

Trial Advocacy Skills Training

July 30- August 4, 2007

Weber's Inn

Ann Arbor, Michigan

TO: Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia Project Directors, Managing Attorneys,
and Training Responsible Persons

DATE: June 1, 2007

DESCRIPTION

TAST is an intensive six-day training designed to provide attorneys an opportunity to develop, refine, and practice trial skills. The participants will conduct a full jury trial on the final day of the conference. As a prerequisite for TAST, all attendees must have completed Litigation Planning and must submit a trial notebook.

The training will include lectures and demonstrations on trial skills and participants perform several trial exercises. These exercises will focus on components of trial practice including opening statements and closing arguments, direct and cross-examination, and the use of demonstrative evidence.

This conference is open to attorneys. All attendees should have completed Basic Lawyering Skills (BLST) or its equivalent. It is strongly recommended that the training be attended between the second and third years of practice. We have found that attorneys with at least this level of experience gain the greatest benefit from TAST. CORT offers TAST every year, so it is recommended that those in their first year of practice wait for the next training.

Each person who is accepted will be required to submit a **completed trial notebook to CORT no later than June 25, 2007**, using the materials distributed through the Litigation Planning Training. Persons who apply to attend TAST, but did not participate in the most recent Litigation Planning will be sent the necessary materials upon receipt of an application.

All TAST participants must submit a **complete Trial Notebook** for the party they represented at Litigation Planning. **We strongly encourage all participants to begin work on their trial notebook immediately** so that you have sufficient time to do a thorough job. All participants should strive to make their trial notebook as complete as possible.

At TAST, we will try to assign all participants to the same parties they had at Litigation Planning. If we are not able to do that for some participants because we need to balance groups, we will give them a copy of the Best Notebook for their new party to use at TAST.

SUBMISSION OF A TRIAL NOTEBOOK IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE, NON-WAIVEABLE REQUIREMENT. PERSONS WHO FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ACCEPTABLE TRIAL NOTEBOOK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN TAST.

We have applied for Ohio CLE credits for this training. CORT is a recognized training sponsor in West Virginia.

TRAINERS

Marjorie Anne McDiarmid, West Virginia University College of Law
Daniel E. Manville, Staff Attorney, Civil Rights Litigation Clinic,
Wayne State University Law School
Steve Lazarus, Cleveland Marshall Law School
Adolf Olivas, Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati
Branford Brown, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Dayton
Bill Fraser, Director of Litigation, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services
Miriam Sheline, Pro Seniors
Lorray Brown, Michigan Poverty Law Program

LOCATION

The training will take place at Weber's Inn- 3050 Jackson Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-769-2500.

REGISTRATION FEES

As a CORT-sponsored event, there is no fee for programs participating in CORT.

For registrants from Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia legal services programs not participating in CORT, the registration fee is the pro-rata share of the net cost of the training plus a surcharge of \$300. For these participants, the registration fee is \$1,000.

For other participants, the registration fee is the pro rata share of the cost of the training plus 20%. For these participants the registration fee is \$850.

ROOM AND BOARD

CORT will bill programs for the cost of rooms and meals after the training. The daily cost of sleeping rooms is \$89.00. If participants share rooms, CORT will divide the cost of the room by the number of occupants and bill programs accordingly. The approximate daily cost of meals is \$50.00. The following meals will be provided: Monday: Dinner Tuesday: Breakfast and Lunch Wednesday: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Thursday: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner Friday: Breakfast and lunch Saturday: Continental breakfast (at hotel) and lunch (at courthouse).

QUESTIONS?

Any questions on the substance of the training should be directed to Lorray Brown at 734- 998-6100, ext. 32 or by email at lorrayb@umich.edu . Questions concerning logistics, reservations, costs or like issues should be addressed to Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100, ext. 24 or by email at kdr@umich.edu

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Please return your registration no later than **June 22, 2007** to:

Michigan Poverty Law Program
Attn: Kerri Ferrari
611 Church St., Suite 4A
Ann Arbor, Michigan
48104- 3000
Fax: 734-998-9125

You will receive a confirmation letter prior to the training. If you do not receive this letter by July 9, 2007, please contact Kerri Ferrari.

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

The deadline for cancellation is July 16, 2007. Registrants canceling after this date will be billed for any unavoidable costs incurred as a result of the late cancellation.

APPLICATION FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY SKILLS TRAINING
July 30 – August 4, 2007
Ann Arbor, Michigan

NAME: ATTORNEY REG. # _____

PROGRAM NAME:

BRANCH (if any):

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

E-MAIL Address _____ WORK PHONE

FAX # _____ HOME PHONE

When were you first admitted to practice?

How long have you been practicing with legal services?

Will you be able to be present throughout the entire training Monday, July 30th at 1:30 p.m., to Saturday, August 4th around 3:00 p.m.?

Yes No—If not, please explain:

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The conference will occur at Weber' Inn in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Do you want to stay at the hotel or find lodging on your own?

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Would you prefer to arrive Sunday, July 29th night? If so, we will reserve a room for you.

Yes No

Do you want to be matched with a roommate?

No

Yes.

If so, do you have a preferred roommate?

(name)

If you want to be matched, but have no partner in mind, are you:

female male smoker non-smoker

Single Room

If you require any special accommodations of any kind, please indicate those requirements:

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If you have special dietary needs, please indicate those needs:

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Other comments:

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QUESTIONS?

Any questions? Call Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100 x24.

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Applicant's Signature

Date

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Signature of Managing Attorney
or Project Director

Date

RETURN APPLICATION NO LATER THAN, June 22, 2007 to:

Michigan Poverty Law Program

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611 Church St, Ste. 4A

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Fax 734-998-9125

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Tentative Agenda

Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Monday – July 30

- 11:00 - 1:00 Trainer's meeting and Lunch
- 1:30 - 1:45** **Welcome, introductions, and logistics** *East/West Ballroom*
- 2:00 - 3:30 Lecture: Case Planning, Part I & Theory of the Case - *Marjorie Anne McDiarmid, West Virginia University College of Law*
- 3:45 - 5:15 Lecture: Case Planning, Part II - *Marjorie Anne McDiarmid, West Virginia University College of Law*
- 5:30 – 7:00 Dinner

Tuesday – July 31

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:30 Lecture/Demo: Direct Examination – *Daniel E. Manville, Staff Attorney, Civil Rights Litigation Clinic, Wayne State University Law School*
- 10:45 – 12:00 Lecture: Exhibits & Evidence Refresher – *Steve Lazarus, Cleveland Marshall Law School*
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 Exercise 6-19 (exhibits, evidence) and 20 – 28 (impeachment) *Breakout Rooms*
- 3:00 - 5:30 Begin witness direct examinations *Breakout Rooms*
- 6:00 Dinner on your own

Wednesday - August 1

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00 Continue direct exams/objection exercises (with video review) *Breakout Rooms*
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:30 – 4:00 Complete direct examination exercises (with video review) *Breakout Rooms*
- 4:15 - 5:15 Lecture/Demo: Cross Examination-
- 5:30 - 7:00 Dinner

Thursday - August 2

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 - 12:00	Begin cross examination exercises <i>Rooms</i>	<i>Breakout</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 3:00	Complete cross examination exercises <i>Rooms</i>	<i>Breakout</i>
3:15 - 4:15	Lecture/Demo: Opening Statement –	
4:15 - 5:30	Lecture/Demo: Closing Argument –	
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner	

Friday - August 3

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 - 12:00	Opening statement and closing argument exercises <i>Rooms</i>	<i>Breakout Rooms</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:30	Lecture: Jury Selection –	
2:30 - 3:00	Lecture: Overview of Pre-trials –	
3:00 - 3:15	Explain logistics: mock trials and pre-trials <i>Ballroom</i>	<i>East/West</i>
	<i>Afternoon and evening: preparation for trial, with witnesses available</i>	
5:00 - 6:30	Mock Pre-trials <i>Rooms</i>	<i>Breakout</i>
7:00	Dinner on your own!!	

Saturday - August 4

7:30- 8:30	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 2:00	Trials at Washtenaw County Courthouse	