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Young Lawyers Section

Trial Academy

Cornell Law School
Ithaca, New York
March 20-24, 2013

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The New York State Bar Association Trial Academy is a five-day trial techniques program that will teach, advance and improve the courtroom skills of young and new lawyers with an emphasis on direct participation.

HOW IT WORKS

The program will take place at Cornell Law School. The materials for the program will include both a criminal and civil fact pattern which will be provided to attendees before the program's start date. Each morning of the Trial Academy will feature a lecture on the following aspects of the trial process: Jury Selection, Opening Statements, Evidence, Foundations and Objections, Direct Examinations, Cross-Examinations, Trial Motions and Motions in Limine, and Closing Arguments. Each afternoon the lecture group will separate into small break-out groups. Prior to the start of the program each attendee will receive materials that will include which "problem" or "witness" they are to prepare for each day's break-out group. You will work with this group and your Team Leader throughout the entire Trial Academy. The break-out groups will allow you and your peers to put the theory of the lecture into practice with the feedback of your Team Leader and the rotating critique faculty. Your presentations will be recorded to allow for personal playback and review.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

NYSBA Members: $850.00
Non-NYSBA Members: $975.00

The Trial Academy is limited to 60 participants. Registrations paid in full, dependent on space available, will be accepted until March 15, 2013.

The registration fee includes all materials including books and flashdrive, continental breakfast each morning, NYSBA-sponsored luncheons each day, and the welcoming and closing cocktail receptions.

Dress Code: Professional business attire is required for the program.

CLE CREDIT INFORMATION

The New York State Bar Association's Meetings Department has been certified by the NYS Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York. **Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for a total of up to 37.5 MCLE credit hours, consisting of 2.0 credit hours in ETHICS and 35.5 credit hours in PRACTICAL SKILLS**. This program is transitional and therefore suitable for newly-admitted attorneys.

Discounts and Scholarships: Attorneys may receive financial assistance to attend this program. Under New York State Bar Association policy, attorneys who require financial assistance may apply in writing, no later than 10 working days prior to the program, explaining the basis of his/her hardship, and, if approved, may receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. For more details, please contact: Adriana Favreau, New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207 or afavreau@nysba.org. Sponsoring sections of NYSBA will also be offering some scholarships to the Trial Academy.

Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities: NYSBA welcomes participation by individuals with disabilities. NYSBA is committed to complying with all applicable laws that prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services, programs, activities, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations. To request auxiliary aids or services or if you have any questions regarding accessibility, please contact Adriana Favreau at 518-487-5630.

The Statler Hotel on the Cornell University campus

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 a.m. — **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. — **Welcome and Orientation**
Review of Materials and Case Outline

Young Lawyers Section Welcome
Michael L. Fox, Esq.
Young Lawyers Section Chair

Program Introduction
James R. Barnes, Esq.
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Immediate Past Young Lawyers Section Chair

Program Introduction
Tucker C. Stanclift, Esq.
Former Young Lawyers Section Chair
Co-Founder, Trial Academy

NYSBA Welcome
Seymour W. James Jr. Esq., President, New York State Bar Association

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. — **LECTURE: JURY SELECTION**

Speakers: **Terrence M. Connors, Esq. *(Civil Perspective)***
Connors & Vilardo, LLP, Buffalo

Hon. Marc Seedorf *(Criminal Perspective)*
Lewisboro Town Judge, Westchester County, Seedorf & Scheld, Bronx

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. — **Break**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. — **LECTURE: OPENING STATEMENTS**

Speakers: **T. Andrew Brown, Esq. *(Civil Perspective)***
Brown & Hutchinson, Rochester

Richard D. Collins, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)*
Collins, McDonald & Gann, P.C., Mineola

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. — **Trial Lawyers Section Luncheon -** *Hughes Dining Hall, Law School*

1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. — **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Jury Selection and Faculty Critique**

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. — **Welcome Cocktail Reception -** Taylor Room, Statler Hotel

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. — **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. — **LECTURE: EVIDENCE, FOUNDATIONS AND OBJECTIONS -** Moot Court Room

Speakers: **Lauren J. Wachtler, Esq. *(Civil Perspective)***
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, New York City

Nicholas J. DeMartino, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)*
NYS Attorney General's Office, Syracuse

10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. — **Break**

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. — **LECTURE: DIRECT EXAMINATIONS -** Moot Court Room

Speakers: **Jonathan D. Lupkin, Esq. *(Civil Perspective)***
Rakower Lupkin PLLC

Guy H. Mitchell, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)*
NYS Office of the Attorney General, New York City

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. — **Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section Luncheon -** *Hughes Dining Hall, Law School*

1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. — **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Opening Statements and Faculty Critique**

5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. — **YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING -** Princeton Room, Statler Hotel
All attendees welcome

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 22

8:00 a.m.	**Registration and Continental Breakfast**
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**LECTURE: CROSS-EXAMINATIONS**
Speakers:	**Vincent E. Doyle III, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)*** Immediate Past President, New York State Bar Association Connors & Vilardo, LLP, Buffalo
	Sherry Levin Wallach, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)* Wallach & Rendo LLP, Mount Kisco
	Peter Gerstenzang, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)* Gerstenzang, O'Hern, Hickey, Sills & Gerstenzang, Albany
	Timothy J. Fennell *(Civil Perspective)* Amdursky, Pelky, Fennell and Wallen, PC
11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	**Break**
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**LECTURE: TRIAL MOTIONS AND MOTIONS IN LIMINE**
Speaker:	**Michael P. O'Brien, Esq. *(Civil Perspective)*** O'Brien & Jacobs, PLLC, New York City
	Xavier R. Donaldson, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)* Donaldson & Chilliest LLP, New York City
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	**Business Law Section Luncheon -** *Hughes Dining Hall, Law School*
1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	**BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Direct Examinations and Faculty Critique**

Saturday, March 23

8:00 a.m.	**Registration and Continental Breakfast**
8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	**LECTURE: CLOSING ARGUMENTS**
Speakers:	**Hon. Mark D. Fox *(Civil Perspective)*** Retired U.S. Magistrate Judge, Huguenot
	Peter Gerstenzang, Esq. *(Criminal Perspective)* Gerstenzang, O'Hern, Hickey, Sills & Gerstenzang, Albany
10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	**Break**
10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**GENERAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND ETHICS**
Speakers:	**Catherine A. Christian, Esq.** Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, New York City
	Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino U.S. District Judge, Albany
	Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas Onondaga County Supreme Court, Syracuse
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	**Young Lawyers Section Luncheon -** Hughes Dining Hall, Law School
1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	**BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Cross-Examinations and Faculty Critique**
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	**CLOSING COCKTAIL RECEPTION Sponsored by the Trial Lawyers Section -** *Law School Atrium*

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m.	**Registration and Continental Breakfast**
8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Closing Arguments and Faculty Critique**
12:00 p.m.	***Boxed lunches to go -*** Myron Taylor Foyer

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Cornell Law School is located in central New York on the Ithaca campus of Cornell University. The campus can be reached by car, air, or train.

By Car

From Points North (Including Syracuse and Watertown) – Syracuse, NY is approximately 60 miles north of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.*

From Points East (Including Albany and Boston) – Albany, NY is approximately 160 miles east of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 2 hours and 30 minutes.*

From Points South (Including New York City) – New York City is approximately 220 miles southeast of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 5 hours.*

From Points West (Including Buffalo and Rochester) – Buffalo, NY is approximately 150 miles west of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 3 hours.*

By Air

The Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport is located on Brown Road in Ithaca, NY. A 10-minute drive from the Cornell University campus. The area is serviced by US Airways and Northwest Airlines.

Syracuse Hancock International Airport in Syracuse, NY, is approximately 60 miles north of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.*

Greater Rochester International Airport in Rochester, NY, is approximately 100 miles northwest of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 2 hours.*

Greater Binghamton Airport in Binghamton, NY, is approximately 40 miles south of Cornell University with an e*stimated driving time of 1 hour and 15 minutes.*

Elmira-Corning Regional Airport in Horseheads, NY, is approximately 37 miles south of Cornell University with an *estimated driving time of 1 hour*.

By Train

Syracuse Amtrak Station in Syracuse, NY islocated approximately 80 minutes from Ithaca. Syracuse is connected to the Empire (N.Y.C.-Niagra Falls), Lake Shore Limited (Chicago-Boston), and Maple Leaf (N.Y.C.-Toronto) routes.

Parking Information

On-campus parking except in metered areas, is by permit only. A limited amount of non-permit parking is available after 5 p.m., including the Hoy Road parking garage and the north campus A lot. Short-term parking permits are available for $10 per day from any information and parking booth, *Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.*

Hotel Information

Hotel accommodations are **not** included in the registration fee. A limited number of rooms may be available at the Statler Hotel on the Cornell University campus. To make a hotel reservation at the Statler, call the Statler Hotel Reservations Department at **1-800-541-2541** and indicate you are with the New York State Bar Association group.

For alternate hotel accommodations please visit **www.campustravel.com/university/cornell** for local recommendations.

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