

9. Prior Employment: Please describe in detail all legal employment from the time of graduation from law school until the present. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

10. Prior History of Experience in Advocacy: Please describe in detail the nature and extent of your prior trial practice, including experiences with discovery procedures, types, and numbers of cases actually tried, both civil and criminal, location and types of courts. If you have taken any courses in trial practice in law school or in your post legal education, please describe them. You may attach additional sheets if necessary. (We are specifically interested in admitting students committed to trial practice).

11. In what way do you believe attendance at ABOTA's seminar for Trial Advocacy would be of benefit to you in your professional career?

12. Summarize any professional memberships, professional honors, and legal publications.

13. I have tried the following number of jury cases: _____ Non-jury cases: _____

Anticipated number of jury cases to be tried this year: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____

\$500.00 Tuition Deposit, which includes daily lunches, is required within one week of the start of the program.

To pay with a credit card, please complete the credit card authorization form on the last page of this application and include it with your application or fax to 916-924-7323 (do not e-mail credit card information).

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Annual Jack Daniels/Los Angeles ABOTA Trial Advocacy Skills Training Course is being presented by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

The purpose of this course is to enhance the participant's skills as a trial attorney. It is an intense and demanding course, that has the participant on his/her feet arguing, questioning, and developing his/her skills. The emphasis of the course is on developing trial techniques and skills rather than knowledge of substantive law.

The subject matter covered in this three-day intensive course will include voir dire, direct, cross and redirect examination, opening statements and closing arguments. The length of the program is designed to enable interested attorneys to participate who might otherwise not be able to break away from their practice for a longer, more expensive program.

The technique of teaching trial advocacy is to immerse the student in the actual performance of all phases of the trial. Each performance will be immediately critiqued and also will be videotaped for later review and critique. Participants will learn under the guidance of experienced trial lawyers and judges in a simulated courtroom environment.

TEACHING METHOD

These sessions involve a team teaching method, which emphasizes student performance dealing with hypothetical problems in trial technique under the supervision and critique of the faculty. The students perform as trial counsel in some phase of trial or preparation for trial. Students are also expected to contribute to the team teaching by participating in critiquing performances by other members of the class.

Student performers are videotaped for review. The videotapes are viewed in private with only the student performers and one member of the teaching team present. It is through this method that the teaching team can point out the student's strengths and weaknesses in a one-on-one situation.

Because the class exercise entails live performances, each exercise is to some extent a distinctive experience. One of the advantages of this method is that students have an opportunity to see a variety of models, to observe differences among equally competent lawyers and to realize that each trial lawyer must develop techniques suitable to his or her own personality and talents.

ENROLLMENT AND METHOD OF SELECTION

Because enrollment is limited, responsibility for making selection if applications exceed the number of allotted places will rest with course director. Certain guidelines have been set up with regard to selections. Factors which will be considered include: length of time practicing law (from one to five years given preference), practical experience the applicant has and a demonstrated involvement in trial practice. It is suggested that an applicant have at least one year of experience in law.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 10, 2017. The applications will be screened as received which may result in a priority in favor of early applications.

The tuition for the course is \$500.00, which includes lunch each day, will hold a place in the course; an accepted applicant must deposit the entire tuition within one week of the start of the program. The application and check payable to ABOTA must be mailed to American Board of Trial Advocates, c/o California Advocates Management Services, 2520 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95833. The tuition will be refunded only upon a showing of good cause for withdrawal, except for \$50.00 to defray administrative expenses.

FACULTY

One of the most valuable parts of this course is the participation of distinguished jurists and practitioners. The faculty is made up of all ABOTA members. They will give students a sophisticated and experienced view of trial practice, making this program a meaningful learning experience.

COURSE INFORMATION

ENROLLMENT - Enrollment will be limited to the first 30 qualified applicants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - July 10, 2017

DATES - Tuesday, August 1, 2017; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 2, 2017; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 3, 2017; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION - **LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, GIRARDI BUILDING** 919 Albany Street., Los Angeles, California

REGISTRATION FEE - \$500.00

MATERIALS - Course materials and assignment of plaintiff or defendant will be distributed via email ahead of time.

TAX DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES - An income tax deduction may be allowed for expenses of education undertaken to maintain and improve professional skills (see Treas. Reg. 1.162-5).

MCLE CREDIT - The American Board of Trial Advocates has been approved as a continuing legal education provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State of California. This program will qualify for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 20 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL - LA-ABOTA at (818) 343-2356 / la-abota@la-abota.org

To ensure enrollment, please fax the application first, and send the application and check in the mail.
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