

## **CORT Trial Advocacy Skills Training**

July 12-17, 2010  
Weber's Inn  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**TO:** Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia Project Directors, Managing Attorneys,  
and Training Responsible Persons

**DATE:** May 27, 2010

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### **DESCRIPTION**

TAST is an intensive six-day training designed to provide attorneys an opportunity to develop, refine, and practice trial skills. The participants will conduct a jury trial on the final day of the conference. As a prerequisite for TAST, all attendees must have completed Litigation Planning and must submit a trial notebook.

The training will include lectures and demonstrations on trial skills and participants perform several trial exercises. These exercises will focus on components of trial practice including opening statements and closing arguments, direct and cross-examination, and the use of demonstrative evidence.

This conference is open to attorneys. All attendees should have completed Basic Lawyering Skills (BLST) or its equivalent. It is strongly recommended that the training be attended between the second and third years of practice. We have found that attorneys with at least this level of experience gain the greatest benefit from TAST. CORT offers TAST every year, so it is recommended that those in their first year of practice wait for the next training.

Each person who is accepted will be required to submit a **completed trial notebook to CORT no later than June 11, 2010**, using the materials distributed through the Litigation Planning Training.

All TAST participants must submit a **complete Trial Notebook** for the party they represented at Litigation Planning. **We strongly encourage all participants to begin work on their trial notebook immediately** so that you have sufficient time to do a thorough job. All participants should strive to make their trial notebook as complete as possible.

At TAST, we will try to assign all participants to the same parties they had at Litigation Planning. If we are not able to do that for some participants because we need to balance groups, we will give them a copy of the Best Notebook for their new party to use at TAST.

**SUBMISSION OF A TRIAL NOTEBOOK IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE, NON-WAIVEABLE REQUIREMENT. PERSONS WHO FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ACCEPTABLE TRIAL NOTEBOOK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN TAST.**

We have applied for Ohio CLE credits for this training. CORT is a recognized training sponsor in West Virginia.

## **TRAINERS**

Steve Lazarus, Cleveland Marshall Law School  
Angela Tripp, Michigan Poverty Law Program  
Shalini Nangia, Legal Aid and Defender  
Christina Janice, Community Legal Aid Services  
Lori Pourzan, Legal Services of South Central Michigan  
John Petit, Community Legal Aid Services  
Upendra Patel, Legal Aid of Western Ohio  
Linda Gabriele, Legal Aid of Western Ohio  
Torrey Smith, Legal Aid and Defender  
Davida Dodson, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland  
Peter Sherman, Legal Aid of West Virginia  
Veronica Zoltowski, Legal Aid of Western Ohio

## **LOCATION**

The training will take place at Weber's Inn- 3050 Jackson Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
734-769-2500.

## **REGISTRATION FEES**

As a CORT-sponsored event, there is no fee for programs participating in CORT.

For registrants from Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia legal services programs not participating in CORT, the registration fee is the pro-rata share of the net cost of the training plus a surcharge of \$300. For these participants, the registration fee is \$1,100.

For other participants, the registration fee is the pro rata share of the cost of the training plus 20%. For these participants the registration fee is \$900.

## **ROOM AND BOARD**

CORT will bill programs for the cost of rooms and meals after the training. The daily cost of sleeping rooms is \$91.00. If participants share rooms, CORT will divide the cost of the room by the number of occupants and bill programs accordingly. The approximate daily cost of meals is \$50.00. The following meals will be provided: Monday: Dinner Tuesday: Breakfast and Lunch Wednesday: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Thursday: Breakfast and Lunch Friday: Breakfast and lunch Saturday: Continental breakfast (at hotel) and lunch (at courthouse).

## **QUESTIONS?**

Any questions on the substance of the training should be directed to Rebecca Shiemke at 734- 998-6100, ext. 127 or by email at [rshiemke@lsscm.org](mailto:rshiemke@lsscm.org) . Questions concerning logistics, reservations, costs or like issues should be addressed to Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100, ext. 151 or by email at [kdr@lsscm.org](mailto:kdr@lsscm.org) .

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Please return your registration no later than **June 11, 2010** to:

Michigan Poverty Law Program  
Attn: Kerri Ferrari  
220 East Huron Street, Suite 600 A  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
48104  
Fax: 734-998-9125

You will receive a confirmation letter prior to the training. If you do not receive this letter by June 25, 2010, please contact Kerri Ferrari.

## **CANCELLATION DEADLINE**

**The deadline for cancellation is July 2, 2010.** Registrants canceling after this date will be billed for any unavoidable costs incurred as a result of the late cancellation.

**APPLICATION FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY SKILLS TRAINING**  
**July 12 – 17, 2010**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

NAME: ..... ATTORNEY REG. # \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM NAME: .....

BRANCH (if any): .....

MAILING ADDRESS: .....

CITY/STATE/ZIP: .....

E-MAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE .....

FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

When were you first admitted to practice? .....

How long have you been practicing with legal services? .....

Will you be able to be present throughout the entire training Monday, July 12th at 1:30 p.m., to Saturday, July 12th around 3:00 p.m.?

- Yes       No—If not, please explain:

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The conference will occur at Weber' Inn in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Do you want to stay at the hotel or find lodging on your own?

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Would you prefer to arrive Sunday, July 11th night? If so, we will reserve a room for you.

- Yes       No

Do you want to be matched with a roommate?

No

Yes.

If so, do you have a preferred roommate?

(name) .....

If you want to be matched, but have no partner in mind, are you:

- female     male     smoker     non-smoker

Single Room

If you require any special accommodations of any kind, please indicate those requirements:

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If you have special dietary needs, please indicate those needs:

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Other comments: .....

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QUESTIONS?

Any questions? Call Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100 x151.

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Applicant's Signature

Date

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Signature of Managing Attorney  
or Project Director

Date

**RETURN APPLICATION NO LATER THAN, June 11, 2010 to:**

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## TRIAL ADVOCACY SKILLS TRAINING

July 12-17, 2010

*Agenda*

### Monday – July 12

- 10:00 - 12:30      Trainer's meeting and Lunch
- 12:45-1:00pm      **LG:** Welcome, introductions, and logistics
- 1:00 – 3:00pm      **LG:** Case Planning, Theory of the Case  
*-Joon Sung, University of Detroit School of Law*

### **BREAK**

- 3:15-4:15pm      **SG-** Introductions, Expectation, Assignments (start homework)
- 4:15-5:30pm      **LG** – Direct Examination
- 5:30-7:00pm      Dinner at the hotel

**Evening: Prepare Exercises 6-19 (exhibits, evidence) and 20-28 (impeachment)**

### Tuesday – July 13

- 8:00 - 9:00      Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00      **SG:** Evidence/Exhibits Exercises 6-19 (video)  
*Breakout Rooms*
- 12:00 - 1:00      Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00      **SG:** Finish exhibits, start Direct Examinations  
*Breakout Room*
- 3:00-3:15pm      **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:15pm      **LG:** Closing Argument Demo and Lecture  
*-Christina Janice, Community Legal Aid, Akron, Ohio*
- 4:15-5:30pm      **SG:** Finish Direct Examinations/Objections
- Dinner on your own

**Prepare Closing Arguments/ Exercise 30**



12:30 – 1:30            Lunch

1:30-1:45pm            **LG:**   Explain logistics: mock trials

*Afternoon and evening: preparation for trial, with witnesses available*

Dinner on your own

**Saturday –July 17**

7:30- 8:30            Continental Breakfast

8:45 - 2:00            Trials at Washtenaw County Courthouse