



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

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront

One Winonah Park Place | Bay City, Michigan

**August 20-24, 2023**

# CDAM Criminal Defense Trial Practice College

## What does it actually mean to “make an appearance in court”?

It once meant people gathered in person, face-to-face, oaths taken to tell the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth. It now can also mean pixels, faces and voices on computer screens, as well as too often the assumption that Justice is not merely blind, but bought and rigged. That to serve on a jury is not one of the great, sacred American institutions, but something one couldn't get out of.

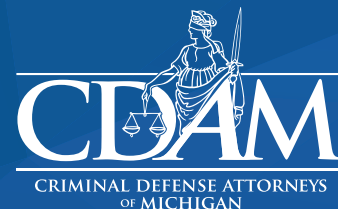
## For our clients, and for our country, what do we do?

CDAM's Trial College is an intensive, five day deep-dive into the mechanics of persuasion and credibility. “Courtroom Communication” must move people to take action on behalf of your client, whether live or remote; so, it is interactive, not achieved through sitting, taking notes on lectures or Power Point presentations. In-session participation will run from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM to provide attendees the full benefit of on-your-feet training with a faculty including Michigan's best and most experienced criminal defense attorneys, and internationally recognized trial consultant and CLE trainer, Joshua Karton.

To ensure each attendee receives multiple opportunities to practice, to receive direct feedback/analysis from 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 CDAM's Education Committee and is funded by registration fees and the occasional grant. This year, ten scholarships will be awarded through CDAM's Earl Spuhler Scholarship Fund.



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 evening after dinner; 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 \$1,500 for single occupancy at the Bay City Riverfront Doubletree Hilton, Bay City, MI; \$1300 for double occupancy. Tuition includes course materials, hotel room for four nights, breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Students are on their own for dinner. Installment plans are available by calling Ramona at 517-579-0533.

## Scholarships and Registration

CDAM's Earl Spuhler Scholarship Fund will award ten scholarships, plus an anonymous donor will award two scholarships.

Visit [www.CDAMonline.org](http://www.CDAMonline.org) for more information, to register for Trial College or for the scholarship application. Scholarship DEADLINE submission is June 2, 2023.

## 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: 2 tracks

### 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: 2 tracks

### Day 4

8 - 9 am Breakfast  
9 am - 5 pm Group Sessions; lunch, afternoon snack provided; dinner on own  
7 - 9pm Guided Prep and Practice  
Evening Session: 2 tracks

### Day 5

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

This is a residential program, and once enrolled, participants are expected to attend all sessions and lodge at Bay City Doubletree Hilton.  
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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.

## CDAM Trial College Committee

CDAM's Trial College Committee is comprised of five CDAM members who have more than 100 years of criminal defense experience and more than 50 years of TC advocacy experience. Committee members volunteer their time spending more than 50 hours to plan each phase of Trial College.



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Dominic Andriachetti, Jr,  
Tiffany DeBruin,  
Elizabeth LaCrosse



Bottom Row L-R  
Victor Mansour, Mitch  
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## 2023 Small Group Workshop Faculty and Faculty-in-Training

Small Group Workshop Faculty are experienced Michigan criminal defense lawyers and trial practice instructors. All faculty must undergo an annual refresher course to remain qualified to teach Trial College. TC 2023 Trial College faculty and trainees:

Dominic Andriachetti, Jr.  
Lauren Askew  
Patrick Barone  
Patrick Cherry  
Tiffany DeBruin  
Joshua Karton  
Elizabeth LaCrosse  
Victor Mansour  
Harry Mihos

Karl P. Numinen  
Mitch Ribitwer  
Kerri Russell  
Jerome Sabbota  
James R. Samuels  
Ayiteh Sowah  
Nicole Smith  
Charlotte Steffen  
Marshall Tauber

