



Course Description and Registration Form

Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Trial

Whether a lawyer right out of law school or a seasoned professional, the program will change the way participants approach trials and the art of persuasion. Participants in the “Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Trial” training program will be guided by the “learning-by-doing” method to learn, practice, and perfect trial skills in some of the challenging arts of trial advocacy, persuasion, and communication. Instructors are from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) (<http://www.nita.org>). The program will be from August 10-12, 2016 at the District Court of Guam beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending each day at 5:45 p.m., Wednesday through Friday. Lunch will be provided each day. **Registration is limited to 40 participants.**

Participants will be in a realistic trial setting and will be functioning as a trial lawyer by performing as follow on:

- Day 1 – August 10
 - Case Analysis – Good Facts, Bad Facts, Developing Theme and Theory
 - Direct / Cross-Examination of Witness
 - Presenting Exhibits
 - Introduction to Voir Dire

- Day 2 – August 11
 - Voir Dire
 - Witness Examination with Exhibits
 - Impeachment of Witness
 - Introduction to Opening & Closing Statements

- Day 3 – August 12
 - 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. Participants' performance skills will improve, and they will gain confidence in their 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>.

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August 10-12, 2016

District Court of Guam, Hagatna, Guam

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 Calvo Fisher & Jacob, LLP, 259 Martyr Street, Suite 100, Hagatna, Guam 96910. For registration inquiries, please contact Ms. Tammy Reyes, at Calvo Fisher & Jacob, LLP via email at treyes@calvofisher.com or call (671) 646-9355.



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Hon. Christopher T. Whitten is a general jurisdiction trial court judge on the Superior Court of Arizona. Before his appointment to the bench in 2006, he was a trial lawyer for fifteen years, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and was certified by the Arizona State Bar as a specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation. As a Judge on the Superior Court of Arizona, he has presided over criminal, family, civil and commercial litigation cases. He currently serves as the Presiding Tax Court Judge for Arizona. He has also served as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Judge Whitten is the Immediate Past Chair of the American Bar Association's National Conference of State Trial Judges and the current Judicial Division representative on the ABA House of Delegates. He also serves on the ABA Nominations Committee. Judge Whitten is the Chair of the Commission on the American Jury and the Judicial Division's liaison to the Section of Litigation Council. He has served as a liaison to the Coalition for Justice, the Trial Court Time Standards Committee and the Advisory Group for Language Access to State Courts. He sits on the Empirical Research Steering Committee of the Civil Jury Project at New York University. He also represented his colleagues from Maricopa County on the board of directors of the Arizona Judges Association.

Judge Whitten has taught as an adjunct professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, at Louisiana State University School of Law, at The University of San Diego School of Law, at Emory University School of Law and at the Arizona Summit Law School. He sits on the Board of Trustees for the National Judicial College and regularly works with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, both nationally and internationally. He has trained fellow judges and lawyers in four of Mexico's states as they reform their judicial process. He has worked on trial skills with Solicitors in Ireland as their rights of appearance have expanded, with lawyers in Myanmar stressing the importance of the Rule of Law in their emerging democracy, with Judges in Egypt in developing procedures to combat human trafficking, and with law professors in Japan on effective teaching techniques.

Away from the bench, he has enjoyed serving his community as a board member and officer for many organizations, including the Arizona Foundation for Blind Children, the University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Board, the Arizona School for the Arts, the Recreational Association of Madison Meadows and Simis, the St. Thomas Moore Society and the Brophy Lacrosse Club.

He has been married to his high school girlfriend, Ann, for over twenty five years. Together, they raised two remarkable sons, Tom and Charlie. Judge Whitten and his sons recently were part of a team that successfully led a group of thirteen blind hikers on a marathon twenty-four mile, one-day trek from rim to rim across the Grand Canyon.

MONIQUE A. CARTER: BIOGRAPHY

Education: Ms. Monique Carter grew up in the Midwest and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science with a double minor in English and International Relations. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received high distinction. Monique moved to Southern California to attend the University of San Diego School of Law.

Professional Experience: Ms. Carter began her legal career at the San Diego Public Defender's Office. It was here where she began her career as a trial attorney. First doing misdemeanor trials, Ms. Carter soon graduated into a blended practice of misdemeanors and felonies when she was transferred to the Juvenile Delinquency branch of the Public Defender's Office. After two years of working with juveniles, Ms. Carter started conducting adult felony trials solely. She has represented defendants charged with homicide, kidnapping, mayhem and more. Some of the more challenging trials Ms. Carter has conducted was a shaken baby case with multiple experts, a police-involved shooting case with ballistics experts, multi-victim rape and child molest case and other trials with mental health defenses.

Ms. Carter was doing felonies for seven years before she was transferred to her current position. Currently Ms. Carter is in charge of supervising and training all new misdemeanor attorneys who enter the office and recruiting new talent to the office.

Teaching Experience: Ms. Carter started teaching for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) in 2007. After 2007, NITA nominated Ms. Carter as a Rising Star after she attended their Teacher's Training. Since then, Ms. Carter has taught in Washington D.C. and serves as NITA's Assistant Team Leader in both San Diego and San Francisco's weeklong trial academies.

For the past four years, Ms. Carter has been an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law teaching trials skills to law students. In addition to teaching at the law school, she served as an adjunct professor at San Diego State University teaching Judicial Processes.

ALLEN SNYDER: BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Allen Snyder is a member of the law faculty at the University of San Diego School of Law and a full professor since 1992. He specializes in teaching dispute resolution skills including: trial skills, negotiations, mediation and counseling. Mr. Snyder has served as a program director, team leader, and faculty for Trial and Deposition Skills courses for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy for many years. In addition, he has served as organizer and faculty for numerous dispute resolution programs including trial skills taught outside the United States, including programs in: Australia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Italy, Mexico, Moldova, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.