



ABA FORUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

CONSTRUCTION FORUM TRIAL ACADEMY

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
MAY 15, 2012**



2012
June 27 – 30, 2012

U.S. District Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

SERVING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY THROUGH EDUCATION,
LEADERSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP OF CONSTRUCTION LAWYERS





WELCOME

The ABA Forum on the Construction Industry is pleased to announce that the inaugural session of the Forum Trial Academy will be held in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. This three-day intensive trial skills training program will use a construction case to teach the skills that are needed to successfully try a construction dispute. The faculty is made up of experienced construction litigators who have tried construction cases in courts and before arbitration panels in jurisdictions throughout the country. Students will also work with experienced construction experts so they can learn how to prepare expert witnesses, as well as conduct effective direct and cross examinations of technical witnesses.

This program is designed for less experienced construction lawyers and is limited to thirty-six participants. Each participant will be afforded multiple, daily opportunities for “on their feet” trial experience in a construction case, while receiving immediate feedback from course instructors.

The course will culminate with participants, in teams of two, conducting a mock trial of a construction case.

We hope you can join us for this unique opportunity to learn the trial skills that are unique to construction law.

ANTHONY MEAGHER

CHAIR, TRIAL ACADEMY COMMITTEE
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME RECEPTION

U.S. District Courthouse

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 A.M. – 7:15 P.M.

TRIAL ACADEMY

- Direct and Cross Examination of Fact Witnesses
- Developing a Case Theme

Classes will include lectures, demonstrations, and participatory exercises.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 A.M. – 7:50 P.M.

TRIAL ACADEMY

- Direct and Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses
- Opening Statements
- Closing Arguments

Classes will include lectures, demonstrations, and participatory exercises.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

TRIAL ACADEMY

- Mock Trial
- Closing Remarks

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

LOCATION:

The Courthouse is located at Third Street and Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C. It is located one block west of the United States Capitol. The building faces Constitution Avenue where Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues have merged.

To enter the courthouse, all visitors must show a photo ID issued by a government agency, such as a driver's license, or a bar identification card.

All visitors are required to walk through a magnetometer and all bags, briefcases, and backpacks will be screened by an x-ray machine. If you set off the magnetometer as you walk through it, you may be asked to remove your belt, watch, or jewelry.

TRANSPORTATION:

Airfare discounts to ABA meetings are available through ABA Online Travel. To access ABA Online Travel, go to www.abanet.org, and click on the link at the bottom of the ABA Calendar Box. At ABA Online Travel you will have automatic access to meeting airfare discounts, web fares and web book only airlines. The ABA's toll-free number for Orbitz for Business (OFB) is 877-222-4185.

Ronald Reagan National Airport is a 10-minute drive and both Dulles International and Baltimore/Washington International Airports are 45-minute drives to the Courthouse.

There are two convenient METRO subway stations within walking distance to the Courthouse: Judiciary Square (Red Line) which is located at the east side of 4th Street between D & E Streets and Archives-Navy Memorial (Yellow Line) which is located at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

The **deadline** for applications is **May 15, 2012**.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

You will be notified by June 1, 2012 if your application is accepted.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Forum is pleased to announce the availability of up to two Scholarships for the cost of registration for this program for women and minority attorneys who practice construction law. Individuals wishing to be considered as candidates for a scholarship should submit copy of their resume and a brief letter describing their construction law practice. Please advise us whether you would plan to attend the program if you do not receive a scholarship. Applications should be sent to Kelly Rodenberg, kelly.rodenberg@americanbar.org and are due no later than May 15, 2012. If selected, candidates must commit to attend the program and the scholarships are not transferable.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Registrants who are unable to attend the conference will receive a refund less a \$50 administrative fee if written cancellation is received by June 8th, 2012. Cancellations may be faxed to 312/988-5677. No refunds will be granted after June 8th, 2012. The ABA reserves the right to cancel any programs and assumes no responsibility for personal expenses.

CLE CREDIT:

ABA programs ordinarily receive CLE credit in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, MO, MT, NH, NM, NV, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WI, WV, and WY. These states sometimes do not approve a program for credit before the program occurs. For more information about CLE accreditation in your state, visit www.americanbar.org/groups/construction_industry : or contact Kelly Rodenberg at kelly.rodenberg@americanbar.org

MEMBERSHIP:

To encourage registrants to join the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, the reduced member's tuition rate will be extended to registrants who join the Forum when they register for the conference. Forum membership dues are \$50 for attorneys/associates and \$5 for law students. Membership in the ABA and one Section is a prerequisite to Forum membership. Please include a separate check (payable to the American Bar Association) for membership dues.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

If special arrangements are required for disabled individuals to attend this program, please contact the Forum in writing by April 9, 2012 at the American Bar Association, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60654. Fax: 312/9885677.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES:

In the United States an income tax deduction may be allowed for educational expenses undertaken to maintain or improve professional skills. This includes registration fees, travel, meals and lodging expenses (see Treas. Reg. Sec. 1.162-2) *Coughlin v. Commissioner*, 203 F.2d 307 (2nd Cir. 1953.)

DRESS:

Courtroom attire at all times, except Opening Welcome Reception on Wednesday Evening.

QUESTIONS:

If you have questions or require additional conference information, please call 312/9885678. Fax: 312/9885677; email: kelly.rodenberg@americanbar.org

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Participants will be responsible for their own hotel accommodations. The following hotels are within walking distance of the court house:

PHOENIX PARK HOTEL

520 North Capitol Street, N.W.
phoenixparkhotel.com
(202) 638-6900

WASHINGTON COURT HOTEL

525 New Jersey Ave, NW
washingtoncourthotel.com
(800) 763-0487

HYATT REGENCY

400 New Jersey Avenue N.W.
washingtonregency.hyatt.com
(202) 737-1234

FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES

500 H Street, NW
www.marriott.com
(202) 289-5959

HOTEL GEORGE WASHINGTON

15 E Street, NW
hotelgeorge.com
(202) 347-4200

LIAISON CAPITAL HOTEL

415 New Jersey Avenue NW
affinia.com
(202) 638-1616

COURTYARD WASHINGTON CONV. CTR.

900 F Street, NW
www.marriott.com
(202) 638-4600

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APPLICANT FORM

Please print or type

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

MAY 15, 2012

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

(Name as you wish it to appear on attendee list & name badge)

ABA Member ID#

Firm/Company/Agency

Address

City

State

Zip

(Area Code) Business Phone Number

(Area Code) Business Fax Number

E-mail Address

Date First Admitted to Bar

2. REGISTRATION FEES:

Priority will be given to registrations received on or before **May 15, 2012**. If, by the May 15 registration deadline we have more people registered than we have spots for, we will fill the spots on the following basis:

- (1) Priority first will be given to Forum Members.
- (2) Priority next will be given to lawyers who have been members of the bar for less than seven years.
- (3) If we remain oversubscribed, there will be a blind draw of the names of the remaining registrants to fill the spots.

Candidates will be advised by June 1, 2012 as to whether they have been accepted for the program.

Attendees: \$995.00

Total \$_____

3. PAYMENT INFORMATION*:

Check (made payable to ABA) MasterCard American Express VISA

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Your credit card will not be charged and your check will not be deposited until your application is accepted. If you are not accepted, your check will be returned to you.

4. THREE WAYS TO APPLY:

ONLINE: www.americanbar.org/groups/construction_industry

MAIL: American Bar Association
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Mailstop 18.2
321 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654

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