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Re: American College of Trial Lawyers Task Force on Mentoring

Dear Kathleen and John:

I received the February 6, 2019 email requesting information on State and Local Bar Association Programs that help train trial lawyers. There are two (2) that I am familiar with.

1. "The John L. Oliver, Jr." Trial Academy. It is conducted in the spring of each year at the University of Missouri School of Law in Columbia, Missouri during spring break. The Academy is designed for younger lawyers and is approved for 21.3 hours of CLE including 1.2 hours of Ethics credit. The faculty is made up of Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers experienced trial lawyers and State Court Judges. Many of the trial lawyer faculty are members of the College. John L. Oliver was a member of the American College and one of the outstanding trial lawyers in the State of Missouri for many years.

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The enrollment is limited to thirty-five (35) students. It is a hands-on training program that has been carried on in excess of twenty (20) years. More information about the Trial Academy can be obtained from the MODL office at 573-636-6100.

2. The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association in conjunction with Federal Judges in the Western District of Missouri annually conduct the Ross T. Roberts Inns of Court Program. Ross T. Roberts was a Federal Judge who unfortunately died quite young. The Program was designed to train young lawyers on trial practice and draws students from firms throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

Information on the Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy can be obtained from the committee that runs that program. For more information, contact Sharra Wagner at 816-474-4322.

Sincerely,

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