



2026 Trial Academy Attendee Schedule

August 1-7, 2026

**University of South Carolina School of Law
1525 Senate St, Columbia, South Carolina**

All activities are at the School of Law unless otherwise indicated.

Friday, July 31

All Day	Student Arrivals	
2:00-4:00 PM	Attendee Name Badge Pick Up	Room 101

Saturday, August 1

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	IADC Registration Desk	Room 101
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Attendee Name Badge Pick Up	Room 101
8:00-8:45 AM	<i>Welcome and Presentation</i> William C. Hubbard, University of South Carolina School of Law Dean <i>Welcome Comments</i> Alba Romano, 2026 Acting Trial Academy Director	Room 103
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Refreshment Break	Room 101
9:00 - 9:10 AM 9:10-10:10 AM 10:10-10:30 AM	Discussion on Voir Dire Objectives Mock Voir Dire for <i>Wilson v. Roe</i> Voir Dire Q and A Faculty: Justin Howard and Constance Endelicato Christina Marinakis, PsyD., J.D., Jury Consultant, Verdict Insights (or Jillian Yeargin)	Room 103

10:30 - 11:15 AM	Guest Presentation: Let's Get Real: Getting Jurors to Reveal Bias and Admit They Can't Be Fair Christina Marinakis, PsyD., J.D., Jury Consultant, Verdict Insights (or Jillian Yeargin)	Room 103
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Presentation: Trial Objections Faculty: Kelly Luther and Michael Hewes	Room 103
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Refreshment Break	Room 101
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Guest Speaker Presentation: Trying High Stakes Cases S. Creighton Waters, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Office of the South Carolina Attorney General Moderator: Dick Willis	Room 103
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Lunch	Room 106 - Dining Area
2:00 - 2:10 PM	Presentation: Discussion of the Objectives of Opening Statements Faculty: Donna Lamontagne and Joel Smith	Room 103
2:10 - 3:10 PM	Opening Statements Case: <i>Wilson v. Roe</i> Judge: Elizabeth Overmann Plaintiffs' Counsel: Donna Lamontagne Defense Counsel: Joel Smith Bailiff: Jason Scott	Room 103
3:10 - 3:30 PM	Q and A Session on Opening Statements	Room 103
3:30 - 3:45 PM	Break	Room 101
3:45 - 4:45 PM	Demo on Introducing Exhibits, Refreshing Recollection and Past Recollection Recorded, Impeachment Techniques and Strategies Faculty: Todd Lowther and Mark Fahelson	Room 103
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Reception	Courtyard and Dining Area
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Get Acquainted Dinner	Courtyard and Dining Area

Sunday, August 2

7:30 AM	IADC Registration Desk Open	Room 101
7:50 - 8:00 AM	Assemble in Courtroom	Room 103
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Guest Speaker Presentation: Mastering the Courtroom: Strategy, Storytelling, and Success Craig Thompson, Venable LLP, Baltimore, MD	Room 103
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Discussion of Objectives of Direct and Cross Examination of Lay Witnesses Faculty Members: Elizabeth Overmann and Corey Reed	Room 103
9:10 - 9:25 AM	Break	Room 101
9:25 - 11:10 AM	Faculty Demonstration: Direct and Cross Examination of Lay Witnesses (Debra and David Wilson) Judge: Joel Smith Plaintiffs' Counsel: Elizabeth Overmann Defense Counsel: Corey Reed Bailiff: Donna Lamontagne	Room 103
11:10 - 11:30 AM	Q and A Session: Direct and Cross Examination of Lay Witnesses	Room 103
11:30 AM – Noon	Presentation: Ethics and Professional Responsibilities Faculty: Cory Reed and Grant Worden	Room 103
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Room 106 - Dining Area
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Review of AV set up in classrooms with Law School AV representatives	Room 103
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Attendee Groups Assemble	Assigned classrooms
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Attendee Workshops on Opening Statements.	Assigned Classrooms
3:15 - 3:45 PM	Staggered Breaks	Room 101
5:15 - 6:15 PM	Reception: Faculty, Attendees, and Staff	Law School Courtyard and Dining Area
6:30 - 9:00 PM	Faculty Group Dinners: Attendees will go to dinner with their small group and faculty advisor.	Various Restaurants

Monday, August 3

7:30 AM	IADC Registration Desk open	Room 101
7:50 - 8:00 AM	Assemble in Courtroom	Room 103
8:00 - 8:10 AM	Discussion of Objectives of Direct and Cross Examination of Engineering Expert Witness Faculty Members: Todd Lowther and Jason Scott	Room 103
8:10 - 9:10 AM	Faculty Demonstration: Direct and Cross-Examination of the Plaintiff's Engineering Expert (Arthur Steele) Arthur Steele: Neel Dam (S-E-A) Judge: Mark Fahelson Plaintiffs' Counsel: Todd Lowther Defense Counsel: Jason Scott Bailiff: Kelly Luther	Room 103
9:10 - 9:30 AM	Q and A Session: Engineering Expert Witness	Room 103
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Break	Room 101
9:45 - 9:55 AM	Discussion of Objectives of Direct and Cross Examination of Plaintiff's Neurology Expert Faculty Members: Grant Worden and Justin Howard	Room 103
9:55 - 10:55 AM	Faculty Demonstration of the Direct and Cross Examination of Plaintiff's Neurology Expert (Dr. William Jason) William Jason: Dr. Ramzi Asfour (Round Table Group) Judge: Cory Reed Plaintiffs' Counsel: Grant Worden Defense Counsel: Justin Howard Bailiff: Richard Smith	Room 103
10:55 - 11:20 AM	Q and A Session: Direct and Cross Examination of Plaintiffs' Neurology Expert	Room 103
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Attendee Preparation of Witnesses: Gorman Case	Room 106 - Dining Area

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Attendee #3 in Groups 8-14 doing a Direct Exam prepare their Gorman Witness	Room 106 - Dining Area
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Attendee Preparation of Witnesses: Hertz and Gorman Cases	Assigned Classrooms
1:00 PM	Attendee #2 in Groups 1-7 doing a Direct Exam with Gorman Witness will prepare their witness in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
1:00 PM or 1:30 PM	Attendees in Groups 1-14 doing a Direct Exam of Margaret Hertz or Phil Aycup will prepare their witness in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Attendee Workshop on Direct and Cross Examination of Lay Witnesses and Introduction of Exhibits.	Assigned Classrooms
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break	Room 101
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Faculty/Attendee Review and Critique of Videos. Opening Statements and First Day of Direct and Cross Examinations	Assigned Classrooms
Evening	Attendees on Own	

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 AM	IADC Registration Desk open	Room 101
7:50 - 8:00 AM	Assemble in Courtroom	Room 103
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Presentation: Trial Technology Guest Speaker: Robert Christie, Baker, Sterchie, Cowden and Rice; Seattle, Washington	Room 103
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Discussion of the Objectives of Direct and Cross Examination of the Defense Toxicologist (Dr. D. Towe) Faculty: Michael Hewes and Constance Endelicato	Room 103
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Break	Room 101

9:30 - 10:30 AM	Demonstration of Direct and Cross Examination of the Defense Toxicologist Dr. D. Towe Dr. D. Towe: Janet Anderson (Exponent) Judge: Jason Scott Plaintiffs' Counsel: Michael Hewes Defense Counsel: Constance Endelicato Bailiff: Todd Lowther	Room 103
10:30 - 10:50 AM	Q and A Session: Direct and Cross Examination of the Defense Toxicologist (Dr. D. Towe.)	Room 103
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch Attendee preparation of Witnesses: Gorman Case	Room 106 - Dining Area
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Attendee #5 in Groups 8-14 doing a Direct Exam with Gorman prepare the witness	Room 106 - Dining Area
12:45 - 2:00 PM	Attendee preparation of Hertz and Gorman Witnesses	Assigned Classrooms
12:45 PM	Attendee #4 in Groups 1-7 doing a Direct Exam with Gorman Witness will prepare their witness in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
12:45 or 1:15 PM	Attendees in Groups 1-14 doing a Direct Exam of Margaret Hertz or Phil Aycup will prepare their witness in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Attendee Workshop on Direct and Cross Examination of Lay Witnesses and Introduction of Exhibits.	Assigned Classrooms
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Staggered Breaks	Room 101
Evening	Attendees on Own	

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 AM	IADC Registration Desk open	Room 101
7:50 - 8:00 AM	Assemble in Courtroom	Room 103

8:00 - 8:10 AM	Discussion of the Objectives of Direct and Cross Examination of Plaintiff's Economist Expert Faculty Members: Mark Fahelson and Kelly Luther	Room 103
8:10 - 9:10 AM	Faculty Demonstration of the Direct and Cross of Plaintiffs' Economist Expert (J. Smith) J. Smith: Derek Royster (Baker Tilly) Judge: Michael Hewes Plaintiffs: Mark Fahelson Defendant: Kelly Luther Bailiff: Constance Endelicato	Room 103
9:10 - 9:30 AM	Q and A Session: Direct and Cross Examination of Plaintiff's Economist Expert	Room 103
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Break	Room 101
9:45 - 9:55 AM	Discussion of the Objectives of Closing Argument Faculty Members: Richard Smith and Dick Willis	Room 103
9:55 - 10:55 AM	Faculty Demonstration of Closing Argument Judge: Justin Howard Plaintiffs: Richard Smith Defendant: Dick Willis Bailiff: Grant Worden	Room 103
10:55 - 11:15 AM	Q and A Session: Closing Argument	Room 103
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Room 106 - Dining Area
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Groups 1-7 Attendee #6 prepare their Medical Expert Witnesses	Room 106 - Dining Area
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Medical Expert Witness Prep	Assigned Classrooms

1:00 - 1:30 PM	Groups 1-7: Attendees #7 prepare their Medical Expert Witness Prep in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Attendees #4 Prepare their Medical Expert Witness Prep in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Groups 1-7: Attendee Workshop on Direct and Cross-Examination of Medical Expert Witnesses. Groups 8-14: Attendee Workshop on Cross-Examination of Economic Expert Witnesses	Assigned Classrooms
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Staggered Breaks	Room 101
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Faculty/Attendee Review and Critique of Videos on Direct and Cross-Examination of Lay Witnesses, Medical and Economic Experts.	Assigned Classrooms
Evening	Attendees on own	

Thursday, August 6

7:30 AM	IADC Registration Desk Open	Room 101
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Groups 8-14: Medical Expert Witness Prep at Tables	106 - Dining Area
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Medical Expert Witness Prep	Assigned Classrooms
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Groups 8-14: Attendee #7 Medical Expert Witness Prep in their classroom.	Assigned Classrooms
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Groups 8-14: Attendee #6 Medical Expert Witness Prep in their classroom	Assigned Classrooms
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM	Groups 1-7: Attendee Workshop on Cross-Examination of Economic Expert Witnesses Groups 8-14: Attendee Workshop on Direct and Cross Examination of Medical Expert Witnesses.	Assigned Classrooms
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Staggered Breaks	Room 101
12:45 - 2:15 PM	Lunch	Room 106 - Dining Area

2:30 - 4:30 PM	Attendee Workshops on Closing Arguments.	Assigned Classrooms
2:15 - 5:00 PM	Refreshment Break	Assigned Classrooms
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Final Video Review and Critique (Closing Arguments)	Assigned Classrooms
6:15 - 7:15 PM	Closing Reception There will be buses on a loop leaving from the law school to the Alumni Center.	Pastides Alumni Center 900 Senate St.
7:15 - 9:30 PM	Closing Dinner	Pastides Alumni Center 900 Senate St.

Friday, August 7

Scattered	Departures	
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