

GDLA Trial & Mediation Academy



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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

6:30 - 8:00 pm **Welcome Reception for Faculty & Students**
Presidential Suite – Room 8420

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

7:30 am **Registration & Breakfast**
Loblolly Foyer

8:00 - 8:30 am **Welcome, Faculty Introductions and Overview**
All Plenary Sessions in Loblolly D

8:30 - 10:00 am **Nuts & Bolts of Mediation**
• *Hon. Randy Rich, Henning Mediation*

10:00 - 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am - 12:15 pm **Opening Statement: Faculty Demo & Discussion**

12:15 - 12:30 pm **Break & Get Boxed Lunch**

12:30 - 1:45 pm **Working Lunch: Voir Dire/Jury Selection Strategy**
• *Maithilee Pathak, R&D Strategic Solutions*

1:45 - 3:00 pm **Breakout Sessions – see GDLA reg desk for list**
• Student performance of opening statement

3:00 - 3:15 pm **Break**

3:15 - 5:00 pm **Party & Lay Witness Examinations:
Faculty Demo & Discussions**
Loblolly D

5:00 - 6:30 pm **Breakout Sessions**
• Student performance on the direct and cross-examination of parties and lay witnesses

7:15 - 10:00 pm **Reception/Dinner: Professionalism Address
(9-10 pm) by Fulton State Court Judge Susan Edlein**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

8:00 - 9:00 am **Breakfast (8 - 8:30 am) and Faculty Discussion:
Review of Prior Day**
All Plenary Sessions in Loblolly D

9:00 am - noon **Expert Witness Examinations:
Faculty Demo & Discussion**

12:00 - 1:30 pm **Lunch on Your Own**

1:30 - 3:30 pm **Breakout Sessions: Student Demonstration of Direct
and Cross-Examination of Experts**
see GDLA reg desk for list (different from Thursday)

3:30 - 3:45 pm **Break**

3:45 - 5:15 pm **Closing Argument: Faculty Discussion**

5:30 - 6:30 pm **Hospitality Suite Reception**
Presidential Suite - Room 8420

6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

8:00 am **Breakfast**
Loblolly Foyer

8:30 - 10:00 am **Closing Argument: Faculty Demo**
Loblolly D

10:00 am - noon **Breakout Sessions – see GDLA reg desk for list**
• Student performance of a closing statement

12:00 pm **Adjourn**

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