



THE HONORABLE WARREN W. EGINTON

JUSTICE INSTITUTE
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

AGENDA

DAY ONE (July 14, 2025)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am Welcome (Courtroom 1)
Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, United States District Judge
Hon. Sarala V. Nagala, United States District Judge
Monica Watson Cucchiarelli, Chief Deputy Clerk
Rowena Moffett, Federal Bar Council
- 9:15 am – 9:30 am About the Federal Court and WWE Legacy Presentation (Courtroom 1)
Monica Watson Cucchiarelli, Chief Deputy Clerk
Talbot Welles, Former Career Law Clerk to Judge Eginton
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am Public Speaking 101 (Courtroom 1)
Conor Reardon, Deputy Chief, Appeals, U.S. Attorney's Office
Stephanie Levick, Assistant U.S. Attorney
Nathan Guevremont, Assistant U.S. Attorney
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am Break
- 10:15 am - 11:00 am Participant Introductions (Practicing Public Speaking 101 Techniques)
(Courtroom 1)
- 11:00 am – 11:15 am Mock Trial Introduction
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm Lunch (Cafeteria – Participants and Law Student Coaches)
- 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lecture: The History and Significance of Miranda (Courtroom 1)
Peter Mitchell, Yale Law School

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm Break

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Group Meetings with Law Student Advisors

| | TEAM 1 Prosecutors | TEAM 2 Defense Counsel | TEAM 3 Prosecutors | TEAM 4 Defense Counsel | TEAM 5 Prosecutors | TEAM 6 Defense Counsel |
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| Coaches | Sam Fiske | Duncan Kelly | Matthew Bondy | Erin Brown | Andrew McCotter | Nicholas Ricciardi |
| | Meaghan Murphy | Taite Puhala | Laura Calandro | Wyatt Cote | Kevin Priebe | Tashieka Sangster |
| | Robert "RJ" Schroeder | June Christian | Madison Gonsalves | Evie Artis | Jill Green | Katie Fritz |
| Location | CR 1 Jury Room | Judge Nagala's Library | Training Room (2 nd Fl) | South CR Jury Room (2 nd Fl) | CR 3 Jury Room | Vacant Chambers Conf Rm 1 (2 nd Fl) |

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break
Justice Institute Clothes Closet (2nd Floor)

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm Instruction and Breakout Session: Delivering an Opening Statement (Courtroom 1)

Moderator: Hon. S. Dave Vatti, United States Magistrate Judge
Panelists:

Geoff Stone, Deputy Chief, Violent Crimes & Narcotics Unit, U.S. Attorney's Office

Amanda DeMatteis, Partner, Garrison, Levin-Epstein, Fitzgerald & Pirrotti, P.C.

(3:15 – 4:00 pm: Prosecutors – Courtroom 1)

(3:15 – 4:00 pm: Defense Counsel – South Courtroom - 2nd Floor)

DAY TWO (July 15, 2025)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:15 am – 10:00 am Law-Adjacent Careers (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: Hon. Thomas O. Farrish, United States Magistrate Judge
Panelists:
Anish Shukla, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI New Haven
Kevin Del Biondo, Senior United States Probation Officer
Samantha Bergeson, Courtroom Deputy to Judge Nagala
Jennifer Mellon, Investigator, Federal Defender’s Office
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am Break
 Justice Institute Clothes Closet (2nd Floor)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am Court Observation (Sentencing) (Courtroom 2)
United States v. Richard Greatsinger
Hon. Omar A. Williams, United States District Judge
- 11:45 am – 12:30 pm Lunch (Cafeteria – Participants Only)
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Presentation: K-9 Unit & Bomb Squad (Cafeteria)
- 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Instruction and Breakout Session: Direct Examinations and Cross-Examinations (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: Hon. Omar A. Williams, United States District Judge
Panelists:
Michael McGarry, Assistant U.S. Attorney
Carly Levenson, Assistant Federal Defender
 (1:45-2:15 pm: Prosecutors – Courtroom 1)
 (1:45-2:15 pm: Defense Counsel – Courtroom 2)
- 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for Moot Court Competition

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| Location | CR 1 Jury Room | Judge Nagala's Library | Training Room (2 nd Fl) | South CR Jury Room (2 nd Fl) | CR 3 Jury Room | Vacant Chambers Conf Rm 1 (2 nd Fl) |

DAY THREE (July 16, 2025)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am *Would I Like Law School?* (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: Millie VandenBroek, Director of Career Development, Quinnipiac Law School
Panelists: Hon. Sarah F. Russell, United States District Judge
Olta Shkempi, UConn Law '24
Kenny Peralta, UConn Law '23
June Christian, Univ. of Virginia Law '27
- 10:15 am – 11:00 am Library Tour/Research Skills (Library, 2nd Floor)
Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, United States District Judge
Julie Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Lunch (Cafeteria; Participants Only)
- 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm Break/Move to USMS Cell Block
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm U.S. Marshals Service: Tour of Cell Block (3rd Floor)
- 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Instruction: Delivering a Closing Argument (Courtroom 1)
Moderator: Hon. Robert A. Richardson, United States Magistrate Judge
Panelists: Hal Chen, Assistant U.S. Attorney
Audrey Felsen, Partner, Koffsky & Felsen
(1:45-2:15 pm: Prosecutors – Courtroom 1)
(1:45-2:15 pm: Defense Counsel – Courtroom 2)
- 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for Moot Court Competition

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| Location | CR 1 Jury Room | Judge Nagala's Library | Training Room (2 nd Fl) | South CR Jury Room (2 nd Fl) | CR 3 Jury Room | Vacant Chambers Conf Rm 1 (2 nd Fl) |

DAY FOUR (July 17, 2025)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 9:30 am – 10:15 am Court Observation (Naturalization Ceremony) (Courtroom 1)
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Jury Selection (Courtroom 1)
Hon. Robert M. Spector, United States Magistrate Judge
Ashlee Campbell, Jury Clerk
Ray Miller, Senior Litigation Counsel, U.S. Attorney’s Office
Allison Kahl, Assistant Federal Defender
- 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Lunch (Cafeteria; Participants Only)
- 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Connecticut Supreme Court Tour
Q&A with Connecticut Supreme Court Justices Andrew McDonald and
Nora Dannehy
- 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for
Moot Court Competition

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| Location | CR 1 Jury Room | Judge Nagala's Library | Training Room (2 nd Fl) | South CR Jury Room (2 nd Fl) | West Jury Room (2 nd Fl) | Vacant Chambers Conf Rm 1 (2 nd Fl) |

- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Students Reassemble in Courtroom One for Final Mock Trial
Q&A

DAY FIVE (July 18, 2025)

8:30 am – 9:00 am Optional Breakfast (Cafeteria)

9:00 am – 10:00 am Group Photos (Annex Stairway)
Final Preparation for Mock Trial Competition

10:00 am – 11:15 am Round One: Mock Trial Competition

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| Team 1 v. Team 2 | Courtroom 1 |
| Team 3 v. Team 4 | Courtroom 3 |
| Team 5 v. Team 6 | South Courtroom (2 nd Fl) |

11:15 am – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am – 12:45 pm Round Two: Mock Trial Competition

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| Team 3 v. Team 6 | Courtroom 1 |
| Team 5 v. Team 2 | Courtroom 3 |
| Team 1 v. Team 4 | South Courtroom (2 nd Fl) |

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch (Cafeteria – Participants and Law Student Coaches)

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Break

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Championship Round: Mock Trial Competition (South Courtroom)
Judge: Hon. Michael P. Shea, Chief United States District Judge

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Jury Deliberations

Introduction to *Equal Justice Under Law: An Autobiography* (written by
United States District Judge Constance Baker Motley)
Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, United States District Judge

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Awards and Closing Remarks (South Courtroom)

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm Reception (Annex)