
NCDC

Trial Practice Institutes

2017

Comments from past participants:

“This was a life-changing experience. I had an amazing time. I learned so much and I am forever grateful.”

“This experience has changed my life, as promised. The quality of the programming and instruction are incomparable. Learned more here than I thought possible. I’m going to practice differently from this day forward. The hard part to describe is how wonderful, kind, caring, and lovely most of the people attending and teaching are. I’ve gotten closer to a handful in two weeks than many of my life-long friends.”

“I had an amazing two weeks. Not only did I learn new skills, hone my own practice, and get the opportunity to take risks in a consequence-free environment, but I met 7 amazing people that I will stay in touch with the rest of my life. The faculty were knowledgeable and passionate and genuinely cared about making each of us better attorneys. Thank you for the opportunities these two weeks provided and for making me a better criminal defense attorney.”

Two sessions:

June 11-24, 2017

July 16-29, 2017

Application deadline:

April 3, 2017

National Criminal Defense College

The NCDC

- The National Criminal Defense College was formed in 1985 to continue the important work which had been performed by the National College for Criminal Defense in Houston after that organization closed its doors in 1983. Each year, the NCDC presents two sessions of the Summer Trial Practice Institute on the campus of Mercer Law School in Macon, Georgia.

The Trial Practice Institute

- Each two week session is limited to 104 participants, who are divided into small groups according to trial experience. The least experienced groups normally have had no jury trials. It is not unusual for members of the most experienced group to have tried 75 or more jury trials.
- Topics covered in the group exercises include client interview, jury selection, direct and cross examination, impeachment, and closing arguments. Each participant performs each daily assignment under the supervision of a member of the nationally recognized faculty. Faculty members rotate daily, and video is provided in every room.
- Small group exercises are supplemented by faculty lectures and demonstrations. Professional actors are used in the roles of clients and witnesses.

Tuition

- Tuition is \$2,000.00 per session. A \$50.00 registration fee, which will be applied to tuition, is non-refundable and must accompany application. Tuition is payable upon receipt of invoice, and must be paid in advance unless other arrangements are made. Delayed payment arrangements may be made with public defender offices where necessary. Tuition includes all weekday lunches, and dinners for scheduled social events. Participants are on their own for all other meals. The hotel provides breakfast for all scheduled dates as part of your reservation.

Scholarships

- A limited number of scholarships are available to cover all or part of the tuition of those whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their attendance. Scholarship decisions should be completed by the end of April. Please be sure to complete the enclosed scholarship request. **Please note housing restriction:** all financial aid recipients will share a room with another participant (no single rooms).

Applications, admissions, & cancellations

- Applications will exceed enrollment by a substantial number. You are encouraged to apply early. Initial acceptances will be made from applications received by April 3. Late applicants and those not selected initially will be placed on a waiting list. Members of NACDL and those who represent indigent clients in criminal matters will be given priority. Because of the defense orientation of this program, those who regularly prosecute cases in any court are referred instead to the National College for District Attorneys.
- The admissions process for both sessions will begin in April. Successful applicants will receive letters and other forms to be returned by the applicant. Upon NCDC's receipt of the confirmation form, a registration will be considered firm.
- Once confirmed, the applicant or the organization sponsoring the applicant is obligated to pay tuition and housing expenses. The applicant agrees to notify NCDC of any change in plans. Substitutions may be made only with the approval of NCDC. Cancellations will be accepted until June 1 for the June session and July 1 for the July session. Fees (less registration fee) will be refunded for cancellation received before the above dates. After those dates, full tuition will be charged if the space cannot be filled from the waiting list.

For More Information

- Call or write to NCDC, 343 Orange Street, Macon, GA 31201 Phone : (478)746-4151 or FAX (478)743-0160. Email: Bellamy@ncdc.net or Bellamy@mindspring.com. Website: ncdc.net

Faculty

Faculty members teach at NCDC for one week. Participants can anticipate exposure to approximately 25 instructors. *This is a list of NCDC faculty who taught in Summer 2016.* These and others will be here this year, trial schedules and other considerations permitting.

Chris Adams	Andy Gavaldon	Steve Lindsay	Jennifer Sellitti
Norma Aguilar	Shawna Geiger	Suzanne Luban	Laurie Shanks
Ramon Alvarado	Andrea George	Sean Maher	Bart Sheela
David Baugh	Kyana Givens	Calvin Malone	Jeff Sherr
James Beane	Robert Glass	Tony Natale	David Shircliff
Jerilyn Bell	Andres Guevara	Aaron Nelson	Natasha Silas
Cathleen Bennett	Brian Hewlett	Robert Pepin	James Smith
Alison Bloomquist	Carey Haughwout	Martin Pinales	Karen Smolar
Melody Brannon	Laura Hogue	Heather Pinckney	Michael Stout
Beattie Butler	Tina Hunt	Elton Richey	Colette Tvedt
Yasmin Cader	Abraham Hutt	Jeff Robinson	Ron Tyler
Jeff Chapdelaine	Judge Joseph Johnson	Hugo Rodriguez	Deja Vishny
Angie Coggins	Rick Kammen	Heather Rogers	Lisa Wayne
Herschella Conyers	Michael Kennedy	Amy Rubin	Heather Williams
Candace Crouse	Terence Kindlon	Paul Rudof	Brett Willis
Tony Cueto	A.J. Kramer	Martin Sabelli	Boyd Young
Sam Dennis	Bridget Krause	Jon Sands	Lorinda Youngcourt
Pete Donaldson	John Lentine	Juval Scott	Erica Zunkel
Kobie Flowers	David Lewis		

Housing

Double: \$775.00 (shared with another participant)

Single: \$1,550.00 (limited availability)

Arrangements have been made for all participants to stay at a designated hotel in Macon. The after-hours contact with other participants and faculty is an essential part of the College experience. Hotel reservations must be made through the College, NOT directly to the hotel. Each scholarship recipient will share a room with another participant. If you did not request scholarship assistance, you may choose a double room or request a single at extra charge. We cannot absolutely guarantee that a single will be available, but we try to the best of our ability to honor these requests. Our policy requiring scholarship recipients to share a double room is applied except in the most extraordinary circumstances. (It is *strongly* recommended that participants attend the College unaccompanied by spouses, children, or pets.)

About Macon

Macon, Georgia, has a population of about 150,000 and is located 75 miles south of the Atlanta airport on Interstate 75. The city features many locations of historical, musical, architectural interest. Macon has the usual complement of night spots and several good restaurants. The Mercer Law School is located in Macon's In-Town Historical District.

This application must be completed in full.

Trial Practice Institute 2017 Application



Session desired: June 11-24 July 16-29 Either Session

Mr. Ms. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name you want to be called: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Firm: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell phone: _____

Office phone: _____ Fax: _____ Home phone: _____

Room selection: Single Double (Note scholarship restrictions)

Type of practice

private practice state public defender federal public defender

If public defender, is office applying?* individual applying?

*Separate information sheet required. It will be sent to those checking this box, if not already filed.

If not a public defender, briefly describe your practice and that of others in your office.

Number of attorneys in your office: _____

Do you handle death penalty cases? Yes No What percentage of your practice is death penalty? _____

Experience

Participants are placed in small groups according to experience level. Please be candid in supplying this information and do not exaggerate the number of trials.

Number of Trials

Criminal: Felony jury _____ Felony non-jury _____
Misdemeanor jury _____ Misdemeanor non-jury _____

Civil: Jury _____ Non-jury _____

In your opinion, in which group should you be placed -- most experienced (5), least experienced (1), or an intermediate group (2,3, or 4)? _____

If you believe that the number of trials given above fails to adequately reflect the level of your trial experience, please explain any other factors which you wish to have considered in placing you in a small group.

Briefly explain why you want to attend the Institute.

Law School: _____ Year graduated: _____

Trial Training Courses in Law

School: _____

Trial Training Courses since Law School: _____

Other trial skills courses (Please list names and dates)

Affiliations

Often, donors to the College specify that their funds be awarded to a member of a specific organization. To fulfill these requests, we need to know about your memberships in various legal organizations. Please list them here.

Financial Matters

If billing name and address are not listed, we assume that the applicant is **personally** liable for all expenses. If the applicant is not paying for his or her own expenses, we must have guarantor contact information.

My tuition will be paid by: self employer

My housing fee will be paid by: self employer

Billing guarantor name, address, phone number and email address :

Is scholarship assistance needed? PLEASE ANSWER.

I do need scholarship assistance. I have enclosed the scholarship request.

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I do NOT need scholarship assistance.

Deposit Information

A check for my \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee has been mailed today, or:

Please charge my registration fee to Visa Mastercard American Exp.

Card #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Other Information

Have you applied to NCDC for Trial Practice Institute previously? Which years? _____

Have you attended any NCDC programs? Yes No

If yes, give program name, date and section: _____

Are there members of the NCDC faculty or former participants who would serve as references? Please list names, addresses, and phone numbers (if known): _____

Certification and Guarantee

I am am not a member of NACDL.

I do do not accept representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases.

I certify that I am not regularly engaged in the prosecution of criminal cases in any court.

I understand that if I am accepted into this program, I will be required to send written notice of confirmation to NCDC. After NCDC's receipt of this confirmation, I will be liable for full tuition charges if I (or my office) do not follow the cancellation policy described elsewhere in this brochure.

Applicant signature: _____

Date signed _____

Guarantor signature: _____

Print name _____

Position Title: _____

Date signed _____

General Policies

The NCDC does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identification, religion, disability, or national origin. An affirmative effort will be made to assure diversity in each session in keeping with the educational goals of the College.

- Caucasian
- African American
- Asian
- Native American
- Hispanic
- Other _____

2017 NCDC Individual Scholarship Request

Applicant Name: _____ Office Phone: _____
Firm: _____ Fax Phone: _____
Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Private attorneys, complete this section for scholarship

What is your position with the firm? _____

How many lawyers in the firm? _____ Partners _____ Associates _____

What assistance will your office provide? None
 All tuition & housing
 \$ _____ of tuition/housing
 Other _____

If office will provide little or no assistance, please explain why. _____

What percent of your work is criminal? _____

Do you take indigent appointments? _____ How many in a typical year? _____

Public Defenders, complete this section for scholarship

What assistance will your office provide? None
 All tuition & housing
 \$ _____ of tuition/housing
 Other _____

If office will provide little or no assistance, please explain why. _____

