



**IMMIGRATION COURT TRIAL ADVOCACY
COLLEGE
DEFENSIVE ASYLUM
KANSAS CITY ♦ APRIL 25 - 27, 2019**



Trial lawyers are storytellers for their clients. They must be prepared, be disciplined, and have humility. In today's climate, immigration trial lawyers must train and be ready to battle – to stand up for what is right, fight for the rule of law, and protect due process. This two-and-a-half-day program is designed to get you ready. Unlike any other training for immigration court practitioners, the Immigration Court Trial Advocacy College provides hands-on training using real cases, real situations, and real courtrooms. Attendees get one-on-one mentorship, best practices training, and a boost to confidence designed to make you a force in the courtroom.

DAY 1 – Thursday, April 25
Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church
9300 Nall Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66207

Registration
 1:00pm - 1:30pm

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
1:30pm-1:45pm	Welcome Remarks and Introduction	
1:45pm-2:35pm	Immigration Judge Pet Peeves + Importance of Winning at Trial	<i>Hon. John R. O'Malley Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
2:35pm-2:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:45pm-3:45pm	The elements of your case and the fundamentals of storytelling	<i>Erich Straub</i>
3:45pm-4:00pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
4:00pm-5:00pm	Opening Statements/Closing Arguments Drills	<i>Small Groups – Breakout with Faculty*</i>

Dinner on your own. In order to maximize your experience, spend the evening reviewing the course materials. On the day of trial, participants will be expected to have reviewed and understood the materials. Use storytelling fundamentals to start to put your case together. What are the strengths, weaknesses? What is your theme? Who is the villain, the hero, the victim?



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DAY 2 – Friday, April 26
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Check-In
 8:30am - 9:00am

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
9:00am-9:30am	Direct Examination Fundamentals	<i>Faculty</i>
9:30am-11:00am	Direct Examination Drills	<i>Small Groups – Breakout with Faculty*</i>
11:00am-11:15am	<i>BREAK</i>	
11:15am-11:45pm	Cross Examination Fundamentals	<i>Faculty</i>
11:45pm-12:00pm	<i>PICK UP LUNCH</i>	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch discussion: Diagnosing a case for strengths & weaknesses – tips and strategies	<i>Genevra Alberti Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:00pm-2:30pm	Cross Exam Drills	<i>Small Groups – Breakout with Faculty*</i>
2:30pm-2:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:45pm-5:00pm	Meet and Prep your Witness,* Direct Exam, Cross Exam	<i>Small Groups – Breakout with Faculty*</i>

Happy Hour: 5:00pm Onward at The Clinic
515 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, Kansas City, MO 64108



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DAY 3 – Saturday, April 27
Johnson County Courthouse
100 N Kansas Ave.
Olathe, KS 66061

Check-In/Breakfast
8:30am –8:50am, 3rd floor

TIME	EVENT
9:00am-11:00am	Trials (half of the groups)⁺ (run by conference attendees & judged by faculty)
11:00am-11:20am	<i>BREAK</i>
11:30am-1:30pm	Trials (other half of the groups)⁺ (run by conference attendees & judged by faculty)
1:30pm-1:45pm	<i>PICK UP LUNCH (lunch in jury room – room 105)</i>
1:45pm-3:00pm	Debrief with Faculty (jury room – room 105)

Go. Fight. Win.

* On days 1 and 2, attendees will be broken up into small groups with 3 attorney faculty/mentors assigned to each group. On day 2, each attendee will be provided with a volunteer witness (either a respondent or government witness) to prep for the mock trials to be held on day 3.

⁺ On day 3, conference attendees will be broken up into groups of 2; each group of 2 will run one trial - one attendee will act as Respondent's counsel, and one as DHS counsel; there will be one respondent per trial, plus one DHS witness per trial. The same volunteer witnesses from day 2 will act as the respondents or DHS witnesses on day 3.