

2024 WSBA Trial Advocacy Program Program Overview & Chair-Elect Volunteer Information

WSBA CLE is recruiting an experienced trial lawyer to serve as the Experienced Practitioner Chair-Elect to plan our New Member Education [Trial Advocacy Program](#) (TAP). Always a popular event, TAP offers a two-day CLE on trial skills taught by seasoned trial lawyers followed by a one-day mock trial. This program is designed for attorneys working in the criminal or civil arena with little or no trial experience, but a strong desire to become effective trial lawyers.

TAP occurs once per year, and the chair-elect position is a two-year commitment (two program cycles). Along with the Young Lawyer Chair-Elect and WSBA staff, you will:

- Develop an agenda for the CLE and mock trial
- Recruit volunteer faculty for the CLE and volunteer judges to preside over the mock trial
- Provide introductory remarks and facilitate discussions during the CLE
- Help coordinate courtroom proceedings during the mock trial

What are the benefits of serving as a chair-elect?

- A unique mentoring, professional development, and networking opportunity that can mostly be done on your own time
- Complimentary registration to attend the two-day CLE seminar and mock trial (WSBA will report your CLE credits)

What is the time commitment?

- December 2023-May 2024 (confirmed) & December 2024-May 2025 (tentative)
- Initial Co-Chairs Meeting via videoconference to review logistics, timeline, and responsibilities
- Time spent recruiting volunteer CLE faculty and judges
- Intermittent meetings, phone calls, and/or email communication as needed
- CLE: Wednesday & Thursday, May 8 & 9, 2024, online via webinar (2025 dates TBD)
- Mock Trial: Saturday, May 18, 2024, WSBA Conference Center, Seattle (2025 date TBD)

I'm interested – how do I apply?

- Please e-mail a statement of interest to Rachel Matz, WSBA New Member Education Programs Lead, at rachelm@wsba.org no later than Monday, November 13, 2023.