

The  
**Missouri Office**  
of  
**Prosecution Services**  
*presents*

**Advanced Trial Advocacy School**  
*Enhancing Skills*  
*For Experienced Prosecutors*  
**The Family Violence Fact Pattern**

November 7, 8 & 9

Governor's Office Building

Jefferson City, Missouri

Student prosecutors will join an all star faculty of experienced prosecutors to work through an advanced family violence fact pattern, receiving trial tips and other suggestions for effectively prosecuting family violence cases.



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The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services will be hosting an Advanced Trial Advocacy School on November 7-9, 2016, in Jefferson City. This will be first in an annual series of advanced trial advocacy trainings which will focus on a different specialized topic each year.

This class will be an opportunity to for experienced prosecutors to refine their skills. This year's Advanced Trial Advocacy School will focus on best practices and strategies in family violence prosecution and trial advocacy. Students will hear presentations on charging decisions, effective communication, pretrial practice, voir dire, direct of the victim, expert witness, selection, prep & direct, cross of defense witnesses, sticky issues and closing argument. Students and faculty will participate in a small group brainstorming session over a family violence fact pattern. Students will also be assigned short practical exercises in advance, to be demonstrated and obtain feedback throughout the course, in order to explore new techniques for the best possible trial practice.

#### **Registration Fee:**

There is a *non-refundable* registration fee of \$300.00 per person. Please make your checks payable to: **MOPS Revolving Fund**. Checks can be mailed to the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, P.O. Box 899, *Attention: Advanced Trial School*, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

To register, go to:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=q5eaeneab&oeidk=a07ecuxbgwo0f2192f6>

#### **Lodging & Meals:**

Participating jurisdictions are responsible for the cost of lodging and meals. A block of rooms has been reserved from November 6 through 9, at the Doubletree Hotel in Jefferson City at a the state government rate of \$89.00 per night. Please call (573) 636-5101 for reservations and inform hotel personnel that you are with the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

If you have any questions or need any additional information about this course, please don't hesitate to contact me at 573-644-2409 or at [catherine.vannier@mops.mo.gov](mailto:catherine.vannier@mops.mo.gov).

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#### Tentative Agenda

Monday, November 7, 2016

**8:30 AM – 8:45 AM**

***Opening Remarks***

**Evidence Based Prosecution, Seeking Justice for Our Vulnerable Victims**

***Room 450***

*Amy Fite, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney*

**8:45 AM to 10 AM**

**Artful Charging Decisions**

*Jason Lamb, Executive Director, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services*

***~ Break***

**10:15 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Effective Victim/ Witness Communication: *Working Smarter, Not Harder***

***Room 450***

*Annie Gibson, Daviess County Prosecuting Attorney*

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ~ Lunch**

***On Your Own***

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Pretrial Practice: *Lining Up the Case***

***Room 450***

*Matt Selby, Stone County Prosecuting Attorney*

***~ Break***

**1:45 PM – 2:45 PM**

**Voir Dire Strategies**

***Room 450***

*Amy Fite, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney*

***~ Break***

**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM**

**Voir Dire Practicals**

*Students will be selected & assigned to conduct a short portion for voir dire.*

*Audience will serve as Venire Panel Members*

*Short Critique Following*

*Lead Faculty Critiquers: Amy Fite & Matt Selby*

**4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**

**Expert Witnesses: Selection, Prep & Direct**

**Room 450**

*Ashley Turner, Assistant Attorney General*

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**8:30 – 9:30 AM ~ Brainstorming & Trial Strategy Development Session**

**Room 315, Room 460 & Room 470**

*~ Break*

**9:45 AM to 11:45 AM**

**Direct Practicals**

**Room 470**

*Students will be selected & assigned to conduct a short portion of direct of either the State's Expert or the Uncooperative Victim.*

*Short Critique Following*

*Lead Faculty Critiquers: Ashley Turner & Jason Lamb*

**11:45 AM to 12:45 PM ~ Lunch**

**On Your Own**

**12:45 PM to 2 PM**

**The Stepped Up Cross**

**Room 470**

*Paul Boyd, Scott County Prosecuting Attorney*

**2PM to 2:15 PM**

**Demo Of Defendant Direct**

*Faculty TBA*

*- Break*

**2:30- 3:30 PM**

**Cross Examination Practicals**

**Room 470**

*Students will be selected & assigned to conduct a short portion of cross examination of the defendant.*

*Short Critique Following*

*Lead Faculty Critiquers: Paul Boyd & Annie Gibson*

**- Break**

**3:45 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Sticky Issues in Prosecution (1.4 hours Ethics)**

*New Information, When the Victim Recants & Other Common Problems*

**Room 470**

*Cecily Daller, Assistant Boone County Prosecuting Attorney*

*(adapted with permission from the original author, Taney County Prosecutor Jeff Merrell)*

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

**8:30 to 9:45 AM**

**Surviving Burnout *Maintaining Motivation***

**Room 470**

*Speaker TBA*

**~ Break**

**10:30 AM – 11:45 AM**

**The Persuasive Finish: *Refining Your Closing Argument Skills***

*Speaker TBA*

**Room 470**

**11:45 AM to 12:15 PM**

**Closing Argument Demonstration**

*Attorney for the State: Ashley Turner, Assistant Attorney General*

*Attorney for the Defense: Faculty TBA*

**12:15 – 12:30 PM Closing Remarks**

**Room 470**

*Jason Lamb, Executive Director, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services*

*End of Conference*

**Attendance at all sessions will amount to 18.5 hours CLE, including 1.4 hours Ethics.**