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# Trial Law Infosheet

New student admissions for  
Summer 2025 are open.



## Program Highlights

- Assume the role of trial attorney as you try a challenging case by researching evidence, preparing and crafting arguments, and preparing and examining witnesses
- Experience a unique view of the legal profession that is personal and insightful from seasoned lawyers or legal scholars
- Explore all roles of a challenging case acting as defense attorneys, prosecutors, witnesses, jurors, or judge
- Visit a courthouse and sit in on an active trial



## 2025 Dates

Yale (\$6,298)

- Session 1: June 15 - June 27
- Session 3: July 13 - July 25

Georgetown (\$5,698)

- Session 1: June 29 - July 11

UC San Diego (\$5,698)

- Session 2: July 13 - July 25



## Academic Program Overview

In their first class, students will be introduced to a challenging case. Over the course of the entire program, they will fight for their side's victory until the final decision is ultimately made by the judge. Along the way, the legal teams need to select a jury, craft and present opening arguments, and explain evidence, as well as prepare witnesses for cross-examinations and finish with a strong closing argument. By using an experiential learning approach, students will quickly engage in the topic, and the instructor introduces the underlying theory and concepts as students tackle these issues while trying to win their case.

Note: UCSD Trial Law curriculum places more of an emphasis on constitutional & torts law.



## Typical Schedule



## **Excursions**

In previous years students met with Mike Thompson who led them on a behind the scenes tour of the Law school, and also visited the Chief Justice of the local Superior Court. Students received a one-of-a-kind experience as a first-hand witness to a sentence hearing at the New Haven County Courthouse. Students also got to spend time with Judge Brian Fisher, a judge on the New Haven District Superior Court in Connecticut. In addition, they heard from a state attorney and public defenders to get all perspectives from the justice system. Students got to try on the Judge's robe and sit in the jury booth while learning about courtroom proceedings. In Georgetown, students met with Jennifer Anderson, an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. They visited the Moot Court at the Georgetown Law school, which attorneys often use to prepare for oral arguments before the court.

## **Instructors**

### **Yale - George Muksian, Wesleyan University**

George Muksian combines a lifetime of courtroom experience with teaching experience at some of the nation's top universities. He has worked as a criminal defense lawyer and prosecutor for many years, as well as having tried many cases in the Rhode Island and Massachusetts trial courts. George has also been a law lecturer at Tufts University, Johnson & Wales University and other universities. He holds degrees from Harvard University (Ed.M), Suffolk University (J.D.), Wesleyan University (M.A.), and Providence College (B.A.).

Instructor Video: Trial Law Instructor - George Muskian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPc4PkuaAb0>

### **Georgetown - Dennis Clark, JD**

Dennis Clark, currently serving as a prosecutor and instructor, brings over a dozen years of experience in the law field. With roles as a prosecutor in Maryland and Washington, D.C., Dennis has conducted nearly 50 jury trials and numerous bench trials, navigating a range of legal proceedings from suppression hearings to sentencing and violation-of-probation cases, including presentations to the grand jury. In addition to his prosecutorial duties, Dennis has been sharing his expertise as an instructor of Criminal Procedure and trial advocacy courses at American University's Washington College of Law since 2016. Simultaneously, he plays a pivotal role in training new AUSAs (Assistant United States Attorneys) in his primary position. Dennis holds a Bachelor of Arts in French Studies and Spanish from Colby College and earned his Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America.

### **UC San Diego - Michael Hirman**

Michael R. 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. He is licensed to practice in California and Minnesota and admitted to the United States Supreme Court. In addition to being an attorney, he holds advanced degrees in History and International Relations.



## **Course Structure**

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

# Tuition Information:

## Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** See prices under 2025 dates \*\*Tuition will increase Dec. 1st\*\*

## Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$3,498 at Yale, \$3,298 at UC San Diego, and \$2,998 at Georgetown

# Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at \$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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