



The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute presents...

Introduction to Trial Advocacy

September 26-28, 2023

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center • 215 Innovation Boulevard • State College, PA 16803 • 800-233-7505

Course Information

The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute is pleased to offer its Introduction to Trial Advocacy course. This intensive, three-day course focuses on the prosecution theory of a case and the process of communicating that theory to jurors. This involves developing a theme and using it throughout the trial to help guide jurors. The course concentrates on each component of the trial from jury selection through closing argument.

The course emphasizes the importance of communication theory including the use of visual communication and an easily understood prosecution theory. The teaching method includes performance workshops with video and live critiques as well as demonstration and lecture format. The ideal student should have some experience with courtroom advocacy, but ***the course is designed for prosecutors with less than two or three years of experience.***



Eligibility & Number of Participants

Class size is limited to the first 25 qualified registrants! This course is limited to active prosecutors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To ensure a fair representation among counties, attendance will be limited to ***no more than three prosecutors from each county.***

CLE Credit

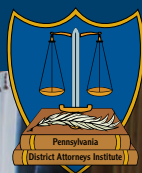
Introduction to Trial Advocacy has been accredited by the PA CLE Board for ***1 Ethics and 14 Substantive CLE Credits.***

Case Scenario

A specific case scenario has been developed for this course by PDAI's Education and Training Committee. Approximately one month prior to the start date of the course, the case scenario, along with the registrants' attendee confirmation and revised schedule, will be emailed to all eligible course participants. Attendees should review the case scenario prior to the course and be familiar with the facts of the case. Participants will be expected to give an opening statement, conduct direct and cross examinations, as well as a closing argument, based on the facts of the scenario. Attendees will receive two critiques: a live critique and a critique of their recorded presentation by two separate course faculty members.



Questions? Contact Támara Heagy at 717-238-5416 or theagy@pdaa.org.



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Course Faculty

In order of appearance

Honorable Francis Chardo

District Attorney, Dauphin County

Edward McCann, Esquire

First Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County

Michael Sprow, Esquire

First Assistant District Attorney, Dauphin County

Jennifer Gettle, Esquire

Chief Deputy District Attorney, Dauphin County

Honorable Francis Schultz

Crawford County Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Kevin Steele

District Attorney, Montgomery County

Honorable Michelle Henry

Attorney General, PA Office of Attorney General

Critiquers

Honorable Katie Charlton

District Attorney, Armstrong County

Honorable Michael Piecuch

District Attorney, Snyder County

Honorable Samuel Sanguedolce

District Attorney, Luzerne County

Honorable Brian Sinnett

District Attorney, Adams County

Honorable David Sunday

District Attorney, York County

Honorable Matthew D. Weintraub

District Attorney, Bucks County

Jodi Lobel, Esquire

Chief of Staff, PA Office of Attorney General

Kelly Lloyd, Esquire

Deputy District Attorney, Montgomery County

Michael Madeira, Esquire

Sr. Deputy Attorney General, PA Office of Attorney General

Jennifer Schorn, Esquire

First Assistant District Attorney, Bucks County

Schedule

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

9:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Orientation

Practical & Ethical Considerations in
Pre-Trial Preparation & Jury Selection

Case Analysis Workshop

Lecture and Demonstration:
Opening Statement

The Visual Trial:
Use of Visual Aids Throughout
a Trial in a Persuasive and Ethical Manner

Opening Statement Performances

Lecture & Demonstration:
Direct Examination

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Direct Examination Performances

Lecture & Demonstration:
Cross Examination

Cross Examination Workshop

Cross Examination Performances

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lecture and Demonstration:
Closing Arguments

Closing Statement Performances



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Overnight Accommodations



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A block of rooms has been reserved at [The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center Hotel](#) at the rate of \$100.00 per night, single or double occupancy plus state and local taxes. The room rate is a separate charge paid directly to The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center. You may make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at 800-233-7505 by **August 18, 2023**. Reference Reservation ID Number: **TRIA23L** to receive the group rate.

Registration

To register, please fill out and email your form to pdaa@pdaa.org or mail the attached registration form with your *food and beverage fee to PDAI headquarters no later than **August 18, 2023 by 4:30 PM**. You may also register and pay online by clicking [here](#).

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Cancellation Policy

Those who cancel on or before **September 1, 2023 by 4:30 PM** will be refunded the full fee. To cancel, please email Támara Heagy at theagy@pdaa.org. No refunds can be issued for cancellations received after **September 1, 2023 by 4:30 PM**. Those who have not paid will still be required to send payment. As always, substitutions are allowed for persons who have to cancel after the cancellation date. You must also call the hotel directly at 800-233-7505 to cancel your room reservation. **If you are a no-show you will be invoiced for any applicable charges.**

Attendance & Dress

It is essential that participants attend all training sessions. Dress for the general lectures is casual. Courtroom attire is required for the trial advocacy workshops.

Meals

Breakfast, a full lunch buffet and breaks will be offered each day of the course. Each attendee is responsible for their own dinner plans and any incidental expenses.

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Attorney ID: _____

Number of Years Prosecuting Cases: _____

Name: _____

Accessibility Requirements: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Title: _____

County/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

☐ **\$350 Payment Enclosed**

**Food and beverage fee.*

"I understand that if I am a no-show I will be invoiced for any food and beverage or hotel fee(s)."

Applicant Signature: _____

DA Signature: _____

*Please return this form and your payment, **no later than August 18, 2023**, to PDAI, 2929 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, to the attention of Támara Heagy.*