

# Masters in Trial™

October 26, 2023



8:00 am–5:30 pm

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## CASE

Rhonda Webb was hired as a machinist by Nordick Manufacturing Co. She was the only female employee in the two departments to which she was assigned, the Tool Prep and the Tool Room.

Ms. Webb alleges she was verbally and physically subjected to sexual harassment in the workplace throughout her tenure at Nordick starting in November 21, 2019. She claims that the hostile workplace forced her to resign on March 20, 2021.

Nordick admits that Ms. Webb is 100% disabled but contends that her disability is not work-related. Nordick denies her allegations and contends that she was a willing participant in many of the incidents that she says created the hostile work environment. Ms. Webb seeks lost wages, pain and suffering, and punitive damages.

# SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast	1:35 PM	Examination of Plaintiff Rhonda Webb
8:45 AM	Welcome & Motions in Limine		Admission of Report Norman Clary, Economist
9:00 AM	Opening Statement	2:10 PM	Examination of Defense Expert Josephine Daneeka, MD
10:00 AM	Ev. Code 776 Examination of Frank Wilson	2:50 PM	Break
10:55 AM	Break	3:00 PM	Closing Argument
11:05 AM	Ev. Code 776 Examination of Ned Whitebread (Video)	4:00 PM	Judge's Charge
11:35 AM	Ev. Code 776 Examination of John Starchman	4:15 PM	Jury Deliberation (Broadcast Live to Audience) Jury Consultant Sonia Chopra
12:05 PM	Lunch (box lunch provided)	5:15 PM	Panel Discussion of Strategy and Technique
12:55 PM	Examination of Plaintiff's Expert Hariette Brickle, PhD	5:30 PM	Adjourn

Schedule and speakers are subject to change

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## JUDGE



**THE HONORABLE SAMUEL K. FENG**  
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