

National Trial Advocacy College 2026

AT WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL
AUGUST 8-12

*The Nation's Premier
Experiential Trial Advocacy
Program for Lawyers*

The Virginia Law Foundation and Virginia CLE invite you to attend the National Trial Advocacy College as it begins a new chapter at William & Mary Law School. After 43 years at the University of Virginia School of Law, this move marks a significant evolution in the distinguished program's legacy of excellence in trial advocacy education.

Whether you are presenting your case in mediation, cross-examining an adverse deposition witness, making a closing argument to a panel of arbitrators, or trying your case to a judge or jury, you must know how to persuade. **Effective advocacy skills are what you will learn here!**

*"The greatest educational
experience of my life."*

– ATTENDEE

Through expert lectures, small-group training, and realistic trial simulations, you will:

- Receive the most intensive hands-on advocacy training possible
- Learn from daily presentations and captivating demonstrations by the finest trial lawyers and judges in the nation
- Practice every day with a small group of lawyers with similar experience
- Try an entire case in a mock trial
- Leave the program prepared to persuade and argue any aspect of a case at any phase of the litigation



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About the College

The ability to effectively present an opening statement, competently conduct a direct examination, deliberately cross-examine an adverse witness, make a compelling closing argument, and, of course, handle a jury trial with confidence are learned skills that remain the keys to success for any litigator. No amount of second-chairing trials, attending one-day programs, or conferring with a senior lawyer can replace the real thing—doing it. That is what this program has been about for over 40 years.

A PREMIER INTENSIVE AT AN INCREDIBLE VALUE

Whether you are a lawyer in a big firm struggling to obtain trial experience, or practicing in a small shop facing a myriad of litigation challenges, this program makes economic sense. For five days you are immersed in substantive material and critical practice that would normally take years to experience, all while earning 36.5 hours of live-interactive credit. Add in networking with other lawyers from all around the Commonwealth and country, and you might even create some future business to add to your new skills.

“The best CLE I’ve ever taken.”

“The enthusiasm was absolutely contagious.”

“Beyond compare.”

– ATTENDEES

Faculty Leaders

STEPHEN A. SALTZBURG
Founder & Director

George Washington University
Law School
Washington, DC

GERALD F. IVEY
Co-Director

Finnegan Henderson Farabow
Garrett & Dunner LLP
Washington, DC

MARY LYNN TATE
Co-Director

The Tate Law Firm
Abingdon, VA

The Experience

LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

All participants attend daily live lectures and demonstrations by some of the finest speakers and lawyers in the country. In addition, from the beginning of the program, each participant will be assigned to a small group of like-experienced lawyers. Within the groups – individually led by at least one experienced trial lawyer or judge from our faculty – each participant will study and perform every aspect of trial advocacy: opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination, and closing argument.

SKILLS PRACTICE

Throughout the week, each group will learn and practice advocacy skills under the guidance of a different faculty member. Participants will take part in individual exercises, with accompanying group discussions and critique, designed to focus on particular advocacy skills.

MOCK TRIAL

Finally, the skill-building and practice will culminate in participants conducting, as lead counsel, a live mock trial typically presided over by an experienced federal or state court judge. After training ends on Tuesday, a conference on the final trials will be held that afternoon, and participants will be given time to

prepare for their presentations. Each participant will have a mock trial on Wednesday, morning or afternoon, and serve as a witness for the other trial. At the conclusion of each trial, the judge will discuss and critique the trial with the participants.

Support Materials

During the course, participants are provided with case files, so that they can develop and practice their advocacy skills in different trial contexts. The file affords lawyers of all experience levels and practice areas opportunities to attack challenging problems. Participants also receive a copy of *Trying Cases to Win: In One Volume* by Stephen A. Saltzburg and Herbert J. Stern and will have the ability to record their individual performances and critiques.

Key Events

FRI, AUG 7	4:00 p.m.	Check-in
SAT, AUG 8	7:45 a.m.	Check-in/Breakfast
	8:45 a.m.	Program Begins
	5:30 p.m.	Reception and Dinner
WED, AUG 12	8:30 a.m.	Morning Trial
	1:00 p.m.	Afternoon Trial
	4:30 p.m.	Program Ends

“The passion of the faculty was inspirational.”
“I liked all the time on my feet DOING what I was learning.”
“I never thought I could gain so much in just one week.”

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If you are a practicing attorney who wants to be a confident, successful advocate, join us for the dynamic program that has changed the careers of thousands of lawyers in the last four decades!

Immerse yourself in training at National Trial Advocacy College.

What's included?

Registration includes the program, materials, access to lecturers' presentations and materials, daily continental breakfast, lunch, beverages service, afternoon snacks, plus a reception and dinner with the faculty after Saturday classes.

Credit

MCLE CREDIT — 38.5 (Live 36.5, Ethics 2.0)

The Virginia MCLE Board has approved this course for 36.5 hours of live-interactive credit. In addition, registrants will be given access to a complimentary on-demand session carrying 2.0 hours of Ethics credit.

Our staff will assist registrants in obtaining mandatory CLE credit in other jurisdictions.

Tuition & Group Pricing

EARLY REGISTRATION — \$3,550
Through May 31, 2026

STANDARD REGISTRATION — \$3,800
After May 31, 2026

3-5 ATTORNEYS — Save \$300 per registrant.

6+ ATTORNEYS — Save \$500 per registrant.

Accommodations

Hotel accommodations are not included, but attendees are invited to make reservations at the Williamsburg Lodge at our special group rate through July 7. Call reservations at 800.261.9530, 9-5, Monday-Friday. Our staff will be happy to answer any other personal needs questions you may have at 434.979.8253.

Enroll at trialadcollege.org.