



Advocacy Club Boot Camp @ Law School

**On Zoom, Tuesday
Evenings, Jan. 30 to March
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 lawyers, 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, 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 had to say:

“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 to 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