

# Thomson Reuters Westlaw Today Features Nicholas Secco on Managing Late-Stage Counsel Transitions Ahead of Trial

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Nicholas Secco, chair of Benesch's Trial Practice Group, was featured in *Thomson Reuters Westlaw Today*, where he examines the critical decision to retain new trial counsel on the eve of trial and how companies can successfully manage that transition.

In the article, Nick explains key considerations for ensuring a smooth handoff, including quickly equipping new counsel with essential case materials, aligning on trial strategy and roles, preparing witnesses, and addressing evidentiary gaps. He also emphasizes the importance of early, transparent communication and strategic use of tools like AI to accelerate trial readiness.

Nick's insights highlight the high stakes of late-stage counsel changes and provide a practical roadmap for in-house teams to minimize risk, maintain continuity and position their case for success in the courtroom.

More: [Passing the baton: Checklist for in-house lawyers retaining new trial counsel on the eve of trial](#) | [Secondary Sources](#) | [National](#) | [Westlaw Today](#)