



## Texas Trial Academy Application

*A joint effort of the American College of Trial Lawyers & the Texas Access to Justice Commission*

**DUE May 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM**

The Texas Trial Academy will be a four-day intensive trial advocacy skills training presented by the Texas Fellows of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. The training will be beneficial for attorneys that practice in any area of law.

The Texas Trial Academy will include live demonstrations of trial skills by experienced litigators who have distinguished themselves as some of the top trial lawyers in the country. Following each day's demonstration, Trial Academy participants will practice their trial skills and receive personalized critiques designed to develop and refine trial techniques. Topics covered include voir dire, opening statement, direct and cross-examination of lay and expert witnesses, and closing arguments.

This conference is open to staff attorneys of non-profit organizations providing free legal aid to low-income Texans. There are a *limited* number of spaces available. Texas Trial Academy applications must be received by **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm**. Applicants will be notified by **May 9, 2016** of the selection results.

### Applicant Information

Name:	State Bar No.:	Bar Admission Year:
Organization:		
Address:		
Email:		
Phone w/ ext.:	Fax:	

### Current Employment

Name of Legal Services Organization:
Position Title:
Employed since (mo/ yr):
Practice area(s):
Description of work (including caseload, percentage of time in court, courtroom experience, jury trial experience, motions hearings, etc.):

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## Trial Advocacy Training

Please list and describe your trial advocacy training/experience, including previous employment experience, law school courses, moot court, etc.:

## Strengths in Litigation

Please describe your strengths in trial practice:

## Areas for Improvement in Litigation

Please describe any areas that you feel you need to improve on in your trial techniques:

## Summary

Please describe why you would be a good candidate for the Texas Trial Academy and how the skills gained at the Texas Trial Academy will benefit your work with low-income clients:

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Applicant Signature\*

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Date

*\*My signature indicates that, if selected to participate in the Texas Trial Academy, I commit to attending each day, from Tuesday, June 7, 2016 to Friday, June 10, 2016.*

**Please return application no later than Tuesday May 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm to:**

Texas Access to Justice Commission

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