

ADLA 2026 BIBB ALLEN MEMORIAL TRIAL ACADEMY
JULY 30 – 31, 2026
HUGO L. BLACK UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
1729 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203
AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – 8.0 Hours CLE

Lecture Day – Jury Room at Hugo L. Black United States Courthouse

8:00 am – 8:45 am		FACULTY TRAINING SESSION STUDENT REGISTRATION
8:45 am – 9:00 am		WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM <i>Speaker: Gerri Plain</i>
9:00 am – 9:45 am		VOIR DIRE <i>Speaker: Gerri Plain</i>
9:45 am – 10:00 am		BREAK
10:00 am – 10:30 am		OPENING STATEMENTS <i>Speaker: Mark Debro</i>
10:30 am – 11:15 am		EVIDENCE & OBJECTIONS <i>Speaker: Nathan Hill</i>
11:15 am – 12:00 pm		USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE COURTROOM <i>Speaker: Amanda Graham</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm		LUNCH FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS <i>Speaker: Chris King on Ethics</i>
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm		DIRECT OF LAY WITNESSES <i>Speaker: Shelley Lewis</i>
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm		CROSS EXAMINATION, IMPEACHMENT & REDIRECT <i>Speaker: Jennnifer Egbe</i>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm		BREAK
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm		DIRECT AND CROSS EXAMINATION OF EXPERTS <i>Speaker: Chris Christie</i>
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm		CLOSING ARGUMENTS <i>Speakers: Harlan Prater and The Honorable Madeline Haikala</i>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm		ATTENDEE & FACULTY MIXER <i>Paramount, 200 20th Street N, Birmingham, AL 35203</i>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm		FACULTY DINNER

FRIDAY, JULY 31 – 7.75 Hours CLE

Trial Day – You will receive your room assignments on Thursday, July 30th.

Throughout each exercise, you should be prepared to utilize technology, raise objections, respond to objections, and impeach on cross examination

8:00 am – 8:15 am		FACULTY MEETING
8:15 am – 9:30 am		EXERCISE: VOIR DIRE
9:30 am – 11:00 am		EXERCISE: OPENING STATEMENTS
11:00 am – 11:15 am		BREAK
11:15 am – 12:45 pm		EXERCISE: DIRECT EXAMINATION
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm		LUNCH <i>Speaker: Megan Jones on “Second Chair/Third Chair Responsibilities”</i>
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm		EXERCISE: EXAMINATION AND CROSS OF EXPERT WITNESSES
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm		EXERCISE: CLOSING ARGUMENTS