



Advocacy Club @ Law School
Online Boot Camp for Law Students
Autumn 2022

September 27 to November 29th
10x Sessions - Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM EST

We want to make you a great advocate - and there is no time like law school to start that process.

At the Advocacy Club (advocacyclub.ca) we believe in the following principles:

- Trainees learn more by doing than by listening to lectures
- Junior advocates benefit greatly from networking with other professionals
- Collegiality, professionalism, and competence are interrelated and form the foundation for a successful career in law.

We have styled the AC@LS Series to focus on the foundations of good advocacy: questioning, analysis, and organization. We cover the following topics in a 10-week period:

- Session 1 - Questioning Techniques
- Session 2 - Questioning Techniques (Continued)
- Session 3 – Case Analysis: Perspective, Theory And Theme
- Session 4 –Theory: Case Analysis Applied
- Session 5 –Scenes To Focus And Humanize The Witness

- Session 6 –Case Analysis Applied - Themes
- Session 7 – Refresher Session
- Session 8 – Direct Exams
- Session 9 – Cross-Examinations
- Session 10 - Legal Argument

Format

- Opening remarks in an interactive Plenary will be led by a senior lawyer. They will explain the purpose of the skill, the AC techniques, and provide a demonstration.
- Students will then be broken into small Breakout Groups, each led by an experienced lawyer member of the AC.
- In the Breakout Groups, students will practice the techniques and receive personalized feedback from their AC Leader.
- We wrap up each Session back in an interactive Plenary.
- Between Sessions, students will have access to a Student Mentor from the AC and be provided with reading, podcasts, and exercises to review between our Zoom Sessions. The workload is as light or heavy as you wish to make it.

Benefits

- 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 advocacy-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.

Cost

- None. Why? Because we all benefit from having good advocates in our society.

We have welcomed students from UOttawa, Osgoode, Victoria, Western, Lakehead, and Queen's, and are open to you and your school participating. For more information and to reserve your space, contact John Hollander or **Matthew Benson** at lawschool.advocacyclub@gmail.com

Testimonials:

“As someone who deals with public speaking anxiety, the Advocacy Club became a safe space for me to confront these personal challenges while learning invaluable skills for the legal profession. I am grateful for the enthusiasm and effort the team leaders put in and there is no doubt I will take the skills I learned here with me wherever I go.” ~ Winter 2021

“The advocacy Boot Camp was great! I could tell by the end of our school semester how much the skills we learned in Boot Camp contributed to the oral advocacy assignments in law school. I can’t wait to apply these skills in future advocacy situations.” ~ Winter 2021