



## DR. ELLEN L. LEGGETT

Dr. Ellen Leggett is a seasoned trial consultant with over twenty years of experience working with civil trial lawyers. She was trained at Litigation Sciences, Inc., and served as Director of the West Coast Trial Consulting practice until 1996. She is now Founder and President of Leggett Jury Research, LLC. Dr. Leggett is nationally known for her expertise in assisting trial lawyers and witnesses in complex, high-stakes cases. She personally designs, conducts and interprets case-specific empirical research on juror decision-making, and specializes in strategic and educationally sound approaches to case presentation for optimal juror comprehension. Dr. Leggett's philosophy is based on the belief that jurors are competent to hear complex litigation if courtroom communication acknowledges their learning needs. Her consulting, therefore, emphasizes the importance of effective opening statements, use of visual and memory aids at trial, and concise expert testimony.

Dr. Leggett's clients have included Fortune 500 companies, multinational corporations, foreign corporations, and organizations from most major industries, including: accounting, aerospace, automobile, banking, computers, construction, entertainment, financial, food, health care, hospitality, import/export, insurance, law, media, petroleum, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, real estate, retail, higher education and government agencies. She has assisted clients in all major areas of litigation including: Alien Torts Act, antitrust, contracts, defamation, environmental, employment, intellectual property, lender liability, product liability, securities fraud, theft of trade secrets, and professional negligence (accounting, legal). Trial lawyers with whom she has partnered have come from the nation's largest and most respected law firms.

She has published and spoken widely on jury psychology and has been interviewed on ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN national newscasts. Her articles have appeared in [Antitrust Report](#), [Computer Lawyer](#), [International Legal Strategy](#), [Product Liability Law and Claims](#), [California Litigation](#), [Medical Malpractice Law and Strategy](#), and [Corporate Legal Times](#). She was on the inaugural Editorial Board of [Antitrust Report](#).

Prior to entering the field of trial consulting, Dr. Leggett established a significant career in education as a university professor, researcher, and administrator at Cornell University, Scripps College and the University of California, Riverside. Her academic published works are in the areas of motivation, personality, and the differences between lay and expert reasoning.

Dr. Leggett earned her Masters and Doctoral degrees in psychology and education at Harvard University and her Bachelors degree *magna cum laude* in psychology at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the American Society of Trial Consultants.

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