



**IMMIGRATION COURT TRIAL ADVOCACY
COLLEGE†
DEFENSIVE ASYLUM
KANSAS CITY ♦ APRIL 23 - 25, 2020**



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 confidence boost designed to make you a force in the court room.

**DAY 1 – Thursday, April 23
Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church
9300 Nall Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66207**

**Registration
10:30 -10:50**

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
11:00am – 12:00	Introduction & Importance of Winning at Trial	<i>TBD</i>
12:00 – 12:20pm	<i>PICK UP LUNCH</i>	
12:20 – 1:10pm	Lunch Discussion: A View from the Bench – Ethical Lawyering	<i>Judge John R. O'Malley Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:15pm – 2:15pm	The elements of your case and the fundamentals of storytelling	<i>Erich Straub</i>
2:15pm – 2:30pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Closing Arguments Fundamentals + Drills	<i>Small Groups – Breakout with Faculty*</i>
3:30pm – 3:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:45pm-5:00pm	Objections + Defending Against Them	<i>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 24
Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church
9300 Nall Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66207**

**Check-In/Breakfast
8:30am - 9:00am**

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
9:00am-9:30am	Direct Examination Fundamentals	<i>Faculty</i>
9:30am-11:00am	Drills: Direct Examination + Objections	<i>Small Groups – Breakout with Faculty*</i>
11:00am-11:15am	<i>BREAK</i>	
11:15am-11:45am	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	Drills: Cross Exam + Objections	<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 25
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 overflow room – room 105)</i>
1:45pm-3:00pm	Debrief with Faculty (jury overflow 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 you meet with on day 2 will act as the respondents or the DHS witnesses at the mock trials on day 3.

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