



# IMMIGRATION COURT TRIAL ADVOCACY COLLEGE

## *DEFENSIVE ASYLUM*

### KANSAS CITY ♦ APRIL 28 - 30, 2022



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 2.5-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 court rooms. 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 28

**Johnson County Community College – Regnier Center Building**

**Registration: 10:15am -10:40am CST**

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Introduction and Housekeeping</b>	<i>Rekha Sharma-Crawford</i>
11:00am – 12:00	<b>The Importance of Winning at Trial</b>	<i>Rekha Sharma-Crawford Hon. Lory Rosenberg (ret.) Hon. Paul Schmidt (ret.)</i>
12:00 – 12:20pm	<i>GRAB YOUR LUNCH</i>	
12:20 – 1:10pm	<b>Lunch Discussion: A View from the Bench – Ethical Lawyering &amp; Cultural Competency in Immigration Court</b>	<i>Hon. Susan Roy (ret.) Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:15pm – 2:15pm	<b>The elements of your case and the fundamentals of storytelling</b>	<i>Erich Straub</i>
2:15pm – 2:30pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:30pm - 2:40pm	<b>Closing Arguments Demonstration</b>	<i>Faculty</i>
2:40pm – 3:35pm	<b>Closing Arguments Fundamentals + Drills</b>	<i>Small Breakout Groups*</i>
3:35pm – 3:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:45pm – 4:15pm	<b>Objections &amp; Defending Against Them + Demonstration</b>	<i>Faculty</i>
4:15pm-5:15pm	<b>Objections Fundamentals + Drills</b>	<i>Small Breakout Groups*</i>

*On the day of trial, participants will be expected to have reviewed and understood the course materials. In order to maximize your experience, please spend the evening reviewing them. 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 29**

**Johnson County Community College - Regnier Center Building**

**Check-In**

8:30am - 8:55am CST

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
9:00am-9:30am	<b>Direct Examination Fundamentals + Demonstration</b>	<i>Faculty</i>
9:30am-11:00am	<b>Drills: Direct Examination</b>	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>
11:00am-11:15am	<i>BREAK</i>	
11:15am-11:45am	<b>Cross Examination Fundamentals + Demonstration</b>	<i>Faculty</i>
11:45pm-12:00pm	<i>GRAB YOUR LUNCH</i>	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>Lunch discussion: Diagnosing a case for strengths &amp; weaknesses - tips and strategies</b>	<i>Genevra Alberti Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:00pm-2:30pm	<b>Drills: Cross Examination</b>	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>
2:30pm-2:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:45pm-5:00pm	<b>Quick witness prep demo by faculty, then meet and prep your witness;* practice direct and cross exam</b>	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>

**Happy Hour: 5:30pm - location TBD**



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**DAY 3 – Saturday, April 30**  
**Johnson County Courthouse**  
**150 W. Santa Fe St.**  
**Olathe, KS 66061**

**Check-In/Breakfast**  
8:30am –8:50am CST

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

***Go. Fight. Win.***

\* During the breakout sessions on days 1 and 2, attendees will be broken up into small groups with 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.

<sup>+</sup> 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.