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TIPS NATIONAL TRIAL ACADEMY

The National Trial Academy, sponsored by the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (“TIPS”) of the American Bar Association and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), offers a unique, interactive, diverse program that combines the latest technology with the country’s top trial lawyers as faculty members and personal mentors. The faculty consists of six defense lawyers, six plaintiffs’ lawyers, trial judges from state and federal courts, supreme court Justices, jury consultants, professors and technical engineers who are all seasoned experts in their particular specialties. Affectionately called the country’s top “Boot Camp for Lawyers” in the September 2002 issue of the ABA Journal, this intense 4-day program utilizes a wide range of individualized teaching methods and approaches not found anywhere else.

The TIPS National Trial Academy limits participation to just 36 students, approximately 18 each from the plaintiff and defense bars. Employing state of the art technology and instruction, including the use of the recently constructed 21st Century Courtroom at The National Judicial College, the Academy exposes students to a broad array of trial techniques and methodologies ranging from computer animation and litigation software technology to instruction on voir dire by nationally renowned jury consultants.

With a three student per faculty member ratio, students receive the most individualized mentoring available at any trial academy. Moreover, with faculty members and students representing both sides of the trial bar, students receive critiques from both perspectives and learn from each other to identify the strengths and weaknesses of their arguments. Students also learn about professional and ethical conduct in a courtroom.

The newly renovated National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, offers the ideal forum for young lawyers to learn to try cases. With its state-of-the-art building at a central location on the historic 255-acre campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, the National Judicial College is the place where practicing judges from around the world come for education in all aspects of trial practice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW DOES THE ACADEMY WORK?

The Academy's curriculum consists of a core case study with instruction provided by a faculty of leading plaintiffs' and defense trial lawyers from throughout the United States as well as professors from the National Judicial College. Each faculty member is responsible for three students. As a group faculty members offer exemplar trial court presentations, and as mentors they provide constructive feedback to their students, including videotape reviews of the students' performance in the courtroom.

In addition to making individual presentations in the courtroom, students also attend lectures and courtroom demonstrations given by faculty members on a variety of trial skills, including direct and cross examination of medical and scientific witnesses, opening statements, closing arguments and jury selection. Each student is videotaped while conducting an opening statement and a closing argument. Physicians from the University of Nevada School of Medicine and engineers from the graduate program at the University's College of Engineering serve as expert witnesses. On the final day of the Academy, nationally renowned jury consultants assist the students in a mock jury trial of the case prepared throughout the program. Jurors selected from the surrounding community decide the case. Cameras and computers utilizing real time technology record and analyze the jurors' reactions from voir dire through closings. The trial concludes with televised jury deliberations and a subsequent panel discussion with jurors, faculty members and jury consultants regarding the case presentation by each side.

Several weeks prior to the commencement of the Trial Academy, the students receive a complete set of practice materials. The materials contain the core case study, including excerpts from depositions, expert reports and other materials related to the case. The core case study is the basis of the mock trial and the students' participation in the program. Prior to their arrival at the trial academy, the students must submit a trial brief with a set of stipulated facts for the trial.

At a dinner and ceremony held on the evening of the trial, the Academy honors all of the students and presents them with a framable certificate demonstrating success to memorialize their completion of the course.

THE NEVADA JUDICIARY

The Trial Academy enjoys a special relationship with the Nevada judiciary that greatly benefits both students and mentors. The Honorable Janet J. Berry of the Second Judicial District Court in Reno is one of the founders of the Academy, and she has been a member of the faculty for each session of the Academy since its inception. Members of the Nevada judiciary preside at the trials conducted by the students and also hear trial motions and appellate arguments, thus adding not only the element of reality to the proceedings, but also an invaluable judicial perspective to further the students' learning experience. Judicial participants have included Retired Justice Deborah A. Agosti and Justice A. William Maupin of the Supreme Court of Nevada and Justice Proctor R. Hug of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Nevada. In the past the Academy has held its graduation ceremonies at the Nevada Supreme Court. Members of the Nevada judiciary attend graduation and other social events, thus giving students the opportunity to interact with judges informally. Wanda Lopshire, Jury Commissioner for the Second Judicial District Court in Reno, provides real jurors from the community (who receive credit for serving at the National Trial Academy) to decide the case.

WE PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

The Reno Hilton Hotel will provide hotel accommodations and meals. The fee for the Academy is \$3,800.00 and it covers hotel accommodations with meals, transportation to and from the college and the use of the National Judicial College and its state-of-the-art 21st Century courtroom.

CLE CREDITS

The students at the National Trial Academy will qualify for Continuing Legal Education credits in all states. Students who attend the Trial Academy will earn approximately thirty-three (33) or forty-three (43) hours of state accreditation depending on which state the student is licensed in, the cost of which is tax deductible.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be made through the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section no later than December 16, 2005, in order to receive a refund less a \$1,000.00 cancellation fee.

After December 16, 2005, none of your registration fee will be refunded. However, you will be allowed to make a suitable substitution to take your place.

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT?

To ensure individual teaching and instruction, the enrollment in the Trial Academy is by application only. It is strongly recommended that any person who wishes to be considered for the 2006 Trial Academy apply immediately. Please fill out the attached application along with a check payable to the American Bar Association and return it to Ms. Janet Hummons of the American Bar Association, Director of Meetings and Continuing Legal Education, TIPS, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610; telephone number (312) 988-5656.





2006 DEAN

RICHARD P. CAMPBELL

Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy Professional Corporation
Boston, Massachusetts

Richard P. Campbell focuses his practice on the defense of product liability, aviation, toxic tort, and commercial disputes. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is Chair of the Board of Overseers for Boston College Law School and a recipient of its highest award, the Founder's Medal, for his achievements and dedication to the law. A leader of state, national, and international bar associations, he was the Dean of the International Association of Defense Counsel's Corporate Counsel College. After September 11th, the President of the American Bar Association appointed him to the ABA's Task Force on Terrorism and the Law; he served as Chair of the TIPS Task Force on the September 11th Victim Compensations Fund. He is a past Chair of TIPS and former member of the Executive Committees of the International Association of Defense Counsel and Product Liability Advisory Council.



ASSOCIATE DEAN

EDWARD J. NEVIN

Nevin & Absalom
San Francisco, California

Edward J. Nevin focuses his practice on complex civil litigation, including personal injury and product liability. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association. Recently Mr. Nevin was the President of the American Board of Trial Advocates. The San Francisco Chronicle has recognized him as one of the 10 best personal injury plaintiff lawyers in the San Francisco Bay area.

FACULTY



SHAUN M. BALDWIN

Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney & Priess
Chicago, Illinois

Shaun McParland Baldwin is a partner in the firm's Chicago office where she concentrates her practice in the areas of insurance coverage, bad faith, reinsurance and other insurance-related services, as well as appeals. She is the Past Chair of Defense Research Institute's Insurance Law Committee and Past Chair of the Casualty Insurance Committee for the International Association of Defense Counsel. She is also a member of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, where she has served as a member of the Board of Directors and Amicus Committee Chair, and a Past Director of the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association



DESMOND T. BARRY, JR.

Condon & Forsyth LLP
New York, New York

Mr. Barry specializes in complex and multidistrict aviation, products liability and insurance litigation. He is Lead Counsel for American Airlines in the 9/11 litigation pending in the Southern District of New York. The court also appointed him to serve as the Liaison Counsel

for all Aviation and Security Company defendants in that litigation. In his role as Liaison Counsel, Mr. Barry is the voice for the defense in virtually all matters presented to the court. He is a past chair of the Aviation and Space Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association and a past chair of the IADC Aviation and Space Law Committee. Mr. Barry was a faculty member of the IADC Trial Academy in Boulder, Colorado, in 1993, and he served a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the IADC. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys.



JUDGE JANET J. BERRY
Second Judicial District Court
Reno, Nevada

Judge Janet Berry has served as a judge in the Second Judicial District Court since 1996. Judge Berry is active in community legal education. She was the co-host of a weekly television show called The Language of Law. Additionally, she holds Kid's Court mock trials and Ask an Inmate for elementary school students, and has chaired the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee for Washoe County. Judge Berry is a former Chair and member of the Board of Trustees of the National Judicial College. She is one of the founders of the TIPS National Trial Academy.



RICHARD A. BJUR, Ph.D.
Professor
University of Nevada, Reno
Reno, Nevada

Richard Bjur is a professor of pharmacology at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He is also the Director of the Technology Transfer Office, operated jointly by the Desert Research Institute and the University of Nevada, Reno. He holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Colorado and a J.D. from the Nevada School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and is a registered patent attorney.



ROBERT A. CLIFFORD
Clifford Law Offices
Chicago, Illinois

Robert A. Clifford concentrates his practice on aviation, transportation, personal injury, medical negligence and product liability law. He is a past chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation and its Task Force on Terrorism and the Law. Mr. Clifford represents Industrial Risk Insurers, a General Electric subsidiary as a plaintiff in the 9/11 litigation pending in the Southern District Court of New York. The court also appointed him to serve as Liaison Counsel for all property damage and business loss plaintiffs in that litigation. In his capacity as Liaison Counsel, Mr. Clifford effectively serves as the voice for all subrogated insurers and business loss plaintiffs in litigation involving billions of dollars of claims. Currently he is a member of the ABA House of Delegates. Mr. Clifford is a past president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Chicago Inns of Court. He has been inducted into the International Society of Barristers, American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is also a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an invitation-only group of 100 trial lawyers from around the country.



WILLIAM J. CONROY

Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy Professional Corporation
Wayne, Pennsylvania

William J. Conroy currently focuses his practice on the defense of catastrophic injury cases for Ford Motor Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company and other institutional clients. He has tried cases to verdicts for his clients from California to Texas to Florida to Pennsylvania. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Conroy is also a member of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel; Pennsylvania Defense Institute; Product Liability Advisory Council; International Association of Defense Counsel; Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel; and Defense Research Institute.

DEBRA DENISE FOWLER

Senior Aviation Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Debra Fowler holds the position of Senior Aviation Counsel in the Aviation/Admiralty section of the Torts Branch, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice. She is a 1989 graduate of the University of Tulsa with a joint Master of Arts and Juris Doctorate degree.

In 1990, she joined the Department of Justice as a Trial Attorney and held that position until being appointed Senior Aviation Counsel in 2001. She has represented the United States and its agencies, including the FAA, DEA, Air Force, Navy, the Army National Guard and the Forest Service, in numerous aviation cases in Federal District Courts in California, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, New Mexico, Washington, New York, Hawaii, Wyoming and Guam. She is lead counsel for the United States in the matter *In re Aircrash at Agana, Guam* on August 6, 1997, the multidistrict litigation involving approximately 168 cases arising out of the crash of a Korean Air Lines 747 on the island of Guam. To date, all but one of these cases have been settled.

Ms. Fowler is a member of the Virginia Bar and is admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She is a member of the American Bar Association and is Chair of the Aviation and Space Law committee of the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section. She is also the Chair of the Government Liability subcommittee of the Aviation Litigation Section. Ms. Fowler is serving her second term on the Board of Directors of the International Aviation Womens Association where she is Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Ms. Fowler is also a licensed private pilot with an instrument rating.



FREDRICK H.L. McCLURE

Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP
Tampa, Florida

Fredrick McClure defends public and private sector clients in all types of employment-related litigation, arbitration and mediation as well as manufacturers in product liability actions. Mr. McClure also maintains an active general civil and commercial litigation practice. He is a member of the American Bar Association and its Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements, Florida Bar Association, Hillsborough County Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, George Edgecomb Bar Association, Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. In July 2004, Florida Trend magazine named him to "Florida's Legal Elite," a designation extended to only 1.6% of Florida attorneys, as voted by their peers.

ELIZABETH N. MULVEY

Crowe & Mulvey, LLP
Boston, Massachusetts

Ms. Mulvey focuses her practice on personal injury law, winning multi-million dollar verdicts and also appearing before appellate courts. The active bar in Massachusetts considers her to be one of the top five trial lawyers representing patients in medical malpractice cases. She has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and an Advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America. The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts recently appointed her to serve a four-year term on the Board of Bar Overseers. She has served as a section council member and co-chair of the Civil Litigation section of the Massachusetts Bar Association, as well as a member and chair of the section's Bench-Bar Committee.



JOSEPH J. ORTEGO

Nixon Peabody LLP
New York, New York

Mr. Ortego has litigated and tried to verdict major commercial, environmental, and toxic tort cases throughout the United States. He is a member of the American Bar Association and its Business Law, Litigation, and Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Sections. He is past co-chair of the Litigation Section's Business Torts Committee; former co-chair of TIPS' Professionals', Officers', and Directors' Liability Committee; and a member of TIPS' Committee on Toxic Torts and Environmental Law. Mr. Ortego is also a member of the New York Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the American Law Institute (Advisory Committee on the Restatement of Torts), the Product Liability Advisory Counsel (sustaining member), the Defense Research Institute, the American Law Institute, the Advisory Committee on the Restatement of Torts; and a former member of the ALI-ABA Committee on Continuing Education. He is past regional president of the National Hispanic Bar Association.



LARRY D. OTTAWAY

Foliart, Huff, Ottaway & Bottom
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Larry D. Ottaway is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Trial Advocates and recipient of its 1999 National Master in Trial Award. His practice consists of major civil litigation cases involving product liability, personal injury and medical malpractice. Larry D. Ottaway was admitted to the Oklahoma State Bar in 1974. He attended the University of Oklahoma and received his B.A. in 1971 and his J.D. in 1974 graduating Phi Eta Sigma; Phi Beta Kappa. He is a Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation; American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Products Liability Sub-Committee and Sub-Committee on Medical Devices.



THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA M. RUFÉ

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nominated to the federal bench by President George W. Bush, Judge Cynthia M. Rufe has served in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since 2002. Judge Rufe previously served in the Bucks County (Pennsylvania) Court of Common Pleas, presiding over criminal, juvenile, civil and family court cases. Prior to her election to the trial court in 1973, she practiced civil and criminal litigation and family law, specializing in child abuse cases. Before entering private practice, Judge Rufe served Bucks County as Deputy Public Defender, coordinating that office's Juvenile Division, and as Solicitor for the Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency. Judge Rufe is the recipient of numerous awards, including A Woman's Place's M.J. Kirkpatrick Award for Leadership, the Pennsylvania Commission for Social Justice's Law and Justice Award, the Four Chaplain's Legion of Honor award and the Erie County Trial Lawyers Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. Soroptimist International of Indian Rock, Inc. has honored her as A Woman of Distinction.



DANIEL J. SCULLY, JR.

Clark Hill PLC
Detroit, Michigan

Daniel J. Scully, Jr. focuses his practice on products liability cases. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and of the American Board of Trial Advocates Foundation. He is a Past President of the Michigan Chapter of ABOTA and a Board Member. He is a member of the Character and Fitness Committee of the State Bar of Michigan. Mr. Scully has been a member of the faculty at the IADC Trial Academy. He will be the Assistant Director of the IADC Trial Academy in 2006 and the Director in 2007.

APPLICATION

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INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME _____

FIRM _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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AGE _____ YEAR ADMITTED TO BAR _____ RACE (OPTIONAL) _____

TUITION

Tuition for the 2006 Trial Academy is \$3,800.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 is due November 21, 2005 to secure your spot in the TIPS Trial Academy.

- If funds are available, please send me information concerning financial assistance.

PRACTICE

Law Firm Size: Partners _____ Associates _____

Description of principal practice area (i.e.: products, auto, employment, etc.):

TYPE OF PRACTICE

- Percentage Trial Work
 In-House Insurance Law Firm
 Plaintiff (more than 50%)
 Defense (more than 50%)
 Personal Injury
 Government
 Sole Practitioner
 Corporate

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

- 1st chair jury trial started
 2nd chair jury trial started
 1st chair jury trial to verdict
 2nd chair jury trial to verdict
 1st chair non-jury trial started
 2nd chair non-jury trial started
 1st chair non-jury trial to verdict
 2nd chair non-jury trial to verdict

RETURN BY NOVEMBER 21, 2005

Please return all completed application forms to:

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle
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April 5-7, 2006
Phoenix, AZ

Toxic Torts & Environmental Law
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