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Seminar Materials

You will receive program materials before the seminar with a case scenario. To obtain maximum benefit from the academy, it is essential that you review them and prepare your assigned problems prior to the Academy.

CLE/Ethics Credit

The Trial Academy offers 21 hours of CLE credit with 1.5 ethics, 17.5 trial and 2 professionalism hours. Your registration entitles you to one full year's worth of CLE credits (12 hours), with the option to submit and pay for the extra 9.5 hours on your own, if you desire.

Registration Cost

The fee for the course is a **\$385*** and includes course materials, 12 hours of CLE, your **first year of GDLA Membership and first year of DRI membership!**

*Does not include accommodations

Accommodations

The GDLA Trial Academy is held at **Callaway Gardens Resort Hotel.**

The fees below include room and breakfast and dinner buffets each day.

Early Arrivals

\$119 + tax, single -- \$119.00 double

Wednesday, December 3

\$172.32 + tax, single -- \$112.82 double

Thursday, December 4

\$230.26 + tax, single -- \$170.76 double

Friday, December 5

\$190.16 + tax, single and \$131.26 double

You are responsible for making your room reservation with Callaway Gardens.

800-225-5292

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association 2008 Trial Academy

December 4-6, 2008



Advancing the Civil Defense Bar©

**Callaway Gardens
Pine Mountain, GA**

GDLA 2007 Trial Academy

What is the Trial Academy?

The GDLA Trial Academy was developed for lawyers who are ready to begin trying cases or who want to improve their courtroom skills. Participants will learn by observing experienced defense lawyers and by practicing their own skills in small break-out sessions.

Who Should Attend?

The Academy was designed for attorneys who have intermediate-level training. The program is too advanced for those who have never taken a deposition, argued a motion or assisted in a trial, and too basic for experienced trial lawyers.

What You Will Learn

- How to cross-examine fact witnesses
- How to cross-examine expert witnesses
- How to conduct a direct examination of your client and the opposing party
- How to use rules of evidence at a trial
- The basic elements of an opening statement
- How to conduct proper voir dire
- Basic guidelines for selecting a jury for a defense case
- Litigation guidelines to becoming a better trial lawyer
- The effective use of demonstrative evidence
- The dynamics of a closing argument for the defense
- How to handle ethical dilemmas facing defense lawyers

Register Today!

(Space is Limited)

Call **404-817-9377** with questions

Academy Curriculum

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am Registration

8:30-9:30 am

Introduction: What is a trial all about?

- Setting the trial theme
- Identifying important facts and issues
- Designing and implementing trial strategy

9:30-11:00 am

Voir Dire/Jury Selection

- Plaintiff's voir dire
- Defendant's voir dire
- Selection of jury
- Discussion of strategy and proper consideration in selecting a jury

11:00-12:00

Opening Statement: Faculty Discussion and Demonstration

- Discussion of important considerations in preparing and delivering an opening statement

12:00-1:00 pm -- Lunch

1:00-1:45 pm

Discussion and Example of Evidentiary Principles

- How to get documentary and other tangible evidence admitted
- How to use demonstrative evidence
- Rules on proper impeachment

1:45-3:00 pm

Faculty Demonstrations and Discussions

- Proper direct and cross examination of parties and fact witnesses

3:00-3:15 pm -- Break

3:15-5:30 pm -- Break-out Sessions

- Student demonstrations on the direct and cross examination of parties and fact witnesses
- Student performance of opening statement (optional)

5:30-6:00 pm

Optional Question/Answer Session and Performance Time

This is an opportunity for students to ask questions and to obtain extra instruction, including giving individual openings and conducting direct and cross examinations.

7:00-7:30 pm -- Cocktail Reception

7:30-9:30 pm -- Group Dinner

Friday, December 1

8:30-10:30 am

Faculty Demonstration and Discussion: How to Examine Expert Witnesses: Governing Principles and Guidelines

10:30-12:00 am

Ethical Dilemmas for the Trial Lawyer

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00-4:15 pm

Break-out Sessions: Student Demonstration of Direct and Cross Examination of Experts

4:15-5:00 pm

Faculty discussion: How to Give Closing Argument

5:00-6:00 pm

Optional Question/Answer Session and Performance Time

7:30-9:30 pm -- Dinner on your own

Saturday, December 2

9:00-10:00 am

Faculty Demonstration of Closing Argument

10:00-12:00 am

Break-out Sessions: Student Performance of Closing Argument

GDIA 2008 Trial Academy Registration Form

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

Firm: _____ Years of legal experience: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Please send registration and \$385 fee made payable to GDIA to:
GDIA, P.O. Box 8558, Atlanta, GA 31106