## **Expert Witness Reporting & Testimony**

It can be a challenge to identify and select an expert witness when preparing for a trial, but providing expert witness testimony is a critical step if you want to win your case. However, not just any expert witness will do. Not only do you need someone who is competent, qualified and knowledgeable in the higher education field; it's also important that this person is able to communicate effectively, and has both credibility and composure in depositions and on the witness stand.

You need an expert witness, who is not only a knowledge expert, but someone who understands what the client is going through, their concerns, fears, anxiety and doubts. Dr. Austin is that confident, compassionate, dedicated expert and researcher with an emphasis on attention to detail who can prepare your outstanding & accurate Expert Witness Report and then back it up under the intense pressure of depositions and on the witness stand.

Leadership & Planning Specialists provide a cost-effective, highly qualified expert witness and subject matter expert to law firms, insurance companies, corporations, governmental entities and more.

After we have had a chance to review all your documents and reconstruct what happened there are three distinct questions that we answer for our clients:

- 1. The most obvious is, what did you find that was done wrong and favors the client?
- 2. What wasn't found in the documents that should have been there? What questions in the interrogatories were not asked/requested that will make materials not previously thought of, available?
- 3. What gives us concern (heart-burn) about the case after reviewing the documents, depositions and interrogatories?

The third question is often most important because it gives the client an assurance as to potential problem areas we see with the case. If we discover items that are detrimental to our client, they can get prepared. It is better to be aware of issues in advance, and not be embarrassed or surprised at a trial. Assuming that opposing council has done a good job in hiring their expert, the detrimental and questionable information likely will be discovered.

Optimizing the use of our expert services can be extremely beneficial to the outcome of a case. From expert witness testimony, to litigation support, we strive to benefit a case early on in preparation for settlement negotiations. When it is determined early in the case that an expert is needed, we work to strengthen your case and preparation from day one, and stay committed to your needs throughout the process until the final adjudication.

