



**IMMIGRATION COURT TRIAL ADVOCACY
COLLEGE
DEFENSIVE ASYLUM
APRIL 23 - 25, 2020 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**



Trial lawyers are storytellers for their clients. They must be prepared, be disciplined, and have humility. In today's climate, immigration trial lawyers must train and be ready to battle – to stand up for what is right, fight for the rule of law, and protect due process. This two-and-a-half-day program is designed to get you ready. Unlike any other training for immigration court practitioners, the Immigration Court Trial Advocacy College provides hands-on training using real cases, real situations, and mock trials. Attendees get one-on-one mentorship, best practices training, and a confidence boost designed to make you a force in the court room.

DAY 1 – Thursday, April 23

**Check-In (via Zoom – everyone will receive a link to join)
10:45am -10:55am CST[Ⓜ]**

TIME	PANEL (live via Zoom)	INSTRUCTORS
11:00am – 12:00	Introduction & Importance of Winning at Trial	<i>Rekha Sharma-Crawford Former BIA member Lory Rosenberg</i>
12:00 – 12:20pm	<i>GRAB YOUR LUNCH</i>	
12:20 – 1:10pm	Lunch Discussion: A View from the Bench – Ethical Lawyering & Cultural Competency in Immigration Court	<i>Judge John R. O'Malley Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:15pm – 2:15pm	The elements of your case and the fundamentals of storytelling	<i>Erich Straub</i>
2:15pm – 2:30pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:30pm - 2:40pm	Closing Arguments Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
2:40pm – 3:35pm	Closing Arguments Fundamentals + Drills	<i>Small Breakout Groups</i>
3:35pm – 3:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Objections & Defending Against Them + Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
4:15pm-5:15pm	Objections Fundamentals + Drills	<i>Small Breakout Groups</i>

On the day of trial, participants will be expected to have reviewed and understood the course materials. In order to maximize your experience, please spend the evening reviewing them. Use storytelling fundamentals to start to put your case together. What are the strengths, weaknesses? What is your theme? Who is the villain, the hero, the victim?

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DAY 2 – Friday, April 24

**Check-In (via Zoom)
8:45am – 8:55am CST**

TIME	PANEL (live via Zoom)	INSTRUCTORS
9:00am-9:30am [Ⓢ]	Direct Examination Fundamentals + Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
9:30am-11:00am	Drills: Direct Examination	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>
11:00am-11:15am	<i>BREAK</i>	
11:15am-11:45am	Cross Examination Fundamentals + Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
11:45pm-12:00pm	<i>GRAB YOUR LUNCH</i>	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch discussion: Diagnosing a case for strengths & weaknesses – tips and strategies	<i>Genevra Alberti Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:00pm-2:30pm	Drills: Cross Examination	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>
2:30pm-2:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:45pm-5:00pm	Virtually Meet and Prep your Witness,* practice Direct Exam, Cross Exam	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>

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DAY 3 - Saturday, April 25

Check-In (via Zoom)
8:45am -8:55am CST

TIME	EVENT (live via Zoom)
9:00am-11:00am [Ⓜ]	Trials (half of the groups)⁺ (run by conference attendees & judged by faculty)
11:00am-11:20am	<i>BREAK</i>
11:30am-1:30pm	Trials (other half of the groups)⁺ (run by conference attendees & judged by faculty)
1:30pm-1:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>
1:45pm-3:00pm	Debrief with Faculty

Go. Fight. Win.

⁺ On day 3, conference attendees will be broken up into groups of 2; each group of 2 will run one trial - one attendee will act as Respondent's counsel, and one as DHS counsel; there will be one respondent per trial, plus one DHS witness per trial. The same volunteer witnesses you meet with on day 2 will act as the respondents or the DHS witnesses at the mock trials on day 3. Each trial will take place in its own separate "breakout room" on the Zoom app.

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