



Course Description and Registration Form

Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Trial

Participants in the “Anatomy of a Trial” program will be guided by the “learning-by-doing” method where you will practice and perfect your trial skills by actually performing the challenging arts of trial advocacy, persuasion, and communication. Instructors from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) (<http://www.nita.org>) will lead the program, which will be held August 13-15, 2016 at the District Court for the NMI beginning promptly at 8:15 a.m. and ending each day at 5:30 p.m. There will be no lunch provided. **Registration is limited to 40 participants.**

Participants will be in a realistic setting - and will function as a trial lawyer by performing:

- Day 1 – August 13
 - Case Analysis – Good Facts, Bad Facts, Developing Theme and Theory
 - Direct / Cross-Examination of Witness
 - Presenting Exhibits
 - Introduction to Voir Dire

- Day 2 – August 14
 - Voir Dire
 - Witness Examination with Exhibits
 - Impeachment of Witness
 - Introduction to Opening & Closing Statements

- Day 3 – August 15
 - Opening & Closing Statements
 - Trial Briefs – What Works and Doesn't Work
 - View from the Bench (Judges and Justices)

The learning-by-doing exercises are supplemented by lectures and trial demonstrations by the faculty and local facilitators. Participants will be given instant feedback and critique (not criticism).

Participants will learn verbal, non-verbal, and visual communication techniques while practicing the art of thinking and communicating on the fly without notes. The program concludes with each participant taking part in delivering opening and closing statements before the judges, conducting voir dire, direct and cross examination of witnesses, and impeachment of witnesses.

A valuable part of the program is hearing from the judges and justices on their expectations of attorneys appearing before them. Attorneys can ask questions and get direct feedback in a candid and open forum.

Whether you are a lawyer right out of law school or a seasoned professional, the program will change the way you approach trials and the art of persuasion. Each participant's performance skills will improve and the participant will gain confidence in his/her ability to do well in any trial or hearing.

NITA INSTRUCTORS: Mr. Allen Snyder, Ms. Monique Carter, and the Honorable Christopher Whitten. See attached biographies or you can view them at <http://www.nita.org/custom-programs1/faculty>.

Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Trial Training
August 13-15, 2016
District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands
Horiguchi Building, Garapan, Saipan

REGISTRATION FORM

Tuition: \$450.00 – Registration Before July 27, 2016
 \$550.00 – Late Registration After July 27, 2016

Case Files: Included

CLE Credits: 8 CLEs per day (24 CLE total)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Position/Job Title: _____

Organization/Business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Payment: Checks and cash payments accepted. Please mail or deliver your completed registration form and payment payable to the CNMI Bar Association. For registration inquiries, please contact Ms. Amanda Hayes, at U.S. District Court for the NMI via email at Amanda_Hayes@nmid.uscourts.gov or call (670) 237-1230.