

Brain Friendly Arguments: Communicating Effectively with Judges, Juries and Clients



LIVE and WEBCAST PROGRAM

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NC Bar Center
Cary

CLE Credit: 3.0 Hours
Plus 2 Video Replays

A divorce case is lost because the judge cannot follow the attorney's logic. A jury awards a paltry sum because the attorney did not tap into the emotions of the jury. A patent infringement case is lost because the jury did not fully appreciate a key argument in a complex case. A civil trial is lost because the opposing counsel was better at painting a better, more memorable picture in the minds of the judge and jury.

As technology becomes more sophisticated, so do our cases. We must be able to teach our clients, judges and juries the technical intricacies of our case in way they can follow. It is very hard to win a case if the decision makers do not understand what they need to. This presentation explores the science of how we process information and the ways we can communicate clearly, powerfully and memorably so we can get the results we want.

Topics include:

- Breaking down the barriers to communication to clients and juries
- Using cognitive psychology to enhance retention by judges and juries
- Choosing a language style appropriate for the audience, situation and information
- Controlling the emotions of a jury with humor, gestures and voice
- Using story telling to paint their picture in their minds
- How and when to use visual aids in the court room

The Fine Print

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Agenda

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| 12:30–1:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 1:00–1:15 | Introduction to Communicating Technical Information to Clients, Judges and Juries
Learn why your delivery matters and how non-lawyers can help. |
| 1:15–1:40 | Identifying and Addressing the Barriers to Communication
This session shows you how to get through to your clients, judges and juries, and how to get them to open up. |
| 1:40–2:00 | Reading Body Language
Learn how to read body language, voice and other cues so you can effectively assess your audience. Gain insight into what subconscious cues people give off and what they may be telling you. |
| 2:00–2:10 | Break |
| 2:10–2:30 | Using Cognitive Psychology to Enhance Retention by Judges and Juries
This session teaches you how to get juries and judges to accept and retain information during hearings and trials. |
| 2:30–2:50 | Choosing a Delivery Style
How does word selection (power words, jargon, metaphors), dress, posture and tone affect others? Learn how to choose a delivery style appropriate for the audience, situation and information. |
| 2:50–3:10 | Tapping into the Emotions of People to Influence Behavior
Learn how to create and use emotions to drive juries and judges to act. |
| 3:10–3:20 | Break |
| 3:20–3:40 | Effective Story Telling
Learn how to paint a powerful picture and combat opposing counsel’s picture |
| 3:40–4:00 | Visual Aids
Learn how and when to use visual aids, and gain insight into what makes visual aids powerful or weak. |
| 4:00–4:20 | Conclusion – Putting It All Together |

Speakers

- *Sidd Chopra* PMP, DTM, Analytrix LLC, Raleigh
- *Dr. German Garcia-Fresco*, Analytrix LLC, Raleigh

Sidd Chopra is the founder of SpeedSpeak.com, a consortium of top executives, professionals and academics who are also world-class public speakers and president of Analytrix, LLC, a software company that helps organizations optimize their use of online resources. He is a Certified Project Manager and a Distinguished Toastmaster (Toastmasters International's highest award). He has served as President of the Council for Entrepreneurial Development's Toastmasters Chapter, Vice President of the North Carolina Project Management Institute, and as a member of the national board of directors for the Network of Indian Professionals. In 2002, he was a finalist in a national public speaking contest.



Currently, he is fulfilling his second 3-year term on the Strategic Advisory Board for the Computer Science Dept. at NC State University. As a software developer and a professional public speaker, Sidd has been studying the presentation of technical information almost 20 years.

Dr. German Garcia-Fresco obtained his PhD. in Molecular Neurobiology at the University of North Carolina. He has received numerous awards including the President's Award for excellence in genetics and biochemistry. His research has led to advances in the field of neurobiology, contributing to mechanisms involved in neurodegenerative diseases. His research has been featured in top scientific journals as well as *New York Times* and several news channels around the world.



Over the last few years, he has been focused on the behavioral aspects of brain functioning specifically decision-making, emotional control and creative enhancement, and is trying to develop techniques to increase neuronal performance.

“[T]o be successful in our profession, an attorney must be persuasive. The audience may be opposing counsel, the judge or a jury. Not only must we “get it right,” we then have to articulate our position in such a way to be understood.”

Assoc. Justice Paul Newby
NC Supreme Court

“What you did was extremely useful as an eye-opening kick in the head to remind me of what most of my presentations are all about. I wish I could have bottled your presentation.”

Joseph H. Mitchiner, Attorney
Mitchiner Law Firm, PLLC

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