Anatomy of a Trial: Murder Trial of Ziang Sung Wan
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

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Young Lawyers Trial Skills Program
A one-day boot camp training program for young lawyers featuring trial lawyers and judges from Washington, D.C., and across the U.S.
Overview

Anatomy of a Trial: Murder Trial of Ziang Sung Wan

Join our faculty of over 20 leading trial lawyers and judges from the Washington, D.C., area and across the nation as they analyze opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination, and closing arguments. In addition, sit in on a panel discussion with federal judges as they highlight "What Federal Judges Really Want from Trial Lawyers." Open to attorneys, academia, students, and the general public, this one-day boot camp will take place at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The case for the day is the murder trial of Ziang Sung Wan. On January 31, 1919, three Chinese diplomats were found murdered in the Chinese Education Mission in Washington, D.C. Wan, age 25, was indicted for the murder of one of the victims. After police interrogation, he signed a written confession, but prior to trial, he repudiated the confession. Wan claimed it was not voluntary because he was suffering from influenza and colitis when he signed the document. The court overruled efforts to exclude the confession at trial, and he was subsequently sentenced to death by hanging. On appeal, the D.C. Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling, but the U.S. Supreme Court took the case and issued a groundbreaking opinion, reversing the conviction. This case was the predecessor to Miranda.

What’s Included:

• One-day program led by notable litigators and judges
• Lunch
• Panel Discussion: "What Judges Really Want from Trial Lawyers"
• 7.5 CLE Credit Hours
• Networking Opportunities

Registration Fees:

• $125 – Section of Litigation Members
• $125 – American College of Trial Lawyer Members
• $145 – Young Lawyers*/Government/Academic
• $175 – ABA Members
• $195 – Non-Members

*Age 35 or younger or in practice less than 5 years.

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<td>Opening Remarks and Welcome (Non-CLE)</td>
<td><em>Speakers: David Schertler, Schertler Onorato Mead &amp; Sears LLP, Washington, D.C.; Paul Mark Sandler, Shapiro Sher Guinot &amp; Sandler PA, Baltimore, MD</em></td>
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<td>8:15 AM – 8:45 AM</td>
<td>Discussion of Case Analysis, Theory, Civility, and Professionalism (Non-CLE)</td>
<td><em>Speakers: David Schertler, Schertler Onorato Mead &amp; Sears LLP, Washington, D.C.; Paul Mark Sandler, Shapiro Sher Guinot &amp; Sandler PA, Baltimore, MD</em></td>
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<td>Part 1: Opening Statements (General CLE)</td>
<td>This session features a lecture followed by a demonstration. A panel of lawyers will then critique the opening statements, discuss more in-depth issues related to the opening statements, and take questions from attendees.</td>
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<td>8:45 AM – 9:10 AM</td>
<td>Lecture on Opening Statements</td>
<td><em>Speaker: William Hangley, Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin &amp; Schiller, Philadelphia, PA</em></td>
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<td>Panel Discussion – Critique of Opening Statements; Questions and Answers</td>
<td><em>Moderator: Michele D. Hangley, Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin &amp; Schiller, Philadelphia, PA</em></td>
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<td>10:30 AM – 12:15 PM</td>
<td>Part 2: Direct Examination (General CLE)</td>
<td>This session features a lecture followed by a demonstration that will focus on structure, style, delivery, and ethical issues. A panel of lawyers will then critique the direct examination and take questions from attendees.</td>
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| 11:05 AM – 11:35 AM | Demonstration of Direct Examination  
Government  
Speaker: **David Schertler**, Schertler Onorato Mead & Sears LLP, Washington, D.C. |
| 11:35 AM – 12:15 PM | Panel Discussion – Critique of Direct Examination; Questions and Answers  
Moderator: **James A. Reeder, Jr.**, Jones Day, Houston, TX  
| 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM | Lunch                                                                 |
| 12:50 PM – 1:30 PM | Panel Discussion – What Judges Really Want from Trial Lawyers (General CLE)  
Learn from this panel of esteemed judges as they answer your questions as to what judges really want from trial lawyers. The judges will discuss the importance of ethics, professionalism, and civility as well as comment on advocacy techniques and courtroom protocol. Audience members will have ample opportunity to ask questions.  
| 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM | Part 3: Cross-Examination (General CLE)  
This session features a lecture followed by a demonstration. The lecture will include suggested dos and don’ts and examine ethical and tactical issues. A panel of lawyers will then further examine the topic and take questions from attendees. |
| 1:30 PM – 2:10 PM | Lecture on Cross-Examination  
Speaker: **Robert L. Byman**, Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, IL |
| 2:10 PM – 2:40 PM | Demonstration of Cross-Examination  
Speaker: **Barry Coburn**, Coburn & Greenbaum PLLC, Washington, D.C. |
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| 2:40 PM – 3:15 PM | Panel Discussion – Critique of Cross-Examination; Questions and Answers | **Moderator:** Beth L. Kaufman, Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Gerber LLP, New York, NY  
**Speakers:** Richard C. Burch, Mudd Harrison & Burch LLP, Towson, MD; Dennis J. Drasco, Lum Drasco & Positan LLC, Roseland, NJ; William James Murphy, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Baltimore, MD; Palmer G. Vance II, Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, Lexington, KY |
| 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM | Break                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3:30 PM – 3:50 PM | Lecture on Closing Arguments                                        | **Speaker:** Steven F. Molo, Mololoamken LLP, New York, NY                                                                                                                                               |
| 3:50 PM – 4:20 PM | Demonstration of Closing Arguments                                  | **Government**  
**Speaker:** DeMaurice F. Smith, National Football League Players Association, Washington, D.C.  
**Defendant**  
**Speaker:** Paul Mark Sandler, Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler PA, Baltimore, MD |
| 4:20 PM – 4:55 PM | Panel Discussion – Closing Arguments; Questions & Answers           | **Moderator:** Joe R. Caldwell, Jr., Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, D.C.  
**Speakers:** Richard C. Burch, Mudd Harrison & Burch LLP, Towson, MD; Jeffrey J. Greenbaum, Sills Cummis & Gross PC, Newark, NJ; Gerald F. Ivey, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLC, Washington, D.C.; William James Murphy, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Baltimore, MD |
| 4:55 PM – 5:15 PM | Part 5: Secrets of Persuasion (General CLE)                         | The final session will address the application of the principles of classical rhetoric to persuasion in the courtroom. The session launches into a discussion of case analysis, theories of a case, civility, professionalism, and ethics. |
| 4:55 PM – 5:15 PM | Concluding Lecture – Twelve Secrets of Persuasive Arguments         | **Speaker:** Paul Mark Sandler, Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler PA, Baltimore, MD                                                                                                                                 |
| 5:15 PM – 5:30 PM | Closing Remarks (Non-CLE)                                          | **Speakers:** Hon. Paul L. Friedman, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.; Paul Mark Sandler, Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler PA, Baltimore, MD |
Location
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

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