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Middle School Trial Law Infosheet

**New student admissions for
Summer 2025 are open.**



Program Highlights

- Our program provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental techniques and strategies utilized by trial lawyers.
- Students will have the opportunity to interact with professionals who have firsthand experience in courtroom proceedings.
- Special highlights, including visits to the United States Supreme Court, a district courthouse, and a moot courtroom, providing students with unique insights into the legal system.
- The opportunity to participate in a mock trial as their culminating project, applying the skills and knowledge gained throughout the program.



2025 Dates

Georgetown

- Session 1: July 13 - July 18
- Session 2: July 20 - July 25

UCSD

- Session 1: July 6 - July 11



Academic Program Overview

This one-week program aims to equip middle school students with a foundation in Trial Law and expose them to the world of legal practice and education. By the end of the program, participants will have a better grasp of trial techniques, an understanding of the path to a legal career, and unforgettable memories from their exciting visits.



Excursions

In previous years, our students had some incredible experiences! They met with the esteemed Jennifer Anderson, an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. They had the privilege of visiting the prestigious Moot Court at Georgetown Law School, where attorneys often fine-tune their skills for high-stakes oral arguments.

This past summer, our students journeyed to both State and Federal Courthouses, where they met with presiding judges and observed a variety of cases, including a homicide trial, a family law trial, and multiple bail-review hearings. These real-world experiences served as valuable preparation for the students' final trial, where they showcased their skills by performing every phase of a criminal trial, from jury selection to closing arguments.

Instructors

Georgetown - Dennis Clark

Dennis Clark is an experienced prosecutor with over a dozen years in the legal field, having conducted nearly 50 jury trials and numerous bench trials in Maryland and Washington, D.C. Since 2016, he has also taught Criminal Procedure and trial advocacy courses at American University's Washington College of Law while training new AUSAs. Dennis holds a Bachelor of Arts in French Studies and Spanish from Colby College and a Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America.

UCSD - Michael Hirman

Michael Hirman is an attorney who has practiced privately for more than 20 years. In his practice he has litigated cases in civil court, family court and immigration court.



Course Structure

There are five 3-hour class sessions over the one-week course. During the week, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday (program check-out is 2:30 p.m. on Friday). Wednesday afternoon will be dedicated to additional academic time with possible excursions and/or guest speakers.

The Middle School programs operate separately from Summer Springboard high school programs with separate staff, accommodations, classes, and a more structured environment. For students completing grades 6-8.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, Academic Course, and evening activities
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$2,898

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm on Monday-Thursday and 9am to 2:30pm on Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, and evening activities
- **Price:** \$1,498

Supplements:

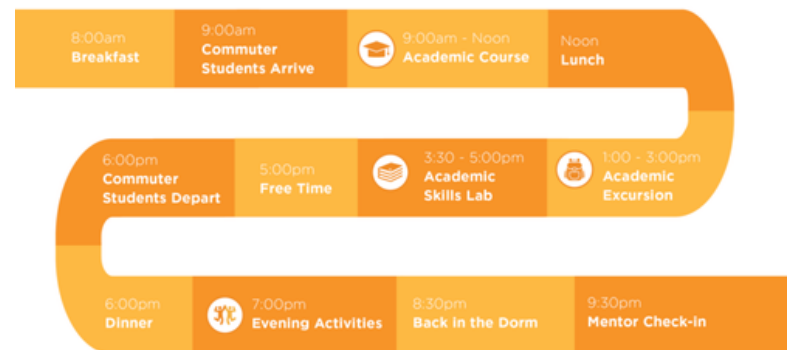
- Application fee: \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Typical Schedule



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