

Family Law Trial Advocacy Workshop 2024

Five days—one trial—countless trial skills learned

“An amazing array of judges and very experienced lawyers providing the benefits of their wisdom and knowledge.”

This intensely challenging course gets you “on your feet” under the rigorous scrutiny of judges and leading practitioners. Join the scores of divorce lawyers who have polished their courtroom efficacy in this Workshop’s supportive environment, learning trial advocacy from motion practice—to expert witness examination—to final argument. You won’t find another training experience quite like this one. In each class session, you perform as trial counsel in phases of an ongoing trial. Day 1 begins with admitting exhibits and demonstrative evidence. By Day 4, you’re examining actual real estate and psychological experts.

Throughout the week, you observe expert domestic relations practitioners demonstrate effective trial techniques. Between “courtroom” performances, the faculty lectures on family law trial topics. On the final day of this intensive experience, you’re the leading counsel in a full-blown divorce trial. All the skills you learned during the week are on display before a Probate and Family Court judge, who concludes the session with a frank, no-holds-barred critique of your trial performance and newly-found advocacy skills.

Open to lawyers only, this program gives you a newfound confidence in yourself.

Faculty

Hon. Mary Rudolph Black, *Essex Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*,
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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

BOSTON

Monday, June 3, 2024

through Friday, June 7, 2024

9:15 am–5:00 pm

MCLE Conference Center

10 Winter Place, via Winter Street

Program # 2240232P01

Tuition *(includes written materials)*

- \$1,495
- \$1,345.50 MCLE Members
- \$1,121.25 New Lawyers admitted to law practice within 5 years and Pending Admittees

This limited-enrollment program is not included in the MCLE OnlinePass.

To apply for a need-based scholarship, email scholarships@mcle.org.

Materials

The materials for this program include MCLE’s *Massachusetts Courtroom Advocacy*, as well as a faculty-prepared program book of *Workshop* materials, including case files and motions, and a handout of exercises and directions, distributed approximately one week prior to the *Workshop* so you have time to prepare.

Registration notes

Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. Cancellations may only be refunded, minus a \$100 processing fee if we are able to fill your seat.

CLE Credits

Earn up to 30 CLE credits