



## DR. ELLEN L. LEGGETT

Ellen Leggett, Ed.D. is an innovative applied psychologist and pioneering trial consultant with over 35 years of experience working with civil trial lawyers. She served as Director of the Los Angeles Trial Consulting practice of ground-breaking firm Litigation Sciences until 1996 before founding Leggett Jury Research, LLC. She is nationally known for her expertise in assisting trial lawyers and witnesses in complex, high-stakes cases. She 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. Her 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 individuals, companies and organizations from most major industries, including: accounting, aviation, automobile, banking, construction, education, entertainment, health care, insurance, law, media, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, technology, real estate, and retail, as well as non-profit organizations and government agencies. She has assisted clients and witnesses in most 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, wrongful death, professional negligence (accounting, legal, actuarial) and white collar crime. She has also served as a court-appointed witness psychologist in the Ninth Circuit for a criminal drug and RICO case that was won at trial for the defendant.

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 Editorial Board of Antitrust Report based on her work defending the pharmaceutical industry in the Brand Name Drugs antitrust litigation.

As an academic, her research and published works are in the areas of motivation and growth mindset, social cognition, and the differences between lay and expert reasoning. In July 2022, she retired from higher education as Professor of the Practice of Psychology at University of Southern California and Director of the Master of Science in Applied Psychology program, where she developed an innovative graduate program. Focusing on organizational and consumer psychology, the unique masters degree program prepares students to use the research tools of psychology to address global business challenges.

Dr. Leggett earned her Masters and Doctoral degrees in psychology and education at Harvard and her A.B. degree *magna cum laude* in psychology at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the American Society of Trial Consultants, and the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association.