

**Subject: IADC Trial Academy- Important Information for Students**

**MEMO**

To: 2025 Trial Academy Students

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Re: IADC Trial Academy Details

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Congratulations on your acceptance in the 51st IADC Trial Academy! The Academy will commence the morning of Saturday, August 2 and will conclude with departures on the morning of Friday, August 8. The Academy will be held at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. You will find some general information below that will assist you in making your travel arrangements and planning for the Trial Academy.

**PROGRAM MATERIALS**

Your hypothetical case materials and demonstration assignments can be found at this link: <https://www.iadclaw.org/2025-trial-academy-materials> **It is imperative that you study these materials in advance of the Academy. You should come to the Academy prepared to perform your assigned demonstrations. Please note that your specific student number and group number are important to your demonstration assignments. (See "Trial Academy Faculty and Student Groups" document for student # and "Student Assignments 2025" document on web page referenced above.)**

**ARRIVAL**

Students should arrive the afternoon or evening of Friday, August 1. The Academy program begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, with breakfast being served from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. that morning. Participants may depart anytime on Friday, August 8 with check out by 11:00 a.m. **If you are arriving after 10:00 p.m. on Friday or before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, please notify Leeza Abramovich at [labramovich@iadclaw.org](mailto:labramovich@iadclaw.org) as soon as possible for important after-hours information. The front desk is not open after 10:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. (See also below under "Housing")**

## TRANSPORTATION TO STANFORD

The closest airports to Stanford are SFO or SJC. Because the Trial Academy takes place on campus, some registrants find it unnecessary to rent cars and instead use Uber or Lyft for ventures off campus; however, car rental is available at the airport and on campus. Hertz has a branch at Stanford. You can contact them directly at [Hertz Car Rental | Stanford Transportation](#). Stanford has one of the largest university Zipcar programs in the nation with twenty four Zipcar locations at Stanford. Most Zipcars at Stanford are fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles. Rates start at \$11.00 per hour and include gas and insurance. Learn more at <https://transportation.stanford.edu/zipcar-stanford>.

If you have a car, you will be required to buy a parking pass online. <https://transportation.stanford.edu/parking-stanford/purchase-parking/visitor-parking> All permits are non-refundable. Parking will be available in an underground garage adjacent ("Wilbur Field Garage," 560 Wilbur Way, Stanford) to the residence center where you will be staying. (See map on web page). It is very important to park only in the spaces designated for the type of parking pass you purchase or you will be ticketed, so please review that information when you purchase your pass. Some passes are valid in the following residential permit areas: EA, ES, SO, SJ, and WE. You cannot park in areas designated for other letter combinations or in visitor pay parking spots (unless paid for) or you will be ticketed by the Santa Clara County Sheriff.

If you plan to fly into San Francisco or San Jose, the University recommends using Uber or Lyft. If traveling by taxi, Uber, or Lyft, please tell your driver that your destination is the Munger Graduate Housing on the Stanford University Campus located near the intersection of Campus Drive and Mayfield. An exact address to use when directing your driver is 554 Salvatierra Walk.

For further information on public transportation options and driving directions to campus, please visit: <https://transportation.stanford.edu/>

## WEATHER

The weather in Palo Alto is forecasted for temperatures in the 80s during the day and mid 50s during the night. Please pack your attire accordingly for these varying temperatures. All indoor areas used by the conference are air-conditioned facilities.

## ATTIRE

The dress code varies during the day. Generally, before lunch during the faculty demonstrations, business or smart casual clothing is appropriate. However, after lunch during the student demonstrations, you should plan to wear courtroom attire. Bring a comfortable change of shoes for walking between buildings on campus as well as a bag to carry your belongings and conference materials to class. Business casual or smart casual attire is appropriate for the social functions in the evening.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Trial Academy covers each segment of a trial, and you will perform the role of counsel in each aspect of a trial. The Academy emphasizes the "learning by doing" approach. The schedule is devised so that

you will watch faculty demonstrations most mornings, and you will present an opening statement, direct and cross examination of lay witnesses, direct and cross examination of medical and economic expert witnesses and closing arguments during the afternoon sessions. **Please review the hypothetical problems used in the exercises and your assignments. You should come to the Academy prepared to perform your assigned demonstrations. Please note that your specific student number and group number are important to your demonstration assignments. (See “Trial Academy Faculty and Student Groups” document for student # and “Student Assignments 2025” document on web page referenced above for specific assignments.)** Regardless of assignment, you should be familiar with all of the hypothetical cases and be prepared to work in various roles within each of the student cases when you arrive at Stanford. Everyone, including the witnesses, are using the same set of facts presented in the case materials. Do not interject facts which are incompatible with the facts in the materials and for which you cannot expect the witness to have knowledge of or follow. There are inconsistencies in the problems by design and you must deal with those and discuss this with your witness during direct examination prep time at the Academy. During the exercises, you may want to use demonstrative aids. Each classroom is equipped with a computer and projection capabilities. If you use PowerPoint, please plan to bring your presentation on a flash drive to transfer your presentation to the classroom’s computer. Each room will also have an easel, whiteboard, and remote slide advancer/laser pointer. Please bring any adapters you might need if you are hooking up a personal Notebook or Mac laptop for projection. Please note that the classrooms do not have an ELMO for document projection. **It is entirely your responsibility to prepare in advance any demonstrative aids you would like to use. None will be prepared for you.**

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

Students should plan to arrive on the afternoon or evening of Friday, August 1. An optional walking tour of the Stanford University Campus is offered for Trial Academy students from 6-7:30 p.m. Please meet outside of the Munger Conference Front Desk of Building 5 to participate. The formal program will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2. A buffet style breakfast will be offered in Munger Building 4 beginning at 6:30 a.m. prior to the opening session. The program will conclude with a dinner at the Stanford Faculty Club on Thursday, August 7. Breakfast will be offered on Friday, August 8. Students must be checked out of the Munger Graduate Residence by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 8 unless they are staying until Saturday and have made prior arrangements with the IADC who will communicate with the Munger Conference Front Desk for them to do so. Please notify Leeza Abramovich at [LAbramovich@iadclaw.org](mailto:LAbramovich@iadclaw.org) if you are planning on staying extra days as soon as possible. You must pay the nightly rate for each extra day you stay in advance.

## HOUSING

Participants will be staying in the Munger Graduate Residence on the Stanford campus located at 554 Salvatierra Walk (Jacobson-Sorensen Hall), Stanford, CA 94305 (SEE map on Web page). All students will be able to check-in to rooms between 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Friday, August 1 or Saturday, August 2 from 8:00 a.m. at the Munger Conference Front Desk in Building 5. Should you arrive after or before these hours, the after-hours phone number is 650-725-1602. A member of the Stanford after-hours team will meet you at the building to check you in, or in the case of a lock-out because you left your key, to let you back into your room. This may take up to 45 minutes, so you will want to call when you are on your way

to Munger from the Airport. If you know that you will be arriving after-hours, please let Leeza Abramovich at [LAbramovich@iadcclaw.org](mailto:LAbramovich@iadcclaw.org) know so that we can assist you by giving Stanford a heads up. You will still need to call the after-hours phone number yourself on arrival as noted above.

The Munger Graduate Residence apartments are a newer facility where graduate students reside during the academic year. Your accommodations will be either a studio apartment or a shared apartment. Regardless of apartment type, all accommodations have a private bedroom and bathroom. Linen service will be provided. Housekeeping will empty the trash daily, vacuum, change the bath linens left on the floor, and give the rooms a light cleaning. A hairdryer is provided as well as an iron and ironing board. You will need to bring your own toiletries including shampoo, soap, body wash and lotion. Self-laundry facilities are available in your building. The IADC will not make arrangements for dry cleaning and it is not available on campus. Televisions are not in the rooms. For more information on the Munger Residences please visit: <https://law.stanford.edu/community/student-life/housing/munger-graduate-residence/>

Please **check-out** with the Munger Front Desk before departing campus and by **11:00 a.m.** **All apartment keys must be turned in at the time of check-out.** A \$300 charge will be posted to IADC's final bill if keys are unreturned. This fee will then be invoiced to you. Please make sure to return your keys to the Munger Front Desk prior to your departure. If there is no one at the front desk when departing, please put your key in the key-box located on the right side of the front door, outside of the front desk at Munger Building 5.

## MEALS

Breakfast and lunch will be served each day at Paul Brest Hall (Munger Building #4-Dining Hall) as part of the meal plan.

Special events, also included in the meal plan, are scheduled for August 2 (reception/barbecue), August 3 (reception and individual Faculty Group dinner outings), and August 7 (closing reception/dinner). On the evenings that a dinner event is not scheduled, you will be responsible for making your own arrangements and paying for dinner. You can always eat dinner at Ray's Grill, Lakeside Dining or Tressider Union <https://rde.stanford.edu/dining-hospitality/union-square-tresidder-memorial-union> just a short walking distance from the Munger Residences. Outlets at the Union include Panda Express, Starbucks, and Subway. All dining outlets have limited hours and close by 7:00 p.m. at the latest so plan appropriately. For more information on Lakeside Dining: <https://rde.stanford.edu/dining-hospitality/lakeside-dining> Dinner hours are 5:00 pm –8:30 pm at Lakeside Dining. Located near Escondido Village on campus, Ray's Grill features fare from burgers to teriyaki in a loungey space with a deck. [Visit their website](#) for their full menu or [click here to order ahead](#). Monday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please note that dinners are not included in your meal plan except those event functions already noted. Please see the documents on the web page for a listing of other Stanford dining outlets and restaurants in Palo Alto. Marguerite, Stanford's free shuttle, is open to the public and runs throughout campus Monday through Friday except university holidays. The shuttle connects with Caltrain at the Palo Alto and California Ave. stations. From this Palo Alto Caltrain station you can easily walk to the downtown area of Palo Alto where there are numerous dining establishments. Please visit <https://transportation.stanford.edu/marguerite/> for further details.

## INTERNET ACCESS/PHOTO-COPYING and PRINTING/SHIPPING

Wifi will be free and available throughout the conference. A document on the web page provides more information on how to connect.

**There will be no access to photocopiers on campus. We suggest that you do all of your heavy printing and copying before arriving at Stanford and bring the materials you want in hard copy with you.** There will be a student office with two computers set up and connected to printers throughout the conference for those with light printing needs. There will be an IT technician available there to assist you with personal laptop connection issues and etc. on Friday, August 1 from 4:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 2 from 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m., and during the lunch hours Sunday through Wednesday. The technician and printers will be located in Munger – Building # 4, Room 117 (on the ground floor). The door to this student office will be unlocked 24 hours a day.

## SHIPPING

There is no 'On Campus' FedEx, UPS or USPS Delivery to participant rooms. In order to receive packages, you will need to use a FedEx drop box location; <https://local.fedex.com/en/drop-box-self-service> or a nearby UPS Store; <https://locations.theupsstore.com/ca/palo-alto/555-bryant>

**Package delivery personnel will not be given access to the Munger Graduate Residence, which is secured 24 hours a day. Any packages mistakenly addressed to the student at the residence will be returned to sender. Do not send a package to your room at Munger.**

## SPOUSES/ GUESTS

If your spouse/guest plans to join you at the Academy, and you have not yet registered him/her, please do so as soon as possible. The spouse/guest registration fee is \$250 (fee includes spouse's/guest attendance at the Get-Acquainted Dinner on Saturday evening, the Sunday evening cocktail reception, the Closing Reception/Dinner on Thursday evening and attendance at morning faculty demonstrations). The Student Housing and Meal Package covers students only. If your spouse plans to dine with you on campus, please contact Leeza Abramovich at [LAbramovich@iadclaw.org](mailto:LAbramovich@iadclaw.org) immediately to register for a Spouse Meal Package. The Spouse Meal Package (\$500) covers spouse breakfast and lunch (Saturday through Friday). If your spouse would like to attend the evening social functions, he or she must also pay the Spouse/Guest registration fee (\$250). Please note that spouses/guests are not permitted to stay in the Munger Graduate Residence unless they pay the same nightly room rate as the student. Children under 18 are not permitted in the Munger Graduate Residence at any time. If you will have a guest staying with you overnight, please contact Leeza so that she can obtain the requisite pre-approvals from Stanford to authorize your guest. In addition to the nightly housing rate, you will be charged fines for unregistered, unauthorized guests found to be in the Residence by Stanford.

## FITNESS CENTER

Participants may take their Conference ID card, which will be issued to them at check-in, to the Arrillaga Center for Sports and Recreation to purchase an athletic pass. Arrillaga Center for Sports and Recreation

is located at 341 Galvez Street. Participants may also take their Conference ID card to the Arrillaga Outdoor Education and Recreation Center located on 285 Santa Teresa Street. Please see the following link to check on specific hours for the pool and fitness rooms, <https://rec.stanford.edu/visit/locations/stanford-campus> and <https://rec.stanford.edu/visit/membership/guest-passes> The cost of the athletic pass is \$20 per day. This includes access to the pools. Payment can be made by credit card.

More information on Stanford's summer resources is included in a document on the web page. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me [LAbramovich@iadclaw.org](mailto:LAbramovich@iadclaw.org)/ 312.252.3805 or Amy O'Maley McGuire, IADC Trial Academy Manager, at [aomaley@iadclaw.org](mailto:aomaley@iadclaw.org)/ 312.252.3802.

We look forward to seeing you at Stanford!

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