



Advocacy Club Boot Camp @ Law School

Fall, 2024 Semester

**On Zoom, Tuesday
Evenings, Oct 1 to Nov 26,
7:00-8:30 EST**

The Advocacy Club's Boot Camp presents the basic techniques of oral advocacy using experiential 'Learn by Doing'. A mix of plenary sessions to present and demonstrate the techniques and small group breakouts for the participants to practice what we preach.

This program, led by Advocacy Club member litigators, focuses on the correlation between case analysis and execution (how to think of a case and use that thinking in interviews, examinations and argument). Gather the information, determine your goals, and devise a plan to accomplish them. These sessions improve students' performance in all their courses, not only trial advocacy.

Note: there is no day off for Reading Week or articling interviews, as these occur in different weeks at different schools.

Why sign up?

- Learn the methods of case analysis that apply to all areas of law.
 - Practice advocacy techniques with feedback in a risk-free setting.
 - Establish a network of like-minded students and lawyers.
 - Learn a comprehensive approach to advocacy.
 - Get a strategic advantage over your non-member peers.
 - Gain access to the Advocacy Club as a full member.
 - The Boot Camp will take place over two months, with homework (reading, podcasts, exercises).
 - For more information and to reserve your space, contact Advocacy Club founder and senior litigator (ret'd), [John Hollander here](#).
 - Cost: None.
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Read what the participants from 2023 to 2024 had to say:

“Just completed an enriching chapter with the Advocacy Club – a treasure trove of practical skills and invaluable mentorship! 🎓 Immensely grateful for the techniques and practical tips shared by our dedicated mentors.

Huge appreciation to our mentors who made this experience unforgettable: [John Hollander](#), [Alana Guy](#), [Chelsea Sexton](#), [Matthew Benson](#), [Alice Mihailescu](#), and [Melanie LaBossiere](#).

To my fellow law students: If you’re seeking to refine your advocacy skills and network with legal professionals, seriously consider joining the Advocacy Club! It’s not just about learning; it’s about the camaraderie and growth opportunities with fellow club members and experienced lawyers.

Thank you to all who make the Advocacy Club the go-to destination for skill refinement and community building. 🙏 Let’s inspire and support each other on this journey!”

Raymarck Unera, 2L, uOttawa

“I recently completed the Advocacy Camp, and it was truly an eye-opener! The camp offered a deep dive into the world of litigation lawyers, packed with real stories told by the practitioners themselves. Getting a behind-the-scenes look at what litigation lawyers do was incredibly valuable. Meeting outstanding lawyers and making friends and mentors was also a highlight for me. A big shout-out and thank you to our amazing mentors!

This camp opens doors to more networking events, both online and offline. For my fellow law students, this camp is a fantastic opportunity!”

Wei Zhang, 1L, uOttawa

“The Advocacy Club has been a challenging yet rewarding experience during my law school years. I learned to think on my feet and became more comfortable with public speaking. Additionally, I gained hands-on experience that will tremendously benefit my future career. The mentors were incredibly helpful; they not only taught us litigation techniques but also shared their unique stories of litigating and practicing law in general. I recommend this to anyone interested in litigation and networking, regardless of their year in law school.”

Lacy Sun, 3L, uOttawa

“Joining the Advocacy Club has been an invaluable experience that goes beyond the traditional law school academic curriculum. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the Advocacy Club for their expertise and advice! It’s not only about exposure but also about interaction with seasoned lawyers, gaining insights and guidance from real-world litigators. I strongly encourage future law students to seize this opportunity! It’s an investment in your future, equipping you with practical skills and insights that will stand you in good stead throughout your legal career!”

Rui Qu, 1L, uOttawa

“Who, what, when, where, why, and how; the ‘why’ and ‘how’ this is essential to improving your legal advocacy skills is just one of the things the boot camp will teach you. It’s a great way to continue or preview what you’ll learn in trial advocacy classes and an opportunity to meet other students and practicing lawyers with an interest in litigation. I love it because it got me out of legal theory for a while and put the practical back into law. You won’t regret it.”

Nicholas Cheung, 3L, uOttawa

“The Advocacy Club is a must-do for law students who want to become litigators. Not only does it teach you the essential litigation skills you will never learn from law school, it also provides valuable networking opportunities that set you up for success!”

Chloe Wang, 2L, Toronto Metropolitan University

“Thank you for this experience. While I was nervous to start the boot camp, I could not be more thankful for my experience. I will carry the skills I learned into my articling experience and practice. Not only have I gained more confidence in public speaking, but I have also enjoyed being challenged to think on my feet and present my ideas effectively and concisely. Further, I am thankful to have had the opportunity to meet more colleagues and work with amazing mentors. I look forward to retaking the boot camp during my articling term.”

Regan Robinson, 3L, uOttawa

“Just closed the books on an enriching chapter at the Advocacy Club – the ultimate blend of education and mentorship! Heartfelt appreciation for our exceptional mentors for their dedication and expertise. To my fellow law students: seriously, consider joining the Advocacy Club! Not only did we dive deeply into litigation techniques and refine advocacy skills, but it’s also a stellar launchpad to broaden your legal network. The connections made here are invaluable for your future career. Gratitude to everyone who makes the Advocacy Club the go-to hub for legal growth and community.”

Rui Zhang, 2L, uOttawa

“I just wanted to thank you for running the Advocacy Club! As a 1L student,

learning about interviewing techniques, direct/cross-examinations, and public speaking at the beginning of my law school journey was extremely useful. I've already been able to apply what I learned to several school assignments, and I feel well-equipped and excited to tackle my mock trial in 2L! The opportunity to network with other lawyers was also invaluable."

Alexandra Bula, 1L, Lakehead

"This course is an incredible opportunity to extend your legal education beyond the classroom. Whether you pursue a career in litigation or not, this course teaches you fundamental skills that will serve you in every area of practice. Through this course, I became a more confident public speaker, learned how to think clearly under pressure/on the spot, and learned (most importantly) how to get to the point. The Club is also an incredible opportunity to interact with practicing lawyers who are happy to provide invaluable advice and guidance. I would recommend this Club to anyone".

Alexandra Weir, 1L, uOttawa