

GDLA Trial & Mediation Academy



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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25

6:30 - 8:00 pm Welcome Reception for Faculty & Students

THURSDAY AUGUST 26

7:30 am Registration & Breakfast

8:00 - 8:30 am Welcome, Faculty Introductions and Overview

8:30 - 10:30 am Nuts & Bolts of Mediation
• Hon. Tony DelCampo, Henning Mediation

10:30 - 10:45 am Break

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Opening Statement: Faculty Demo & Discussion

12:15 - 12:30 pm Break & Get Boxed Lunch

12:30 - 1:45 pm Working Lunch: Voir Dire/Jury Selection Strategy
• Maithilee K. Pathak, R&D Strategic Solutions

1:45 - 3:00 pm Breakout Sessions
• Student performance of opening statement

3:00 - 3:15 pm Break

3:15 - 4:45 pm Party & Lay Witness Examinations:
Faculty Demo & Discussions

4:45 - 5:00 pm Break

5:00 - 6:15 pm Breakout Sessions
• Student performance on the direct and cross-examination of parties and lay witnesses

6:15 - 6:30 pm Day One Review (reconvene as a group)

7:15 - 10:00 pm Reception/Dinner: Professionalism Address
(9-10 pm) by Fulton State Court Judge Susan Edlein

FRIDAY AUGUST 27

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast & Faculty Discussion:
How to Stay on Track to Partnership

8:30 - 10:30 am Ethical Dilemmas for the Trial Lawyer
• Faculty and Judge Susan Edlein

10:30 - 10:45 am Break

10:45 am - 12 pm Expert Witness Examinations:
Faculty Demo & Discussion

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch on Your Own

1:30 - 3:30 pm Breakout Sessions: Student Demonstration of
Direct and Cross-Examination of Experts

3:30 - 3:45 pm Break

3:45 - 4:30 pm Closing Argument: Faculty Discussion

5:30 - 6:30 pm Reception

6:30 pm Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY AUGUST 28

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 am Closing Argument: Faculty Demos

10:00 am - 12 pm Breakout Sessions
• Student performance of a closing statement

12:00 pm Adjourn

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