
Brian J. Donnelly to Speak for the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance in a CLE Program

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Brian J. Donnelly, a partner in the Firm's General Liability, Tort and Insurance Defense Department, will be speaking live for the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance in a CLE program entitled: "Anchors Aweigh! The Anchoring Effect at Trial and in Negotiation". The program will take place virtually on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 12:00 PM EST.

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Program Description:

For a ship at sea, an anchor serves the purpose of keeping the ship in place so that it does not drift too far from the anchor. With a properly set anchor, the ship simply rotates around the anchor according to the wind and the current but does not stray further than the length of the anchor line.

So why all of this talk about ship anchors? Well, anchoring is also a psychological tactic often used at trial and in settlement negotiations. It's best to start with an example:

You go to the car dealer to lease a new car. Often the salesman will say to you "how much are you looking to pay per month" or "how much are you paying per month on your present lease". If you respond to either of those questions, you are setting an anchor in the negotiations. In other words, the salesman will treat that number as a baseline of what you are willing to pay and work up from there.

This is what anchoring it's all about!

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