

Limited Enrollment! Apply by March 15!

NCDC

Trial Practice Institutes

2012

Comments from past participants:

"I had very high expectations for this program, and my expectations were exceeded in every way. The singular purpose of the program and the quality of the instructors made this a transformative experience. I have learned more than I can reflect on, and hope that all the hard work and sincere dedication of the faculty, staff, and my fellow students will benefit all of my future and current clients. Thank you!"

"This is an incredible program. I am so excited about going back to work and being able to look at my cases with a more discriminating eye. I have been inspired by both instructors and fellow participants, and my confidence in my abilities has grown every day of the past two weeks. Not only am I aware of my own growth, it has been so rewarding to see the same growth in my fellow small group participants. The presentations and demonstrations made me realize I can stretch myself, and have allowed me to focus on the areas in which I need to improve. Seeing such creative people who are so open and willing to help us grow as lawyers, I am so glad I was lucky enough to be here!"

"I recommend that every defense attorney come here!"

Two sessions:

June 17-30, 2012

July 15-28, 2012

Application deadline:

March 15, 2012

National Criminal Defense College

The NCDC

- The National Criminal Defense College was formed in 1985 to continue the important work which had been performed by the National College for Criminal Defense in Houston after that organization closed its doors in 1983. Each year, the NCDC presents two sessions of the Summer Trial Practice Institute on the campus of Mercer Law School in Macon, Georgia.

The Trial Practice Institute

- Each two week session is limited to 96 participants, who are divided into small groups according to trial experience. The least experienced groups normally have no jury trials. It is not unusual for members of the most experienced group to have tried 75 or more jury cases.
- Topics covered in the group exercises include client interview, jury selection, direct and cross examination, impeachment, and closing arguments. Each participant performs each daily assignment under the supervision of a member of the nationally recognized faculty. Faculty members rotate daily, and video is provided in every room.
- Small group exercises are supplemented by faculty lectures and demonstrations. Professional actors are used in the roles of clients and witnesses.

Tuition

- Tuition is \$1,500.00 per session. A \$25.00 registration fee, which will be applied to tuition, is non-refundable and must accompany application. Tuition is payable upon receipt of invoice, and must be paid in advance unless other arrangements are made. Delayed payment arrangements may be made with public defender offices where necessary. Meals provided from tuition include scheduled social events and lunches on weekdays. Participants are on their own for all other meals.

Scholarships

- A limited number of scholarships are available to cover all or part of the tuition of those whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their attendance. Scholarship decisions should be complete by the middle of April. Please be sure to complete the enclosed scholarship request. **Please note housing restriction:** all financial aid recipients will share a room with another participant (no single rooms).

Applications, admissions, & cancellations

- Applications will exceed enrollment by a substantial number. You are encouraged to apply early. Initial acceptances will be made from applications received by March 15. Late applicants and those not selected initially will be placed on a waiting list. Members of NACDL and those who represent indigent clients in criminal matters will be given priority. Because of the defense orientation of this program, those who regularly prosecute cases in any court are referred instead to the National College for District Attorneys.
- The admissions process for both sessions will begin in March. Successful applicants will receive letters and other forms to be returned by the applicant. Upon NCDC's receipt of the confirmation form, a registration will be considered firm.
- Once confirmed, the applicant or the organization sponsoring the applicant is obligated to pay tuition and any housing expenses actually paid by NCDC unless NCDC fills the space from the waiting list. The applicant agrees to notify NCDC of any change in plans.
- Substitutions may be made only with the approval of NCDC. Cancellations will be accepted until June 1 for the June session and July 1 for the July session. Fees (less registration fee) will be refunded for cancellation received before the above dates. After those dates, full tuition will be charged if the space cannot be filled from the waiting list.

For More Information

- Call or write to NCDC, c/o Mercer Law School, Macon, GA 31207 Phone: (478)746-4151 or FAX (478)743-0160. Email: Rosie@ncdc.net or RosieFlanigan@gmail.com.

This application must be completed in full.

Trial Practice Institute 2012 Application

Return completed application to NCDC, c/o Mercer Law School, Macon, GA 31207; FAX 478/743-0160

Session desired: June 17-30 July 15-28 Either Session

If you need additional space, attach extra sheets. Please print **legibly** or type.

Mr. Ms. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name you want to be called: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Firm: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell phone: _____

Office phone: _____ Fax: _____ Home phone: _____

Number of attorneys in your office: _____ Room preference: Single Double

Type of practice

private practice state public defender federal public defender

If public defender, is office applying?* individual applying?

*Separate information sheet required. It will be sent to those checking this box, if not already filed.

If not a public defender, briefly describe your practice and that of others in your office.

Do you handle death penalty cases? Yes No What percentage of your practice is death penalty? _____

Experience

Participants are placed in small groups according to experience level. Please be candid in supplying this information and do not exaggerate the number of trials.

Number of Trials

Criminal: Felony jury _____ Felony non-jury _____
Misdemeanor jury _____ Misdemeanor non-jury _____
Civil: Jury _____ Non-jury _____

In your opinion, in which group should you be placed -- most experienced (5), least experienced (1), or an intermediate group (2,3, or 4)? _____

If you believe that the number of trials given above fails to adequately reflect the level of your trial experience, please explain any other factors which you wish to have considered in placing you in a small group.

Law School: _____ Year graduated: _____

Trial Training Courses in Law

School: _____

Trial Training Courses since Law School: _____

NCDC 1985-2011, NCCD 1973-83 or NACDL 1984; San Diego
Institute: Year _____ Section _____

Other trial skills courses

Briefly explain why you want to attend the Institute. (Continue on separate page if necessary.)

Affiliations

Often, donors to the College specify that their funds be awarded to a member of a specific organization. To fulfill these requests, we need to know about your memberships in various legal organizations. Please list them here.

Financial Matters

If billing name and address are not listed, we assume that the applicant is **personally** liable for all expenses. If the applicant is not paying for his or her own expenses, guarantor **must** sign this application in the appropriate space at the bottom of this page.

My tuition will be paid by: self employer

My housing fee will be paid by: self employer

Billing guarantor name and address (We MUST have signature of guarantor at bottom of page):

Is scholarship assistance needed? PLEASE ANSWER.

- I do need scholarship assistance. I have enclosed the scholarship request.
Each scholarship recipient must share a room with another participant.
- I do NOT need scholarship assistance.

Deposit Information

A check for my \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee is enclosed.

Please charge my registration fee to Visa Mastercard American Exp.

Card #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Other Information

Have you applied to NCDC for Trial Practice Institute previously? Which years? _____

Have you attended any NCDC programs? Yes No

If yes, give program name and date: _____

Are there members of the NCDC faculty or former participants who would serve as references? Please list names, addresses, and phone numbers (if known): _____

Certification and Guarantee

I am am not a member of NACDL.

I do do not accept representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases.

I certify that I am not regularly engaged in the prosecution of criminal cases in any court.

I understand that if I am accepted into this program, I will be required to send written notice of confirmation to NCDC. After NCDC's receipt of this confirmation, I will be liable for full tuition charges if I (or my office) do not follow the cancellation policy described elsewhere in this brochure.

Applicant signature: _____

Date signed _____

Guarantor signature: _____

Position Title: _____

Date signed _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

- Caucasian
 African American
 Asian
 Native American
 Hispanic
 Other _____

2012 NCDC Individual Scholarship Request

Note to Public Defenders: If your Defender Office is applying for scholarship assistance, you **DONOT** need to complete this form, though you may add your own personal comments on why you need assistance. If your office has not applied **OR** if you are applying outside those official channels, you must complete this form.

HOUSING POLICY: Since our limited scholarship funds are awarded on the basis of need, we find it inappropriate to have such funds used for private housing. We no longer allow such use. Each scholarship recipient will share a room with another participant. Exceptions from this policy are made very rarely. If you feel you qualify for an exception, please contact the Dean.

Applicant Name: _____ Office Phone: _____
Firm: _____ Fax Phone: _____
Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Private attorneys, complete this section.

What is your position with the firm? _____

How many lawyers in the firm? _____ Partners _____ Associates _____

What assistance will your office provide?
 None
 All tuition & housing
 \$ _____ of tuition/housing
 Other _____

If office will provide little or no assistance, please explain why. _____

What % of your work is criminal? _____

Do you take indigent appointments? _____ How many in a typical year? _____

Public Defenders, complete this section.

What assistance will your office provide?
 None
 All tuition & housing
 \$ _____ of tuition/housing
 Other _____

If office will provide little or no assistance, please explain why. _____

Please explain in detail why you need financial assistance.

(Please continue on next page.)

Faculty

- Faculty members teach at NCDC for one week. Participants can anticipate exposure to approximately 25 instructors. *This is a list of NCDC faculty who taught in Summer, 2011.* These and others will be here this year, trial schedules and other considerations permitting .

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| Chris Adams | Robert Glass | Andrea Lyon | Jim Shellow |
| Ramon Alvarado | Frank Hogue | Terence MacCarthy | David Shircliff |
| Tony Axam | Tina Hunt | Sean Maher | Jane Siegel |
| David Baugh | Abraham Hutt | Calvin Malone | James Smith |
| James Beane | Jim Jenkins | Tony Natale | Karen Smolar |
| Keith Belzer | Judge Joseph Johnson | Bert Nieslanik | Michael Stout |
| Cathleen Bennett | Rick Jones | Martin Pinales | Dean Strang |
| Beattie Butler | Rick Kammen | Steve Rench | SunWolf |
| Dale Cobb | Joshua Karton | Elton Richey | Colette Tvedt |
| Herschella Conyers | Kathryn Kase | Ann Roan | Ron Tyler |
| Tony Cueto | Michael Kennedy | Jeff Robinson | Deja Vishny |
| John Delgado | Christine Koehler | Hugo Rodriguez | Bill Ward |
| Sam Dennis | Michele LaVigne | Paul Rudof | Lisa Wayne |
| Pete Donaldson | John Lentine | Jon Sands | Gerald Williams |
| Skip Gant | David Lewis | Parag Shah | Heather Williams |
| Andy Gavaldon | Ernie Lewis | Laurie Shanks | Boyd Young |
| Andrea George | Steve Lindsay | Bart Sheela | Lorinda Youngcourt |

Housing

- **Double: \$550.00 (shared with another participant)**
- **Single: \$1,100.00 (limited availability)**
- All participants stay at a hotel in Macon. The after-hours contact with other participants and faculty is an essential part of the College experience. Hotel reservations must be made through the College, NOT directly to the hotel. Each scholarship recipient will share a room with another participant.

About Macon, Georgia

- Macon, Georgia, has a population of about 140,000 and is located 75 miles south of the Atlanta airport on Interstate 75. The city features many locations of historical and architectural interest. Macon has the usual complement of night spots and several good restaurants. The Mercer Law School is located in Macon's In-Town Historical District.

Don't forget!
Theories and Themes
Spring, 2012, Atlanta

See www.ncdc.net for more details!

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c/o Mercer Law School
Macon, GA 31207

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Trial Practice Institutes 2012

Two Sessions Offered!

June 17 - 30

July 15 - 28

General Policies

- The NCDC does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or national origin. An affirmative effort will be made to assure diversity in each session in keeping with the educational goals of the College. It is *strongly* recommended that participants attend the College unaccompanied by spouses, children, or pets.

Duplicate/Incorrect Mailings

- If we've sent you more than one of the same brochure or if we are mailing to a person no longer at your office, we'd like you to let us know. Please clip the address labels, circle the correct one and mail them all to us. Thanks for your help!

Comments from past participants:

- "The genuineness of the faculty members makes their lessons more appealing and resonates with the commitment of participants who devote their time to being the 'help of the helpless.' It lays to rest the notion that high powered attorneys must be soulless, humorless, spiritless automatons."
- "NCDC will change the way I will practice law. Undoubtedly, the best professional training experience of my career."
- "The training itself was superior beyond compare."