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A View from the Bench – Episode 5 – Evidentiary Rules with (Ret.) Judge Paul Grimm

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Washington, D.C. partner George Hazel and Houston partner Gregg Costa, both former judges, are joined by the Hon. Paul Grimm, a former trial lawyer and judge in the U.S. District Court in Maryland who left the bench in 2022. Judge Grimm is now a professor of law and director of the Bolch Judicial Institute at Duke Law School. He writes extensively and lectures on the topics of evidence and discovery. The three former judges have a lively discussion about their expectations regarding trial lawyers' knowledge of evidentiary rules and how it has been affected by less frequent trials; examine how district judges must balance their analytical examination of evidentiary rules without disrupting proceedings; and consider the new challenges for judges and trial lawyers arising from artificial intelligence applications, including deepfakes.

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HOSTS: Gregg Costa is co-chair of the firm's Trials Practice Group. Gregg offers clients a unique perspective as a former federal trial and appellate judge. His broad experience—having handled complex civil and criminal matters, at trial and on appeal, as advocate and judge—allows him to offer invaluable skills and strategic insights for both trials and investigations. **George Hazel** is a partner in the Washington office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a member of the firm's Litigation and White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Groups. A former federal trial judge and criminal prosecutor, Mr. Hazel brings a broad range of trial experience, having presided over approximately 50 jury trials in federal court and handled 20 jury trials and 30 bench trials as an attorney in federal and state court. Since his return to private practice, *Lawdragon* has named him one of the "500 Leading Global Litigators" of 2024.

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