# **Course Faculty**

*In order of appearance* 

# **Edward McCann, Esquire**

First Assistant District Attorney - Montgomery County

# Michael Sprow, Esquire

First Assistant District Attorney - Dauphin County

## **Honorable Francis Chardo**

District Attorney - Dauphin County

# Jennifer Gettle, Esquire

Chief Deputy District Attorney - Dauphin County

# **Honorable Francis Schultz**

District Attorney - Crawford County

# **Honorable Kevin Steele**

District Attorney - Montgomery County

# Michele Henry, Esquire

First Deputy Attorney General - Office of Attorney General

# **Honorable David Freed**

United States Attorney Middle District of PA

# **Honorable John Adams**

District Attorney - Berks County

# Honorable Lisa Lazzari-Strasiser

**District Attorney - Somerset County** 

# **Honorable Kelly Callihan**

District Attorney - Cambria County

# **Honorable Michael Piecuch**

District Attorney - Snyder County

# **Honorable Mark Powell**

District Attorney - Lackawanna County

# **Honorable David Sunday**

District Attorney - York County

# Antonetta Stancu, Esquire

Deputy District Attorney - Bucks County

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# Introduction to Trial Advocacy

October 1-3, 2019 • Penn Stater Conference Center State College, PA

# **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 opening statement 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.

# **Ouestions?**

**Contact Tamara L. Heagy** Phone: 717-238-5416 Email: pdaa@pdaa.org

# **CLE Credit**

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



# **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.



# 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 mailed 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 videotaped presentation by two separate course faculty members.

# Schedule

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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, October 2, 2019 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Direct Examination Performances

Lecture & Demonstration: Cross Examination

Cross Examination Workshop

**Cross Examination Performances** 

Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lecture and Demonstration: Closing Arguments

Closing Statement Performances

# **Overnight Accommodations**



Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel 215 Innovation Boulevard State College, PA 16803

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel at the rate of \$102.00 per night, single or double occupancy plus state and local taxes. The room rate is a separate charge paid directly to the Penn Stater Conference Hotel. It is not included in the registration fee. You may make your reservations by calling the Penn Stater directly at (800) 233-7505 by **August 23, 2019.** Reference Reservation Identification Number: **PDAI19A** to receive the group rate.

# **Cancellation Policy**

No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after *September 6, 2019*. Substitute attendees, however, are permissible at any time.

# Meals

A continental breakfast, full buffet lunch and breaks will be offered each day of the course. Each attendee is responsible for his or her own dinner plans and any incidental expenses.

**Incidentals** 

# **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.

# Registration

To register, please complete and return the attached registration form, along with your \$350 food and beverage fee to PDAI headquarters no later than **August 23, 2019**. Payment must be received by PDAI prior to the course date to ensure admittance to the course. You may also register online by visiting the training portion of our website <a href="www.pdaa.org">www.pdaa.org</a> or register by fax/email at 717-231-3912/pdaa@pdaa.org.

# **Introduction to Trial Advocacy**

October 1-3, 2019
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# ☐ \$350 Payment Enclosed

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

<b>Applicant Signature:</b>	
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**DA Signature:** 

Please return this form and your payment, **no later than August 23, 2019**, to PDAI, 2929 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, to the attention of Tamara L. Heagy.