



THE LITIGATION SECTION
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Rio Grande Valley Chapter

2025 Trial Academy

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Hidalgo County Courthouse | 100 N Closner Blvd | Edinburg, TX 78539

6.75 hours MCLE credit, including 0.5 hour of ethics

8:00 AM

Sign-in and Seating

8:30 AM

Academy Overview

Lara Brock & Nadia Bettac

8:45 AM (0.5hr)

Voir Dire Strategies

Plaintiff - Will Moye

Defense - Jennifer Doan

9:15 AM (0.5hr)

Opening Strategies

Plaintiff - Javier Espinoza

Defense - Sofia Ramon

9:45 AM (1hr)

Breakout Groups

10:45 AM

Break

11:00 AM (0.5hr)

Direct Examination Strategies

Plaintiff - Laura Tamez

Defense – Geoff Gannaway

11:30 AM (0.75hr)

Breakout Groups

12:15 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM (0.5hr)

Cross Examination Strategies

Plaintiff - Charlie Ginn

Defense - Mark Macias

1:30 PM (1hr)

Breakout Groups

2:30 PM (0.5hr)

Closing Strategies

Plaintiff - Chip Brooker

Defense - Rob Ford

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 PM (1hr)

Breakout Groups

4:15 PM (0.5hr ethics)

What it Takes to be a

Real Trial Lawyer

Jennifer Doan, National President -

ABOTA

4:45 PM

Reception



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MATERIALS: Course materials will be posted online prior to the program for registrants to download and view during the course.

MCLE ACCREDITATION: This course has been approved for 6.75 hours MCLE accreditation in Texas, including 0.5 hour of ethics credit. For out of state credit, please request a Uniform Certificate of Attendance from the registration desk to fill out and send to out of state entities.

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