



Collin County Bar Association

2024 Trial Academy

Application Form

The Trial Academy is...

- An interactive trial skills training program intended to improve advocacy skills. Collin County Judges, in conjunction with experienced attorneys, will lecture on and demonstrate the primary components of a trial. Participants will then practice their skills through live exercises.

Trial Academy Details

- It is mandatory that participants attend the following events:
 - September 12th and 13th – Student Orientation via Zoom
 - September 18th – Introductory Meeting – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 - September 20th – Modules 1 & 2 – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
 - October 4th – Modules 3 & 4 – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
 - October 18th – Modules 5 & 6 – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
 - October 22nd – Graduation – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Topics include trial preparation, voir dire, opening statement, direct examination/error preservation, cross-examination/expert examination, and closing statement.
- The six Modules will each be 3.5 hours long (plus the lunch break) and will be approved for CLE credit.
- Cost is \$300 (includes the case study materials)
- A certificate will be awarded at the October 22nd Graduation event to those who complete at least five out of six module topics.

Trial Academy Participant Requirements

- Current member of the Collin County Bar Association (membership form may be found at www.collincountybar.org beginning July 1, 2024)
- Commitment to attend the trial academy dates listed above.



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- Have practiced 7 years or less or be new to Collin County.

Completed Application Forms must be returned to Teresa Moore at collincountybar@yahoo.com by 5:00 p.m. on August 23, 2024.

Name: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Licensure: _____

Years of Practice: _____

Number of Attorneys in Your Firm: _____

Primary Practice Area(s): _____

You may type or write your answer on this page or a separate page.

Why do you want to participate in the CCBA Trial Academy? (200 words or less)



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What

involvement have you had with the Collin County Bar Association?

In which area of trial do you feel you need more experience/practice and why?
(150 words or less)

What would you like to learn from the Collin County judiciary? (150 words or less)

What courtroom experience have you had in the past 2 years?



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Please affirm by your signature below that:

1. You understand that the Collin County Bar Association Trial Academy Committee will be reviewing the applications and selecting the attorneys who will participate in the CCBA Trial Academy.
2. The following dates have mandatory attendance:
 - a. September 12th and 13th – Student Orientation via Zoom (only one date required per student)
 - b. September 18th – Introductory Meeting – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
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You understand you will be removed from the program if you miss more than one topic session.

3. You understand that the cost to participate in the program is \$300 (includes case study materials) and, **upon acceptance into the program, payment will be due by September 6, 2024. You forfeit your admission into the program if payment is not made by September 6th.**
4. You have discussed the time commitment associated with the CCBA Trial Academy with your supervisors (if applicable), and they have agreed for you to participate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____