Learn by doing.

For more than 20 years Oregon’s trial advocates have learned by doing by being part of the Oregon Trial Advocacy College. One of the Oregon State Bar’s highest rated CLE programs, the College provides multiple opportunities for you to learn from some of Oregon’s most accomplished and respected trial attorneys.

Before the College, you’ll have unlimited access to online videos where a highly select group of plaintiff’s and defense counsel will share their expertise and best advice for conducting voir dire, opening statement, direct examination, cross examination, and closing argument. On the first day of the College you’ll hear from highly experienced litigators and judges sharing their insight to help you gain a solid foundation for advocacy and trial practice.

For the second day, you will be assigned in advance to represent either the plaintiff or the defendant. Using the College’s fact pattern, the online videos, and in-person presentations, you will develop your own case to present in front of a real judge, two trial attorneys, and a mock jury. Limited enrollment and a small group setting ensures individual attention, while active participation and constructive feedback results in the ability to develop and enhance your persuasive advocacy techniques and style.

Day 1: Polish your advocacy skills before you present your case by learning tips and techniques for winning persuasive advocacy, exploring how to be authentic in front of the judge and jury, and understanding how adapting to a judge’s courtroom leadership style contributes to a successful trial experience.

Day 2: Present your case by conducting voir dire, making an opening statement, performing direct and cross-examination, and giving a closing argument. A highly select group of attorneys and judges will advise and guide you through your mock trial while providing individual evaluations.

Practice makes perfect — and this is the perfect opportunity to develop new advocacy skills or refine your existing techniques. Register by October 4 and save $45. NOTE: Registration is limited to 40 participants, and previous Colleges have sold out. Register early to avoid disappointment!
Participants are expected to review the fact pattern and evidence in advance, view the online videos, and come to the College prepared to present questions to a jury pool for voir dire, make an opening statement, perform direct and cross-examination of witnesses, and give a closing argument. Party assignments (plaintiff or defendant) will be sent to registrants after October 7. A link to the trial notebook and online videos will be available at the beginning of October.

You must answer a questionnaire at www.osbar.org/cle/otac19 to complete your registration. Missing or incomplete questionnaires will delay receiving party assignments.

ABOTA–Oregon is proud to continue its support for the Oregon Trial Advocacy College. Founded upon a mission to foster improvement in the field of advocacy, ABOTA strives to:

- Elevate the standard of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession;
- Further the education and training of trial lawyers;
- Preserve our jury system;
- Promote the efficient administration of justice and constant improvement of the law; and
- Cultivate a spirit of loyalty, fellowship, and professionalism among its members.

ABOTA is composed of both plaintiffs and defense attorneys, and membership is by invitation and election only after proof of substantial trial experience.

American Board of Trial Advocates

Justice by the People
THURSDAY, OCT. 24

7:45  Registration Check In (Jury Assembly, 2nd Floor)
8:25  Welcome to the Oregon Trial Advocacy College
9:00  Winning Persuasive Advocacy Theories and Techniques
       Peter Richter, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, Portland
10:00 Authenticity in Advocacy, aka Being Real
       William Barton, Barton Trial Attorneys, Newport
10:30 Break
10:45 Legal Ethics in Litigation
11:45 Lunch (Box lunch included with registration)
12:30 “Captain, My Captain”—Adjusting Your Sails to the Trial Judge’s Style
       Some judges carefully pre-orchestrate proceedings like a choreographed dance to streamline delivery and eliminate extraneous material; some take a more relaxed position, allowing the parties to take the laboring oars floating along their streams of consciousness; others might see their role as a tennis umpire – calling balls in or out and announcing faults and points as they occur. Whatever the approach, lawyers are well served to recognize these leadership styles and adapt for a successful trial experience.
       Moderator: The Honorable Mary Mertens James, Marion county Circuit Court, Salem
       The Honorable Michael Simon, U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, Portland
       The Honorable Youlee You, U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, Portland
       The Honorable Oscar Garcia, Washington County Circuit Court, Hillsboro
2:00 Adjourn

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

7:45  Faculty and Volunteer Check In (Jury Assembly, 2nd Floor)
8:30  Voir Dire – Courtroom Session I
10:30 Break
10:45 Opening Statement – Courtroom Session II
12:00 Lunch (Box lunch included with registration, Jury Assembly, 2nd Floor)
1:00  Direct and Cross-Examination – Courtroom Session III
4:00  Break
4:15 Closing Argument – Courtroom Session IV
5:15 Final Thoughts on Effective Advocacy (16th Floor Courtroom)
5:30 Adjourn to hosted reception (16th Floor Lobby)
Seminar Registration

*Registration is limited to 40 participants. Register early to avoid the waiting list.*

Register by 10/4/19 and save $45

$475 Regular *(Includes box lunches both days)*

*You must answer an online questionnaire at www.osbar.org/cle/OTAC19 to complete your registration.*

Online course materials and self-study videos will be available at the beginning of October.

Register now at www.osbar.org/seminars *(search for OTAC19)*

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