

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION: SECTION OF FAMILY LAW'S
18TH ANNUAL FAMILY LAW TRIAL ADVOCACY INSTITUTE
Trial Training for Family Law Practitioners



Program Co-Chair Barbara Handschu plays "Judge."

"This was the most intensive training experience I have ever had – in the field of family law or any other field. I believe I learned more this week than any other week."

Susheela Varky
Washington, D.C.

The Faculty Includes:

Joel Bender	Barry Croland
Joslin Davis	Jay Fishman
Lynne Gold-Bikin	Dr. Jon Gould
Justice Eva Guzman	Honorable Bonnie Hellums
Barbara Ellen Handschu	Peter Hoffman
Monroe Inker	Stephen Kolodny
Patricia Lasher	Ken Lester
Dorene Marcus	Melanie Miles
Sandra Morris	Catherine Holland Petersen
Dr. Shannon Pratt	Donald Schiller
Sal Simeone	Anita Ventrelli
Stephen Wagner	Joanne Ross Wilder
Randall Wilhite	Jolene Wilson-Glah
Burton Young	

Always sells out
Early enrollment for
2004 is advised.

- Gain Confidence Litigating Family Law Cases
- Learn to Argue Motions Effectively
- Learn to Cross Examine Mental Health Experts
- Learn to Cross Examine Financial Experts
- Learn to Communicate Persuasively
- Learn to Prepare Witnesses for Trial
- Learn Business Valuation Principles
- Learn to Organize a Case for Trial
- Try a Case to Conclusion

"A truly outstanding week of learning the art of trial advocacy. In a week, I gained at least five years' worth of experience."

Sal Simeone
East Hanover, NJ



Program Co-Chair Steve Kolodny directs a small group session.

MAY 22-29, 2004
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER – HOUSTON, TEXAS

Saturday, May 22, 2004

- 10:00 Introduction to Program
- 11:00 Effective Communication Techniques
- 12:00 Lunch with Faculty
- 12:45 Break into Four Groups for Case Analysis
- 2:00 Lecture/Demo: "Effective Motion Practice"
- 2:45 Refreshment Break
- 3:00 Exercise: Motion Practice - Temporary Orders
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 5:00 Lecture/Demo: Opening Statements & Closing Arguments
- 6:00 Reception

Sunday, May 23, 2004

- 8:45 Exercise: Opening Statements & Closing Arguments
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 11:00 Refreshment Break
- 11:15 Evidence Lecture
- 12:15 Lunch with Faculty
- 1:15 Lecture/Demo: How to Ask the Right Questions During
Direct and Cross Examination
- 2:00 Demo: Direct and Cross Examination of Plaintiff
- 2:45 Refreshment Break
- 3:00 Exercise: Direct and Cross of the Parties
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 5:30 Adjourn for the day

Monday, May 24, 2004

- 8:45 Advanced Direct and Cross Examination of the Parties
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 10:15 Refreshment Break
- 10:30 Advanced Direct and Cross of the Parties w/ Exhibits
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 12:00 Lunch with Faculty
- 12:45 Continue Advanced Direct and Cross of the Parties
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 3:00 Refreshment Break
- 3:15 Lecture: Use of Psychological Testing in Custody Cases
- 4:00 Demo: Qualifying Experts and Cross Examination of
Mental Health Expert
- 5:30 Adjourn for the day

Tuesday, May 25, 2004

- 8:30 Panel Discussion: Using Psychologists in Custody Cases
- 10:00 Refreshment Break
- 10:15 Exercise: Using the Consulting Mental Health Expert to
Prepare for Trial
- 11:00 Exercise: Direct and Cross Examination of
Psychological Experts
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 12:30 Lunch with Faculty
- 1:30 Exercise: Continue Direct and Cross Examination of
Psychological Experts
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 3:30 Refreshment Break
- 4:00 Evidence Workshop
- 5:15 Meet with Actors and Actresses for Trial Preparation
- 5:45 Adjourn for the day

"Despite my high expectations, I was surprised at how much I took away [with me] from my week in Houston. Though I am sure other trial advocacy programs exist, certainly none can touch the one that you have put together"

Andrew Grossman
Columbus, OH

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

- 8:45 Understanding Accounting Terms and Financial Statements
- 10:00 Refreshment Break
- 10:15 Continue Financial Discussion
- 11:30 Discussion: Ethics in Matrimonial Cases
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Exercise: Opening Statement (Custody Issues Only)
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 2:45 Adjourn for the Day - Relax

Thursday, May 27, 2004

- 8:30 Lecture : Business Valuation Advocacy
- 10:15 Refreshment Break
- 10:30 Lecture: Business Valuation Advocacy (*continued*)
- 12:00 Lunch with Faculty
- 1:00 Demo: Direct and Cross of a Financial Expert
- 2:30 Refreshment Break
- 2:45 Exercise: Direct and Cross Examination of
a Financial Expert
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 5:15 Adjourn for the day

Friday, May 28, 2004

- 9:00 Exercise: Using an Accountant to Prepare for Trial
- 10:00 Exercise: Direct and Cross Examination of
a Financial Expert
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 11:00 Refreshment Break
- 11:15 Exercise: Continue Direct and Cross Examination of the
Financial Expert
Simultaneous Video Review with Faculty
- 1:00 Exercise: Pretrial Conferences
- 1:30 Lunch
- 2:00 Adjourn: Spend the rest of the day in trial preparation

Saturday, May 29, 2004

- 7:00-12:00 Final Trial at Courthouse
- 12:00-12:15 Critiques
- 12:15-2:00 Closing Luncheon

"For those of us who strive to protect the family and improve the practice of matrimonial law, the Institute is an invaluable experience."

Neil Kozek
White Plains, NY



Faculty member Lynne Z. Gold-Bikin clarifies a point in the case materials.

Administration and Faculty



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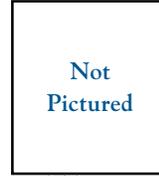
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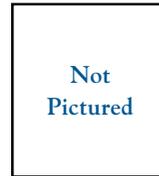
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Course Information

Enrollment:

Small group sections provide both the beginning and the seasoned attorney with individualized training. Videotape review of each day's exercises and immediate feedback from leading national authorities on advocacy and Family Law allow for extensive participatory experiences. Special workshops (not shown on the schedule) are presented on Evidence and Business Valuation. Enrollment is limited to 48 attorneys, providing a ratio of one faculty member to every four students within the small working groups. The communication and interaction between students and faculty members made possible by the limited enrollment results in a tremendous learning environment. The program has sold out for the past five years, ending up completely full *with* a waiting list. Early enrollment (before February 6, 2004) is strongly advised. Applications are processed based upon the date of receipt.

Continuing Legal Education Credit:

Accreditation has been requested for this program from every state with MCLE requirements. Lawyers seeking credit in Pennsylvania and Louisiana must submit a certificate and pay fees directly to those states. The course contains approximately 45 CLE credits and 1 hour ethics (based on a 60-minute hour scale).

Application for Enrollment and Tuition:

Tuition for the program is \$2,500 and is payable in full at the time of your application. This fee includes 8 days of instruction and/or simulated trial practice, special workshops, course materials, textbooks, videotaping, hot lunches every day, transportation between the hotel and program site, and two refreshment breaks per day. (Travel, lodging, and other meals are NOT included.) Refunds for cancellations made in writing before April 30, 2004 will be in full, minus a \$75 administrative fee. There are no refunds for cancellations made after April 30th. To apply for admission to the program, please complete the application on the back of this brochure and send it to the address indicated on the form.

Accommodations and Transportation

A special group rate will be available at the luxurious, 5-diamond Four Seasons Hotel. Information regarding prearranged discounts in conjunction with the ABA for air travel and car rental will be provided after enrollment into the program is confirmed.

"You'll see me at trial. Bring it on."

Anonymous



The Lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel

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Enrollment Form (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

1 Name _____ Firm _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Fax No. _____ Email _____
of Years in Practice _____ % of Time Spent in Family Law _____ # of Jury Trials _____ # of Non-Jury Trials _____
of Hearings _____ I have _____ have not _____ previously attended a skills program in trial advocacy.

2 A tuition check of \$2,500 is enclosed Please charge my tuition to my credit card
 Visa Card Number _____ Card Expires _____ / _____
 Mastercard
 American Express Signature _____
I have read and understand, and on behalf of all persons named above, accept the Terms and Conditions outlined for these arrangements.

3 **Mail completed enrollment form and deposit to the following address:**
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