***PROGRAM INFORMATION***

**ACTL Trial Advocacy Diversity in the Courtroom Program**

This program will be offered with ACTL Fellows serving as faculty. The program will strive to build faith, trust, and belief in the civil justice system.  The future generation’s commitment to the rule of law and the civil trial system depends in part on both. ACTL Fellows, who are preeminent members of the trial bar from the U.S. and Canada, is better equipped than anyone to undertake this important service.

Today’s society and courtrooms are places of diversity.  The trial lawyers should mirror the diversity of the society and the courtrooms.  That is beneficial to the system of justice and to the representation of all clients. The teaching emphasis of this program will be on learning to better try “a” case.

**Course Details**

* The programs will follow a traditional trial advocacy format: learn by demonstration; learn by students doing; learn by individual critique and review.
* Existing ACTL or NITA case file to be used
* Cover each segment of a trial🡪 direct 🡪 cross 🡪 openings 🡪 exhibits/visuals 🡪 impeachment 🡪 closings
* Program culminate with trials of the case file (2 lawyers per side per trial)
* 2 ½ day programs to be held at the Chicago offices of Latham & Watkins, 330 N. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, 60611

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| **Diversity in the Courtroom Program** |
| Friday, May 1, 2020 – Sunday, May 3, 2020 |
| * + Day 1: Friday  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   + Day 2: Saturday  9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   + Day 3: Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |

Faculty

ACTL Fellows will serve as faculty, with one faculty for every four students (for example, 24 – 6). Faculty will include Fellows with a range of experience from different locations.

Expenses

There will be no tuition or fee. Below are the estimated costs for an attorney to attend.

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|  | Langham Chicago Hotel | Gwen Hotel |
| Airfare | $500 | $500 |
| Hotel (3 nights) | $1,200 | $900 |
| Incidental Expenses | $200 | $200 |
| **TOTA**L | $1,900 | $1,600 |

Funding

Latham, through its Diversity Leadership Committee (DLC) and its Women Enriching Business (WEB) Committee, serves as a sponsor by providing its training facilities in Chicago and providing on-site personnel support, A/V equipment, breakfast, and lunch daily. Fellows (Faculty) will donate their time and cover their expenses. Diversity in the Courtroom program attendees will be self-funded, with the costs paid by their employer or out-of-pocket. For ACTL Fellows who nominate participants, Fellows will agree for their firm to cover the costs for nominees.