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Webcast: Anatomy of a Federal Criminal Securities Fraud Trial

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Securities fraud trials are high-stakes proceedings that require careful navigation of complex legal, factual, and procedural challenges. From indictment to verdict, prosecutors and defense counsel deploy distinct strategies to shape the narrative, present evidence, and persuade the jury. This webcast breaks down the key phases of a federal criminal securities fraud trial, including pretrial motions, Rule 17 subpoenas, witness preparation, jury selection, expert testimony, cross-examinations, and jury addresses. Our panel also discusses recent trial trends, prosecutorial tactics, and defense strategies that can influence case outcomes.

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