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Specialized Professional Competence

Dr. Maithilee Pathak is a partner in the Atlanta office of R&D Strategic Solutions, LLC and has been with the company since it was established in 2001. Dr. Pathak has specialized in jury decision-making and the evaluation of complex evidence for upwards of 20 years. She has developed and refined litigation strategy for clients across the country answering the critical question: “How can we win this case?”

All of her work is designed to give clients an insight on how REAL people—not attorneys—view their case.¹ She works closely with trial teams on high-stakes litigation to ensure that decision-makers will have the ammunition and motivation to argue for her client in deliberations.

Dr. Pathak’s clients rely on her expertise in crafting persuasive openings and closings, preparing witnesses, conducting effective voir dire, and in maximizing the persuasive power of the case. The earlier she gets involved, the more she can help clients minimize risks and maximize the likelihood of a successful outcome.

Dr. Pathak’s first foray into the world of litigation consulting was on the Oklahoma City Bombing case where she conducted research on pre-trial publicity in various venues being considered for the trial. That work ultimately facilitated the efforts of the defense to move that trial out of Oklahoma to Denver to ensure due process. Since then, she has worked with trial teams on all types of civil cases involving issues of intellectual property, patent, tort, contracts, product liability, employment law, and malpractice, as well as on civil and criminal cases relating to fraud, anti-trust, etc.

Dr. Pathak earned her law degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, after she earned her Ph.D. in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine. Her expertise combines the areas of psychology, sociology, criminology, and law and society to conduct applied research.

Dr. Pathak has conducted CLE presentations on a variety of general topics including jury selection and voir dire, persuasion and jury decision-making, and many area-specific topics such as medical malpractice, employment law, and premises liability, etc.

¹ See article “When do you want to know jurors hate your case? Before or after the trial?”

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