

SUPER TRIAL PRODUCTIONS

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Definition: What is a SUPER TRIAL?!

(talking about Commercial / Chancery Actions)

- Complexity of case multiple cause of actions / multiple Defendants
- Likely to have foreign clients / foreign disclosure / foreign law elements
- ► Length of trial laid down
- ► Amount of money at stake...

WHY PRODUCTIONS?

- Like a West End Show!
- ► Logistics involved
- ▶ Innovative cutting edge solutions



STARTING AT THE BEGINNING...

- Client comes in either as Claimant or Defendant
- ► Investigate claims → Business Intelligence team
- Document preservation
- Drafting Statement of Case
- ► Service abroad?



INTERLOCUTORY HEARINGS

► CMCs:

- ▶ Jurisdictional Challenges
- ► WFOs / Security for Costs
- ▶ Payment into Court Funds Office
- ► Sanctions / Money Laundering
- ▶ Confidentiality Clubs / Private hearings
- ► PTR



DREADED DISCLOSURE

- ▶ New Rules from 1 January 2019
- BrainSpace Artificial Intelligence
- ► TAR (technological Assisted Review) (Pyrrho Investments v MWB Property) [2016] EWHC 256 (Ch)
- ► Electronic Translation
- ► Contract Reviewers
- ► Translation certificates (Sumitomo Corporation v Credit Lyonnais Rouse Ltd) [2001] EWCA Civ 1152



WITNESS STATEMENTS

- ▶ Who? (Oligarchs / CEOs access...)
- ► Travel (to or from)
- Visas
- ► Language difficulties
- ► Length
- ► Exhibits



EXPERT REPORTS

- ► Experts:
 - ► Foreign law
 - **▶**Technical
 - ▶ Forensic

► Meetings logistics!



TRIAL PREPARATION

- ► Electronic Trial Bundles hyperlinking
- Graphics and demonstratives
- ▶ War Rooms?

- ▶ Interpreters hiring and contracts
- ▶ Booth
- Video links



TRIAL – OUT OF COURT

- ▶ Break out Room PLUS Witness Room
- Daily lunch delivery
- Set up (fridges; printers; hot water urns) =

- Public Relations consultant
- Press Coverage



TRIAL - IN THE COURT ROOM

- Seating / Over flow rooms live video
- ▶ Books to swear on
- ► Legal Assistants to pass folders
- Computer screens (Real time connections/ Magnum) https://uk05.opus2.com/secure/login.php?r=documents.php%3Fws%3D110794027

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Bible

- Video displays
- Earpieces for translations

SETTLEMENT / POST TRIAL

- Cost Schedules Costs draftsmen
- ▶ Payment out of Court Funds Office
- Archiving





JUDGMENT

- ► Embargoed Judgment
- ► Handing down
- ► Appeal?!



PUBLICITY ABOUT YOUR (HOPEFULLY) GLORIOUS VICTORY!

- ► LinkedIn
- ► News articles
- ▶ Legal 500 / Chambers & Partners write ups
- ► You Tube video...





Any questions?

