



DAY 1 / FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Lectures & Demonstrations

VENUE

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Corboy Law Center | 25 E Pearson St, Chicago, IL 60611

General sessions: Kasbeer Hall

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast & Registration

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Morning Lectures & Demonstrations

- The First 5 Minutes of Jury Selection | Jesse Wilson
- The Do's and Don'ts of Jury Selection From the Lone Star State | Charla Aldous
- Identifying Core Beliefs Jurors Try to Hide | Andrew Finkelstein
- Topic to be announced | Judy Livingston

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 - 5:00 PM

Afternoon Lectures & Demonstrations

- Closing the Loop: Developing Challenges for Cause | Rich Newsome
- The Bridge Between Jury Selection and Final Argument | Ben Rubinowitz
- Stepping into Your Fears & Building a Tribe | Joe Fried
- Topic to be announced | Julie Kane
- Topic to be announced | Mike Kelly

5:00 - 5:30 PM

Reflections & Day 1 Recap

6:00 PM

Opening Night Reception

Park Hyatt Chicago Hotel | NoMI Restaurant, 7th Floor

Agenda subject to change.



DAY 2 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

On-Your-Feet Breakouts

PRACTICE THE SKILL

Move from learning to doing with small-group voir dire exercises, mock jurors, and real-time faculty coaching, critique, and demonstrations.

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast & Registration

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Small Group Workshop

Practice Friday's strategies with an emphasis on:

- Opening the first minutes of voir dire
- Identifying core beliefs and attitudes
- Asking effective open-ended questions
- Encouraging honest responses and following up
- Recognizing bias and building challenges for cause
- Connecting with jurors without arguing the case

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Small Group Workshop

Continue voir dire exercises with faculty coaching, demonstrations, and opportunities to re-do portions of the examination.

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 - 3:15 PM

Small Group Workshop

Practice challenging juror interactions, difficult disclosures, hidden biases, unfavorable beliefs, and developing cause challenges.

3:15 - 3:30 PM

Break

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Small Group Workshop

Conduct additional voir dire, receive individualized faculty feedback, and refine techniques developed throughout the Symposium.

5:00 - 5:30 PM

Faculty Reflections & Symposium Wrap-Up

Each breakout performance includes coaching, critique, demonstrations, and an opportunity to try again.



TRIAL SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 6-7 | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Plan Your Visit

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HOTEL

Park Hyatt Chicago

800 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

EVENTS & RECEPTIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Sponsor Cocktail Party at The Alston

5:00 - 7:00 PM | 750 N State St, Chicago, IL 60654

Co-sponsored by Comprehensive Settlement Solutions, EvenUp, and Physician Life Care Planners.

If staying for dinner afterward, make a reservation. Trial School members receive a dining discount.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Opening Night Reception

6:00 PM | Park Hyatt Chicago, NoMI Restaurant, 7th Floor

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

BRING

Laptop and writing materials

CLE CREDIT / REQUIRED ACTION

Pick up your CLE form at registration, fill it out during the Symposium, and submit the completed form to the Trial School Registration Desk before you leave. Bring your state bar numbers for every state in which you are seeking CLE credit.

ATTIRE

Business casual. Jeans are permitted. Bring a light jacket, as the session room may be cold.