



Criminal Defense Trial Practice College: *“Trial Skills and Advanced Case Development”*

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront
Bay City, Michigan

August 15-19, 2021



CDAM Criminal Defense Trial Practice College Returns!

We are emerging from an unprecedented period in the practice of law . . . where we were facing pixels instead of people. And if the gathering has been in a shared, in-person space, the faces have been masked. This year's four-and-a-half-day program will address what it now means to "make an appearance" . . . be it voir dire, laying foundations, making objections, opening statements, examinations, or closing arguments.

Whether remote or live, courtroom communication is interactive, so this intensive program is primarily "on your feet" training to provide attendees a real feel for utilizing the techniques, which cannot happen taking notes during lectures. Programming will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to give students the full benefit of training with some of the best and most experienced criminal defense attorneys in Michigan, as well as internationally recognized trial consultant and CLE trainer, Joshua Karton.

To ensure each attendee receives multiple opportunities to practice and receive direct feedback and analysis under the guidance of workshop faculty and peer review, registration is limited to 40 defenders. All are encouraged to bring their own cases to use in the skills exercises in the small break-out groups. This small group work guarantees everyone the opportunity for "hands on" practice with individualized attention and a high faculty to student ratio to maximize personal mentoring.

This training is geared to change methods and style of practice and to also enhance each participant's outlook on clients and career.

Trial College is planned by the CDAM Education Committee and is funded by registration fees and the occasional grant. CDAM is pleased to be the beneficiary of a 2021 Trial College grant from the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section. The grant will help defray costs associated with running the program, award student scholarships, and host the first ever cocktail reception and dinner on the program's fourth evening.



CDAM was formed in 1976 by criminal defense attorneys throughout Michigan to provide resources for criminal defense practitioners in Michigan. A primary goal is to enhance the quality of representation for indigent defendants.

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The Trial College

Expectations

The college is designed as a residential program: students are expected to lodge at the hotel. Once enrolled, attendance is required at all sessions. The benefits of the residential approach have proven manifold: maximum exposure to the guided preparation and tutorial practice sessions held in the after-dinner-break session; building relationships which strengthen our practices; forming a network of support that connects participants long after the closing ceremony. Students are expected to lodge at the hotel, so there is no reduced/separate rate for exceptions. Once fees are paid, CDAM will make all necessary arrangements for hotel accommodations.

Tuition

Tuition is \$1400.00 with single occupancy accommodations at Bay City Doubletree Hilton; double occupancy \$1220.00. Fee includes course materials, hotel, breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a closing night reception and dinner hosted by the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section. Students are on their own for remaining dinners. Installment plans are available by calling Ramona at 517-579-0533.

Scholarships



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A limited number of CDAM and State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section scholarships are available. Visit CDAMonline.org for scholarship application information.

Registration and payment can be completed by [registering online](#) or by completing the Trial College registration form ([Click Here](#) to download the form) along with payment to CDAM, P.O. Box 279, Davison, MI 48423.

Trial College Schedule*

Sample Schedule - Subject to Change

Day 1

5 - 7 pm Student Check-In
7 - 9 pm Opening Session: **Mandatory**

Day 2

8 - 9 am Breakfast
9 am - 5 pm Group Sessions; lunch, afternoon snack provided; dinner on own
7 - 9 pm Guided Prep and Practice Evening Session

Day 3

8 - 9 am Breakfast
9 am - 5 pm Group Sessions; lunch, afternoon snack provided; dinner on own
7 - 9 pm Guided Prep and Practice Evening Session

Day 4

8 - 9 am Breakfast
9 am - 5 pm Group Sessions; lunch, afternoon snack provided; dinner on own
6 pm Closing night reception and dinner hosted by the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section

Day 5

8 - 9 am Breakfast
9 am - 12 pm Group Sessions; Closing Session; Graduation

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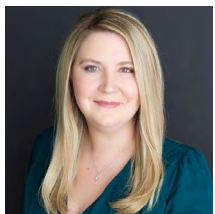
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Trial College Faculty

Lecture Faculty



JOSHUA KARTON specializes in the application of the communication techniques of theatre/film/television to the art of trial advocacy. He has served on the faculties and developed curriculum for CDAM, MIDC, AAJ's Ultimate Course, the Trial Lawyer's College, NITA, the JAG Corps, ABA, NACDL, National Criminal Defense College, Loyola and California Western Schools of Law, numerous state trial lawyers associations and criminal defense associations, as well as maintaining a professional practice of individual case consultation and witness preparation. His thirty years of work in this field culminated in his preparation of the winning oral argument to the United States Supreme Court in *Hamdan v Rumsfeld*, and he is the recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from Stetson University College of Law's Center for Excellence in Advocacy.



KEELEY BLANCHARD is the co-owner of Blanchard Law in Greenville, Michigan. Her practice is focused on criminal defense, juvenile defense, and civil rights cases. She has tried dozens of criminal cases in counties throughout the state of Michigan and across the country.

Keeley is a longtime member of CDAM, former board member, and skills instructor for Evidence Boot Camps and Trial College. She has also been a faculty member of the Trial Lawyer's College since 2015, and teaches trial skills at TLC programs across the country throughout the year. She is also the program manager for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission's grant-funded Trial Skills Simulation Program. She was recently named a Crain's Detroit 2021 Notable Woman in Law. Keeley focuses her teaching on the use of storytelling in trial skills, and combines techniques.

Small Group Workshop Faculty

Small Group Workshop Faculty are experienced Michigan criminal defense lawyers and trial practice instructors. Teaching staff will be drawn from CDAM members including, but not limited to:

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| Patrick Barone | Margaret Sind Raben |
| Keeley Blanchard | Mitchell Ribitwer |
| Cheryl Carpenter | Marjorie Russell |
| Tiffany DeBruin | Jerome Sabbota |
| Barbara Klimaszewski | James R. Samuels |
| Elizabeth LaCosse | Lisa Kirsch-Satawa |
| Thomas Loeb | Charlotte Steffen |
| Victor Mansour | Marshall Tauber |

