

**Limited Enrollment! Apply by March 15!**

# NCDC

## Trial Practice Institutes

# 2006

**Comments from past participants:**

"I have had a powerful, intense, empowering two weeks. It was wonderful to see how diverse our 'family' is - with personalities and tools of persuasion. Seeing other styles, techniques, views of other students and instructors stretched me to grow."

"The College has helped me to begin setting aside the 'lawyer' in me and start opening up more to the emotion, the story behind each case and each client."

"Amazing program. As a new new new public defender, I was ready to be blown away and I was."

"I was dazzled almost every day."

"What great minds and generous hearts assemble for this experience!"

"This institute has been life changing - I will never look at a case the same way - the tools I will take away from this process are invaluable, the instructors fantastic."

**Two sessions:**

June 11-24, 2006

July 16-29, 2006

**Application deadline:**

March 15, 2006

**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 videotape 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 \$1,200.00 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, coffee/light continental breakfast on weekdays, 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, 2006. 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 in Houston, Texas.
- 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@aol.com.

This application must be completed in full.

# Trial Practice Institute 2006 Application

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

Session desired:  June 11-24  July 16-29  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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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.

### 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)? \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Trial Training Courses in Law

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Trial Training Courses since Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

NCDC 1985-2005, 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.)

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## 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.

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## 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):**

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**Is scholarship assistance needed? PLEASE ANSWER.**

- I do need scholarship assistance. I have enclosed the scholarship request.  
Scholarship recipients 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### OPTIONAL INFORMATION

- Caucasian  
 African American  
 Asian  
 Native American  
 Hispanic  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

# 2006 NCDC Individual Scholarship Request

**Note to Public Defenders:** If your Defender Office is applying for scholarship assistance, you **DONOT** need to complete this form. 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. All scholarship recipients will share a double 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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## Faculty

- Faculty members teach at NCDC for one week. Participants can anticipate exposure to approximately 25 instructors. *This is a list of NCDC faculty that taught at the Trial Practice in 2005.* These and many others will be here this year, trial schedules and other considerations permitting.

Chris Adams	Robert Fogelnest	Michael Kennedy	Martin Sabelli
Vince Aprile	Andy Gavaldon	Michele LaVigne	Jon Sands
Tony Axam	Andrea George	John Lentine	Laurie Shanks
David Baugh	Deb Gilbert	Steve Lindsay	Bart Sheela
James Beane	Robert Glass	Andrea Lyon	Jeff Sherr
Keith Belzer	Gary Guichard	Terence MacCarthy	Burt Shostak
Cathleen Bennett	Annabelle Hall	Terry MacCarthy	Jane Siegel
Bill Bryson	Steve Harmon	Calvin Malone	Michael Stout
Beattie Butler	Carey Haughwout	Crystal Marchigiani	Sunwolf
Yasmin Cader	Frank Hogue	MaryEtta Marks	Richard Tegtmeier
Herschella Conyers	Christina Hunt	Penny Marshall	Colette Tvedt
Tony Cueto	Abraham Hutt	Tony Natale	Ron Tyler
Denise deLaRue	Jim Jenkins	Bert Nieslanik	Deja Vishny
John Delgado	Joseph Johnson	Martin Pinales	William Ward
Pete Donaldson	Richard Kammen	Steve Rench	Gerald Williams
Jodie English	Kathryn Kase	Jeff Robinson	Heather Williams
David Feige	David Lewis	Hugo Rodriguez	Lorinda Youngcourt
Don Fiedler	Ernie Lewis	Cynthia Roseberry	

## Housing

- **Double: \$550.00 (shared with another participant)**
- **Single: \$1,100.00 (limited availability)**
- All participants stay at Crowne Plaza Macon. The hotel is near restaurants and Mercer Law School. 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. Scholarship recipients will share rooms with other participants.

## About Macon, Georgia

- Macon, Georgia, has a population of about 125,000 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.

## Traveling to Macon

- Flying into Macon may not be practical or convenient, since nearly all flights into the city require a stopover and plane change to a commuter carrier in Atlanta, and the Macon airport is inconveniently located.
- Limousine service from the Atlanta airport to Macon is available through several shuttle services. Cost should not exceed \$60.00 roundtrip. Many participants have found it convenient to rent cars at the Atlanta airport.
- Each session begins on a Sunday with a welcoming dinner at 7:00 p.m. and ends at noon on a Saturday. Once enrolled, participants are expected to attend the entire program, including the welcoming dinner on Sunday and the final session on the last Saturday.

**Don't forget Theories, Stories and Improv: March 3-5, 2006!**

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## **Trial Practice Institutes 2006**

### **Two Sessions Offered!**

**June 11 - 24**

**July 16 - 29**

### **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."
- "I'm ready to go to battle. I'm ready to try some new things. Thank you."
- "The last two weeks have been such a journey and I feel so fortunate to have been a student of NCDC. The progress and transitions we have all made over the last two weeks are amazing."