E. DAVID WOYCIK, JR. TRIAL TECHNIQUES PROGRAM (3 credits)

Dates: Wednesday, January 3 - Friday, January 12, 2007
Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Registration: October 16 at 12:00 a.m. – November 10, 2006 at 11:59 p.m.
Pre-requisite: Evidence
Tuition:
CRN 10086 - Hofstra University law student: $1,235 flat fee
CRN 10088 - Hofstra University law student: $1,235 per credit
For students who transferred between divisions and need the residency units.
CRN 10087 - Non-Hofstra University law student: $1,535 flat fee

Tuition due: Payment is due at the time of registration.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The Program
During the January 2007 intersession, Hofstra Law School will offer an intensive skills program in trial techniques. This is an innovative program that, in a single intensive educational experience, provides basic training in all of the basic lawyering skills involved in civil and criminal litigation. Each student’s performance will be reviewed by experienced attorney/teachers and by professional actors. The students will be introduced to the essential aspects of litigation skills including:
- Opening statements
- Summation
- Direct and Cross examination
- Introduction of Exhibits
- Documentary and Expert Testimony
- Settlement Negotiation
- Pre-Trial Discovery Depositions
- Two Bench and a Full Jury Trial

This course will be taught on ten consecutive days in January. The program is open to second and third-year students who have completed the basic course in Evidence. Trial Techniques is also available on the same basis to students graduating in January. Interested students should obtain registration and tuition information from the Office of Academic Records, Rm 114. Attendance is required and is taken daily.

Course Description
This is a hands-on skills course. Students will not sit and listen to ponderous discussions of doctrine. Learning by Doing® is the applicable educational format. Each student will be able to make individual presentations at least twice each day. You will examine and cross examine witnesses. You will do summations and entire trials. Real jurors will listen to you during the final jury trial. Many of your performances will be video taped so that professional actors can review your performance. The presentations will be analyzed by experts. Judges and trial
lawyers from the New York metropolitan area, and from across the country will be brought to Hofstra to teach you.

The depth of the exercises progress during the course as students learn the basic skills of witness examination. Beginning with simple direct, cross and redirect, the student lays the foundation for more challenging problems. The student is afforded the opportunity to prepare and demonstrate cases which require the introduction into evidence of various types of exhibit material including documents, photographs, x-rays, maps, charts, reports and physical objects. Expert witnesses will be examined, Depositions will be taken (using professional actors as the Deponent), Opening Statements and Summations will be presented. Finally, the student will attempt to Negotiate a Settlement of the case. They will also perform two bench trials and a jury trial. Special Strategy Sessions will be conducted to prepare each side for its deposition and trials.

The Faculty
Over 100 judges and lawyers volunteer their time to participate in the teaching of this program. All of the Team Leaders have taught in this and intensive skills programs of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. They will come from Iowa and Florida as well as New York City and from the Hofstra faculty. Professional actors will be hired to review your performances.

Program Contact Information
For further information about this program, please contact Professors Kessler, Diamond or Barron in person or by e-mail at lawlwk@Hofstra.edu, lawdad@Hofstra.edu, lawbsb@Hofstra.edu, respectively.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registration for Hofstra Students
Registration is available online for all eligible students: October 16 (commencing at 12:00 a.m. through November 10, 2006 at 11:59 p.m.

If more students register than can be admitted, Class of 2007 students will be given preference.

Tuition Payment
Payment must is due at the time of registration. Payment may be made in the form of an ACH debit (personal checking or savings account) or a credit card (Master Card or Visa) on the Hofstra On-Line Information System. Students receiving financial aid should consult the Law School Office of Financial Aid, Room 250, Law School. If an admitted student does not pay or arrange for payment by November 10, 2006, the seat will be offered to a wait-listed student. Wait-listed students who are offered a seat must make payment arrangements within 2 business days of registration.

Partial need-based financial aid may be available. The application is included as an attachment and will be available on the law school web site. Applications for financial assistance (Wilkes Scholarship) must be filed by November 3, 2006.

Dropping the Course
Students may drop the course online by November 10, 2006 without penalty. Tuition payment will be refunded. The course will be deleted from the transcript.
Students who drop the course between **November 11 through December 18, 2006** will be assessed a $250 penalty. The course must be dropped by filing a drop card with the Office of Academic Records. The course will be deleted from the transcript.

**Withdrawal from the Course**

Due to the commitment of funds to hire and transport the trial attorneys who will teach this program, tuition of students withdrawing after **December 18, 2006** will not be refunded. Withdrawal must be made through the Office of Academic Records. The course will remain on the transcript with a “W” in the grade field. On the reverse side of the official transcript, the grade legend describes the “W” as “Withdrawn without penalty or prejudice.”

**Non-Hofstra Students**

Please contact the Office of Enrollment Management, School of Law, Room 250 for information regarding admission to this course (Phone: (516)463-5916, E-mail: lawadmissions@hofstra.edu).