

Trial Advocacy Workshop 2024

Initiation rite for rising and determined trial lawyers

Five intense days of personalized, comprehensive training provide you with fundamental courtroom skills from several venerable judges and experienced practitioners. This intense, rigorous, and challenging *Workshop*—as many of the state’s best trial lawyers attest—is vital for eager trial attorneys entering practice and for those who want to brush up on their trial skills.

Spend the week “on your feet,” arguing, questioning, and developing your skills in a mock trial setting. From opening statements to closing arguments, direct and cross examinations, expert witnesses, and eyewitnesses, improve your trial techniques under the close scrutiny of trial judges and leading attorneys. Most of your trial performance is videorecorded, so you can watch yourself in action throughout the day and receive constructive feedback from multiple faculty members, including judges. The tips, videos, demonstrations, lectures, and group discussions throughout the *Workshop* culminate with a full jury trial on the final day. After your performance, you watch a live jury deliberation via closed-circuit TV before the verdict is delivered. This *Workshop* is your chance to hear what the mock jury thought of your skills, arguments, and courtroom demeanor. Supportive critique continues even after the trial as the presiding judge gives you unique, personalized feedback on your efficacy. You emerge with well-honed trial skills and the ability to face your first—or next—jury trial with confidence.

This *Workshop* features distinguished trial court judges, expert litigators, and experienced lawyers who share their deep knowledge of trial practice, along with their practical and encouraging critique, as your personal mentors throughout the week. Networking opportunities continue at the closing reception, with both students and faculty attending. You leave this *Workshop* with a sense of accomplishment along with greater confidence in your new-found trial practice skills.

Faculty

Hon. Beverly J. Cannone, *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Cochair
Hon. Paul A. Chernoff, *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Ret.)*, Cochair
Michael B. Barkley, Esq., *Adler, Cohen, Harvey, Wakeman & Guekguezian LLP, Boston*
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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

BOSTON

Monday, July 15, 2024
through Friday, July 19, 2024
8:30 am–5:30 pm
MCLE Conference Center
10 Winter Place, via Winter Street
Program # 2240246P01

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

All registrants receive a full set of problems and case materials published by T. Mauet, et al., as well as a copy of MCLE’s *Massachusetts Courtroom Advocacy*, which can be downloaded via the link emailed to you upon registration. Attendees also receive a print copy.

Registration notes

Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Registration by July 7 is highly encouraged. Persons who register by that date will be mailed the special *Workshop* materials. If you wish to register after July 7, please first contact MCLE Customer Service at 617-482-2205.

Cancellations may only be refunded, minus a \$100 processing fee, if we are able to fill your seat.

You’re encouraged to bring one or two volunteer jurors with you to MCLE on the final day of the *Workshop*—it’s a fun learning experience for them as well! Jurors need not be lawyers or law students and no advance preparation is necessary.

CLE Credits

Earn up to 40 CLE credits