibility credit. CLE approval in Colorado and Wyoming is pending and expected.

Cost: \$270 for lawyers practicing 3 years or more; \$140 for lawyers in practice fewer than 3 years; and \$50 for law students

**Proceeds:** After reimbursing expenses, profits will be donated in equal shares to the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, the Nebraska Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College.

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