

**Trial Practice
Spring 2015**

Judge James E. Rogan

ATTENDANCE WARNING:

1. **Any student missing the first class, or any student appreciably late (as determined by the instructor) for the first class WILL NOT be admitted to the course.**
2. **If there is a “wait list” for the class, any enrolled student who is late for the first class will either be dropped from the class or, at the discretion of the instructor, will drop to the bottom of the wait list, and the next person on the wait list will take his/her place.** Also, because of the participatory nature of this class and the reliance of fellow students on critique from classmates, attendance rules will be discussed in the first class and adhered to strictly.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES: This course focuses on the mechanics of trying a jury trial from start to finish, including courtroom presentation, *voir dire* (jury selection), opening statements, direct and cross examination, closing arguments, jury instructions, basic trial evidence, trial strategy and tactics. By the end of the semester, students will have a thorough understanding of the trial process, and will develop the basic skills of a trial lawyer.

Text:

1. Mauet, Materials in Trial Advocacy [the workbook we will use; you might wish to hold off purchasing it until after the first lecture]
2. Mauet, Fundamentals of Trial Technique [**optional**]

DISABILITY SERVICES STATEMENT:

Western State College of Law provides accommodations to qualified students with disabilities. The Disabilities Services Office assists qualified students with disabilities in acquiring reasonable and appropriate accommodations and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities at Western State College of Law.

To seek reasonable accommodations, a student must contact Senior Assistant Dean Donna Espinoza, Student Services Director and Disabilities Services Coordinator, whose office is in the Second Floor Students Services Suite. Dean Espinoza's phone number and email address are: (714) 459-1117; despinoza@wsulaw.edu. When seeking accommodations, a student should notify Dean Espinoza of her or his specific limitations and, if known, her or his specific requested accommodations. Students who seek accommodations will be asked to supply medical documentation of the need for accommodation. Classroom accommodations are not retroactive, but are effective only upon the student sharing approved accommodations with the instructor or professor. Therefore, students are encouraged to request accommodations as early as feasible with Dean Espinoza to allow for time to gather necessary documentation. If you have a concern or complaint in this regard, please notify Dean Espinoza; or please notify Associate Dean of Students Charles Sheppard at csheppard@wsulaw.edu or (714) 459-1152. Complaints will be handled in accordance with the College of Law's "Policy against Discrimination and Harassment."