



2016 TEXAS TRIAL ACADEMY

June 7-10, 2016

University of Texas School of Law

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

The Texas Access to Justice Commission is pleased to announce its request for applications for the 2016 Texas Trial Academy for legal services attorneys. The Academy will be a four-day intensive trial advocacy skills training presented by faculty of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. The training will be beneficial for attorneys that practice in any area of law.

Hosted at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, the training will include live demonstrations of courtroom trial skills by experienced litigators who have distinguished themselves as some of the top trial lawyers in the country. Following each day's demonstration, participants in the Academy will have the opportunity to practice their skills and receive personalized professional critiques designed to develop and refine trial techniques. Topics will include voir dire, opening statement, direct and cross-examination and closing arguments.

In advance of the training, students will be provided a case to prepare.

This training is open to staff attorneys of nonprofit organizations providing free legal services to low income Texans. The ideal participants are those attorneys who have 2 to 4 years of experience, although others may be considered. There are a limited number of spaces available in the Academy, so applications are required and must be received by **May 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM**. Applicants will be notified by **May 9, 2016** if they have been selected.

Students selected to participate in the 2016 Texas Trial Academy will be expected to arrive in Austin by the start of the Trial Academy on Tuesday, June 7 at 1:30 p.m., and be prepared to stay until 5:45 p.m. on Friday, June 10. Classes will end each day at approximately 5:30 p.m.; however, students will be required to individually prepare in the evening for the next day's training.

Hotel accommodations will be provided for students living outside of Austin. Reasonable expenses for any meals and/ or travel expenses that are not included with the training program will be reimbursed, upon receipt of actual itemized receipts.

A tentative agenda is attached. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Kristen Levins at the Texas Access to Justice Commission, 512-427-1895 or Kristen.Levins@texasatj.org.