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Trial Law

New student admissions for
Summer 2024 are open.



Program Highlights

- Assume the role of trial attorney as you try a challenging case by researching evidence, preparing and crafting arguments, and preparing and examining witnesses
- Experience a unique view of the legal profession that is personal and insightful from seasoned lawyers or legal scholars
- Explore all roles of a challenging case acting as defense attorneys, prosecutors, witnesses, jurors, or judge
- Visit a courthouse and sit in on an active trial



2024 Dates

Yale (\$6,098)

- Session 1: June 16 - June 28
- Session 2: June 30 - July 12
- Session 3: July 14 - July 26

Georgetown (\$5,498)

- Session 1: June 23 - July 05
- Session 2: July 07 - July 19



Academic Program Overview

In their first class, students will be introduced to a challenging case. Over the course of the entire program, they will fight for their side's victory until the final decision is ultimately made by the judge. Along the way, the legal teams need to select a jury, craft and present opening arguments, and explain evidence, as well as prepare witnesses for cross-examinations and finish with a strong closing argument. By using an experiential learning approach, students will quickly engage in the topic, and the instructor introduces the underlying theory and concepts as students tackle these issues while trying to win their case.



Typical Schedule



➤ Excursions

In previous years students met with Mike Thompson who led them on a behind the scenes tour of the Law school, and also visited the Chief Justice of the local Superior Court. Students received a one-of-a-kind experience as a first-hand witness to a sentence hearing at the New Haven County Courthouse. Students also got to spend time with Judge Brian Fisher, a judge on the New Haven District Superior Court in Connecticut. In addition, they heard from a state attorney and public defenders to get all perspectives from the justice system. Students got to try on the Judge's robe and sit in the jury booth while learning about courtroom proceedings. In Georgetown, students met with Jennifer Anderson, an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. They visited the Moot Court at the Georgetown Law school, which attorneys often use to prepare for oral arguments before the court.

Instructors

Yale - George Muksian, Wesleyan University

George Muksian combines a lifetime of courtroom experience with teaching experience at some of the nation's top universities. He has worked as a criminal defense lawyer and prosecutor for many years, as well as having tried many cases in the Rhode Island and Massachusetts trial courts. George has also been a law lecturer at Tufts University, Johnson & Wales University and other universities. He holds degrees from Harvard University (Ed.M), Suffolk University (J.D.), Wesleyan University (M.A.), and Providence College (B.A.).

Instructor Video: Trial Law Instructor - George Muskian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPc4PkuaAb0>

Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Georgetown Session 1 - Dennis Clark, JD

Dennis Clark, a current homicide prosecutor in DC, brings over a dozen years of legal experience. Alongside his prosecutorial role, he serves as an adjunct professor at American University, instructing courses in Criminal Procedure and trial advocacy. Holding degrees from Colby College and The Catholic University of America, Dennis is dedicated to both legal practice and educating future legal professionals.

Georgetown Session 2 - Patrick Dowd, JD

Patrick Dowd has 38 years of experience defending clients in state and federal court in catastrophic losses throughout the United States. He is a skilled attorney with extensive courtroom experience and is involved in all phases of bar activity, including publishing, lecturing, and presenting. Mr. Dowd received his undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University (B.A.), cum laude, a master's degree from Northwestern University (B.S.), magna cum laude, and a law degree from DePaul College of Law (J.D.).



Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- Includes: all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- Excludes: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- Price: See prices under 2024 dates

Commuter Students:

- Includes: lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 6pm, Monday-Friday
- Excludes: lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- Price: \$3,198

Supplements:

- Application fee: \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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