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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Wednesday, April 5

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast** – Hallway outside Moot Court Room, Myron Taylor Hall
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Orientation** - Moot Court Room  
*Review of Materials and Case Outline*
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **LECTURE: JURY SELECTION** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:** **Elizabeth Hecht, Esq. (Civil)**, Mead Hecht Conklin & Gallagher, LLP, White Plains  
**Hon. Marc Seedorf (Criminal)**, Law Offices of Marc A. Seedorf, Bronx
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **LECTURE: OPENING STATEMENTS** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:** **Peter J. Moschetti, Jr., Esq. (Civil)**, Anderson Moschetti Taffany, Albany  
**Richard D. Collins, Esq. (Criminal)**, Collins Gann McCloskey & Barry PLLC, Mineola
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon – Sponsored by the Business Law Section**
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Jury Selection and Faculty Critique**
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Welcome Cocktail Reception** - Taylor Room, Statler Hotel
- 6:30 p.m. **Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee meeting** – Yale/Princeton Room, Statler Hotel  
All attendees welcome to attend

## Thursday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. **Voir Dire Demo** - Barton Slavin (Civil) and Andrea Rendo (Criminal), Moot Court Room  
**Registration and Continental Breakfast** – Hallway outside Moot Court Room
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **LECTURE: TRIAL ETHICS** - Moot Court Room
- Moderator:** **Stephen P. Younger, Esq.**, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLC, NYC
- Speakers:** **Hon. Guy H. Mitchell (Criminal)**, New York City Criminal Courts, NYC  
**Hon. Kimberly O'Connor (Civil)**, Albany County Supreme and County Courts
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **LECTURE: DIRECT EXAMINATIONS** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:** **Jonathan D. Lupkin, Esq. (Civil)**, Lupkin & Associates PLLC, NYC  
**Carrie H. Cohen, Esq. (Criminal)** Morrison & Foerster LLP, NYC
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon – Sponsored by the Trial Lawyers Section**
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Opening Statements and Faculty Critique**
- 5:15 p.m. **YLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Statler Hotel, Pennsylvania Room  
All attendees welcome to attend

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, April 7

- 8:00 a.m. **Opening Statement Demo** – TBA (Civil), Ben Clark (Criminal), Moot Court Room  
**Registration and Continental Breakfast** – Hallway outside Moot Court Room
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **LECTURE: [CROSS-EXAMINATIONS PART 1](#)** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:* **Vincent E. Doyle, III, Esq. (Civil)** Connors LLP, Buffalo  
**Sherry Levin Wallach, Esq. (Criminal)**, Cross River
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **LECTURE: [CROSS-EXAMINATION PART 2](#)** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:* **Timothy J. Fennell, Esq. (Civil)** Amdursky Pelky Fennell and Wallen, PC, Oswego  
**Peter Gerstenzang, Esq. (Criminal)** Gerstenzang Sills Davis Cohn & Gerstenzang, Albany
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon – Sponsored by the Family Law Section**
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Direct Examinations and Faculty Critique**

## Saturday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Direct Examination Demo** – Chris Bakes (Civil), Russ Dombrow (Criminal), Moot Court Room  
**Registration and Continental Breakfast** – Hallway outside Moot Court Room
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. **LECTURE: [EVIDENCE, FOUNDATIONS & OBJECTIONS](#)** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:* **Laurie Giordano-Vahey, Esq. (Civil)** Leclair Korona Giordano Cole LLP, Rochester  
**Nick DeMartino, Esq. (Criminal)** Green & Brenneck, Syracuse
- 9:20 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **LECTURE: [TRIAL MOTIONS & MOTIONS IN LIMINE](#)** - Moot Court Room
- Speakers:* **Michael P. O'Brien, Esq. (Civil)** O'Brien Law Firm PLLC, NYC  
**Xavier R. Donaldson, Esq. (Criminal)** Donaldson & Chilliest LLP, NYC
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 **LECTURE: [CLOSING ARGUMENTS](#)**  
**Michael L. Fox, Esq. (Civil)** Adjunct Professor Mount Saint Mary College, Huguenot  
**Peter Gerstenzang, Esq. (Criminal)** Gerstenzang Sills Davis Cohn & Gerstenzang, Albany
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon – Sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section**
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Cross-Examinations and Faculty Critique**
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **CLOSING COCKTAIL RECEPTION** – Common Area, Cornell Law School (near lunch area)

## Sunday, April 9

- 8:00 a.m. **Cross Examination Demo** – Mark Moretti (Civil), Phil Mueller (Criminal), Moot Court Room  
**Registration and Continental Breakfast** – Moot Court Room
- 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **BREAKOUT GROUPS - Individual Presentations on Closing Arguments and Faculty Critique**
- 12:00 p.m. **Closing Statement Demo** – Allan Ahearne (Civil), Andrew Bernstein (Criminal), Moot Court Room  
**Young Lawyers Section Boxed Lunches to Go**

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