

WOMEN IN TRIAL

Shatter the Glass Ceiling in the Courtroom
Two-Day Intensive Trial Advocacy Training for Women

If you don't think there is enough diverse representation in our courtrooms, or if you believe there is a shortage of women trial lawyers, change it by being there. If you don't think you have the skills to try a case, take this course. Learn the skills and get into court through our BASF and JDC pro bono programs.

TEACHING FACULTY will include Master Trial Lawyers and active Judges

Doris Cheng, Walkup

Coreen Wilson, King County

Honorable Harold Kahn, San Francisco Superior Court

Honorable Nichelle N. Holmes, Contra Costa Superior Court

Honorable Rochelle East, San Francisco Superior Court

Honorable Tracie Brown, First Appellate District

Joleen Youngers, Ay-Law

Katherine Gallagher, John R. Rodman & Associates

Michael A. Kelly, Walkup

Nabilah Hossain, CPM Legal

Nancy Pritikin, Attorney at Law

Richard Schoenberg, Walkup

MODERATOR

Doris Cheng, Walkup

TOPICS

- Develop trial skills in an experiential learning environment
- Learn from trial masters and judges about effective presentation skills
- Practice opening statements, closing arguments, direct and cross examinations
- Receive coaching and critiques to enhance your performance
- Experience your immediate improvement in two days

DATES

April 16 - April 17, 2026

DETAILS

April 16

MCLE Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Program: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

April 17

MCLE Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Program: 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MCLE

15 Hours of which 1 Hour is in Legal Ethics Credit

To receive MCLE credit, you must sign in during the designated MCLE registration period. This activity is approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California. BASF is a certified provider. Provider #103

Location

BASF Offices
50 Fremont Street, Suite 1700
San Francisco, CA

Cost

\$1,000 Individual BASF Member

\$1,395 Non-BASF Member

\$4,250 Firm with 5 BASF Members

\$8,000 Firm with 10 BASF Members

Pre-registration is required.

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8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

MCLE Registration and Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Lecture/Demonstration: Opening Statement

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Lecture/Demonstration: Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication Skills

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Workshop #1: Brainstorming - Setting up the Case for Success.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Working Lunch: Lecture/Demonstration: Direct & Cross Examinations

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Workshop #2: Opening Statement - Video Review

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Workshop #3: Direct Examination - Video Review

4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Lecture/Demonstration: Closing Argument

5:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Wrap up and Reflections

Reception to follow.

Thursday
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8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Meet together for a huddle; Brief discussion about the goals for the day.

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Workshop #4: Cross Examination - Video Review

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Workshop #5: Moving in Exhibits into Evidence on Direct & Cross Examinations

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. | MCLE: 1 Hour of Legal Ethics Credit

Working Lunch - Discussion about jury selection; Civility matters: Tips from judges and trial lawyers about conduct in the courtroom

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Workshop #6: Using Exhibits on Direct & Cross Examinations - Video Review

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Workshop #7: Closing Arguments

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