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.

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 recorded presentation by two separate course faculty members.

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

CLE Credit

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

September 28 - 30, 2021

**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

**Critiquers**

**Honorable John Adams**
District Attorney, Berks County

**Honorable Katie Charlton**
District Attorney, Armstrong County

**Honorable Michael Piecuch**
District Attorney, Snyder County

**Honorable Mark Powell**
District Attorney, Lackawanna County

**Honorable David Sunday**
District Attorney, York County

**Kelly Lloyd, Esquire**
Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County

**Megan Madaffari, Esquire**
Sr. Deputy Attorney General, PA Office of Attorney General

**Michael Madeira, Esquire**
Sr. Deputy Attorney General, PA Office of Attorney General

**Schedule**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**
9:00 AM - 5:15 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, September 29, 2021**
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Direct Examination Performances

Lecture & Demonstration: Cross Examination

Cross Examination Workshop

Cross Examination Performances

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lecture and Demonstration: Closing Arguments

Closing Statement Performances
Overnight Accommodations

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

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center Hotel at the rate of $103.00 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. You may make your reservations by calling the Penn Stater directly at 800-233-7505 by **August 20, 2021**. Reference Reservation Identification Number: **PDAI21A** to receive the group rate.

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.

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.

Cancellation Policy

The last day to cancel is **September 3, 2021**. You must also call the hotel directly at 800-233-7505 to cancel your room reservation. Substitute attendees are permissible at any time. If you are a no-show you will be invoiced for any applicable charges.

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Registration

To register, please fill out and email your form to pdaa@pdaa.org or mail the attached registration form with your payment to PDAI headquarters at no later than **August 20, 2021**. You may also register and pay online by clicking here.

Number of Years Prosecuting Cases:

Accessibility Requirements:

☐ $250 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 20, 2021, to PDAI, 2929 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, to the attention of Támara L. Heagy.