

# Defending a Legend: *Tales from the Roger Clemens Trial*

As baseball season opens, **Mike Attanasio** and **Rusty Hardin** will share the strategies that led to the acquittal last summer of legendary pitcher Roger Clemens on six counts of perjury and obstruction of Congress. From trial in the age of Twitter to memorable cross-examinations, Mike and Rusty will recount their role in defeating the government's attempt to put Clemens in a prison uniform instead of the baseball uniform he wore for most of his life. They will also discuss the trial's impact on their client's candidacy for the Hall of Fame and what the future holds for the government's efforts to police performance-enhancing drugs in sport.



**Mike Attanasio** is Vice-Chair of Cooley LLP's national litigation practice, and he is the partner-in-charge of the firm's San Diego Office. Recently, Mr. Attanasio was co-counsel with Rusty Hardin for Roger Clemens in the baseball legend's trial on a six-count indictment alleging obstruction of Congress and perjury. Mr. Clemens was acquitted of all charges after

a nine-week trial in the District of Columbia. Previously, Mr. Attanasio was named one of the Top 100 lawyers in California by the Daily Journal after his successful defense over two trials of a former Arthur Andersen partner accused by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California with conspiracy, securities fraud, and wire fraud in connection with the financial reporting of Peregrine Systems, a worldwide software company. From 1991 through 1999, Mr. Attanasio was a federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C., for the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Attanasio graduated from Stanford Law School and served as a Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge Rudi M. Brewster. He received his B.A. from Princeton University, the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs.



**Rusty Hardin** has more than 37 years of litigation experience, having begun his career as an assistant district attorney for Harris County in 1975. He served as chief of one of the office's felony divisions for eight years and was named Prosecutor of the Year in 1989. Mr. Hardin tried over 100 felony jury trials while an assistant district attorney and more than

70 jury trials, criminal and civil, since entering private practice in 1991, with clients as varied as Arthur Andersen; Dow Jones; the J. Howard Marshall II estate in the probate trial involving claims made by Anna Nicole Smith; ExxonMobil Corporation; Rice University; Las Vegas Sands; and professional athletes including Warren Moon, Rudy Tomjanovich, and Roger Clemens. He also served as chief trial counsel for Independent Counsel Robert Fiske and his successor Kenneth Starr in the Whitewater investigation. Among his numerous honors, Mr. Hardin was named one of "The 25 Greatest Texas Lawyers of the Past Quarter-Century" by Texas Lawyer in 2010. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Hardin received his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut and his J.D. from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

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Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Time: 5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:00 pm Dinner,  
6:45-7:45 pm Program

Location: The Westin San Diego, 400 W. Broadway

Refund Deadline: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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