



THE HONORABLE WARREN W. EGINTON

JUSTICE INSTITUTE

DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

AGENDA

DAY ONE (July 15, 2024)

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| 8:30 am – 9:00 am | Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria) |
| 9:00 am – 9:15 am | Welcome (Courtroom 1)
<i>Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, United States District Judge</i>
<i>Hon. Sarala V. Nagala, United States District Judge</i>
<i>Rowena Moffett, Federal Bar Council</i> |
| 9:15 am – 9:30 am | About the Federal Court and WWE Legacy Presentation (Courtroom 1)
<i>Hon. Sarala V. Nagala</i>
<i>Craig Cepler, Denlea & Carton LLP</i> |
| 9:30 am – 10:00 am | Public Speaking 101 (Courtroom 1)
<i>Conor Reardon, Deputy Chief, Appeals, U.S. Attorney's Office</i>
<i>Stephanie Levick, Assistant U.S. Attorney</i>
<i>Daniel Cummings, Assistant U.S. Attorney</i> |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Break |
| 10:15 am - 11:00 am | Participant Introductions (Practicing Public Speaking 101 Techniques)
(Courtroom 1) |
| 11:00 am - 11:15 am | Professionalism (Courtroom 1)
<i>Dinah Milton-Kinney, Clerk of Court</i> |
| 11:15 am - 11:30 am | Break
(Teams 1-3: Justice Institute Clothes Closet 2 nd Floor) |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Lunch (Cafeteria) |

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Connecticut Old State House Tour and Visit

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Criminal Investigations (Courtroom 1)

Moderator: Jocelyn Kaoutzanis, Criminal Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office

Panelists: Kyle Bombace, Sergeant, Conn. State Police

Wendy Bowersox, Special Agent, FBI

Andrew Pappas, Special Agent, FBI

Carlos Penagos, Special Agent, DEA

Elizabeth White, Detective, New Haven Police Dep.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Mock Trial Introduction and Group Meetings with Law Student
Advisors

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6	TEAM 7	TEAM 8
Coaches	Catie Buonamici	Isabella Crotta	Christopher Severini	Isabelle Kirschbaum	Mitch Medina	Colleen Spence	Kaitlyn Kelsey	Samantha Crone
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DAY TWO (July 16, 2024)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:15 am – 10:15 am Instruction and Breakout Session: Delivering an Opening Statement
(Courtroom 1)
Moderator: Hon. S. Dave Vatti, United States Magistrate Judge
Panelists:
Geoff Stone, Deputy Chief, Violent Crimes & Narcotics Unit, U.S.
Attorney’s Office
Amanda DeMatteis, Partner, Garrison, Levin-Epstein,
Fitzgerald & Pirrotti, P.C.
(9:40-10:15 am: Prosecutors – Courtroom 1)
(9:40-10:15 am: Defense Counsel – South Courtroom - 2nd Floor)
- 10:15 am - 10:30 am Break
(Teams 4-6: Justice Institute Clothes Closet 2nd Floor)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am Court Observation (Sentencing) (Courtroom 2)
United States v. Apotrias (OAW)
- 11:45 am – 12:30 pm Lunch (Cafeteria)
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Presentation: K-9 Unit (Annex Parking Garage)
Dan Sentementes, Yale Police Department, FBI Task Force
Officer
- 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm Lecture: The History and Significance of Miranda (Courtroom 1)
Peter Mitchell, Yale Law School
- 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Break
(Teams 7-8: Justice Institute Clothes Closet 2nd Floor)
- 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Instruction and Breakout Session: Direct Examinations and Cross-
Examinations (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: U.S. District Judge Sarala V. Nagala
Panelists:
Alexis Beyerlein, Day Pitney
Ray Miller, Assistant U.S. Attorney
(2:40-3:15 pm: Prosecutors – Courtroom 1)
(2:40-3:15 pm: Defense Counsel – South Courtroom - 2nd Floor)

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for Moot Court Competition

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DAY THREE (July 17, 2024)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am *Would I Like Law School?* (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: *Millie VandenBroek, Director of Career Development, Quinnipiac Law School*
Panelists: *Olta Shkempi, UConn Law '24*
 Kenny Peralta, UConn Law '23
 Monique Johnson, UConn Law '26 (anticipated)
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am Library Tour/Research Skills (Library, 2nd Floor)
 Julie Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm Lunch (Cafeteria)
Pathways to the Bench Judicial Panel
Moderator: *U.S. District Judge Sarala V. Nagala*
Panelists:
 U.S. District Judge Alvin Thompson
 U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Garcia
 U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Spector
- 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm Break/Move to USMS Cell Block
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm U.S. Marshals Service: Tour of Cell Block (3rd Floor)
- 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Instruction: Delivering a Closing Argument (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: *U.S. District Judge Sarala V. Nagala*
Panelists: *Hal Chen, Assistant U.S. Attorney*
 Allison Near, Partner, Jacobs & Dow
 (1:40-2:15 pm: Prosecutors – Courtroom 1)
 (1:40-2:15 pm: Defense Counsel – Courtroom 2)
- 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm Clerk's Office Tour/Panel (Courtroom 1 and Clerk's Office, Lower Level)
Panelists: *Monica Watson Cucchiarelli, Chief Deputy*
 Tatihana Murphy, Courtroom Deputy
 Brandon Seguro, Jury Clerk
 David Karr, IT Systems Administrator

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DAY FOUR (July 18, 2024)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am Court Observation (Naturalization Ceremony) (Courtroom 1)
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 am – 11:30 am United States Probation Office Panel (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: Jon Sitek, Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer
Panelists: Stacey Alston, U.S. Probation Officer
Abigail Mahar, U.S. Probation Officer
Caitlin Brennan, U.S. Probation Officer
Daniel Leone, U.S. Probation Officer
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm Lunch (Cafeteria)
- 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm Connecticut Supreme Court Tour
Q&A with Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Andrew McDonald
- 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm Break
- 1:45 pm – 3:45 pm Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for Moot Court Competition

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- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Students Reassemble in Courtroom One for Final Mock Trial Q&A

DAY FIVE (July 19, 2024)

8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)

9:00 am – 10:00 am Group Photos (Annex Stairway)
Final Preparation for Mock Trial Competition

10:00 am – 11:15 am Round One: Mock Trial Competition

Team 1 v. Team 2	Courtroom 1
Team 3 v. Team 4	Courtroom 2
Team 5 v. Team 6	South Courtroom (2 nd Fl)
Team 7 v. Team 8	North Courtroom (2 nd Fl)

11:15 am – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am – 12:45 pm Round Two: Mock Trial Competition

Team 3 v. Team 6	Courtroom 1
Team 1 v. Team 8	Courtroom 2
Team 7 v. Team 2	South Courtroom (2 nd Fl)
Team 5 v. Team 4	North Courtroom (2 nd Fl)

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch (Cafeteria)

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm Keynote Address (South Courtroom)
Introduction: U.S. District Judge Sarala V. Nagala
Keynote Address: Jermaine Brookshire
Attorney, Wiggin & Dana

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Championship Round: Mock Trial Competition (South Courtroom)
Judges:
Hon. William Nardini, United States Circuit Judge
Hon. Maria A. Kahn, United States Circuit Judge
Hon. Nina Elgo, Connecticut Appellate Court Judge

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Ask the Judges: Q&A with Students and Parents (South Courtroom)

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Awards and Closing Remarks (South Courtroom)

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Reception (Annex)