

## BOOK REVIEW

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### Review of: *How to Become a Dangerous Expert Witness: Advanced Techniques and Strategies*

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**REFERENCE:** Babitsky S, Mangraviti JJ. *How to become a dangerous expert witness: advanced techniques and strategies*. Falmouth, MA: Seak Inc.; 2005, 420 pp. ISBN: 1-892904-27-6; [www.seak.com](http://www.seak.com).

*How to Become a Dangerous Expert Witness* should be and readily could be a text utilized by every law school within their trial tactics courses. Those enlightened medical schools that provide courses in medical jurisprudence could also make excellent use of this text. And, schools teaching Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Legal Medicine, Criminalistics, or any other courses involving the practice or application of the forensic sciences would be well advised to expose their students in depth to this excellent work.

To maintain, elevate, and preserve high standards within our Justice System, it is imperative that trial lawyers develop strategies that advance their courtroom tactics in keeping with the latest technical and scientific advances. To do this, it is imperative that trial lawyers seek out and use the most effective, trustworthy, competent, well-prepared, and honest expert witnesses available. By employing and utilizing such expert wit-

nesses, trial lawyers representing either side aid and assist the trial court or jury in reaching a fair verdict in any litigated matter. To this end, this text is an excellent aide to all parties involved in the trial process.

Numerous examples, techniques, and illustrations are given throughout this text to highlight the methodology to be used while preparing ways to uphold the opinions of the expert and to defeat the ill-prepared expert or "hired gun." Whether the reader is a novice or an experienced lawyer or witness, every page deserves careful reading and review. Effective methods of preparation and effective communication techniques are the backbones of the outline format utilized throughout this text.

Knowing the facts of any case and being able to communicate those facts before a judge or jury in an understandable and competent manner is an essential ingredient in the trial process. To that end, this 420-page text is highly recommended.

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