



**The Advocacy Club  
October Boot Camp,  
sponsored by Nelligan  
O'Brien Payne LLP**

**50 O'Connor # 300, Ottawa:  
Oct. 24 & 26, 12:30-5:00**

The Advocacy Club Boot Camp offers junior litigators a unique educational experience. Here, participants learn by doing.

Participants work with witness statements to develop skills to follow up where witnesses lead. They learn and practice how to:

- Interview clients and witnesses.
- Analyze the case to develop themes.
- Create effective outlines for any examination.
- Direct and cross-examination techniques.
- Prepare and deliver final argument.

For EDI content, the Advocacy Club uses video, discussion and exercises to present issues in communication to raise awareness of unconscious bias, and how that interferes with understanding, the lifeblood of advocacy.

These are the basic skills litigators should master to succeed. Best of all, participants develop a sense of collegiality with their co-participants. This peer-to-peer contact continues well beyond the Boot Camp. If you are interested in this or a future session, contact [John Hollander](mailto:John.Hollander2@gmail.com) (John.Hollander2@gmail.com). Cost \$250 for students and \$370 for lawyers, both plus HST.

The Boot Camp qualifies as 7.5 hours substantive CPD, plus 1.5 hours professional of which 1.0 is EDI. Due to the small size of the participating groups, we cannot offer refunds, so we ask you to pay a week before the first session.

## Testimonials (from anonymous surveys)

- *This is an incredible program for lawyers at all stages in their career, and in my opinion should be essential learning. I love how the Boot Camp was participating-based and the takeaways were easy to remember and apply to my practice.*
- *I understand why the course is called a boot camp; participants work hard and are challenged! As a junior lawyer, this format worked as it allowed me to establish what areas I needed to improve and work on those skills. I am significantly more confident in my advocacy skills after going through this program.*
- *It is one thing to know what evidence you need for your case to succeed. It is another to know how to extract it from a witness in a persuasive manner. The Advocacy Boot Camp excels at teaching trial advocacy skills that lay the foundation for junior lawyers to grow and develop.*
- *The Boot Camp makes you get out of your comfort zone and practice in real-time in front of your peers, yet in a safe environment; also good as an advocacy skills refresher.*
- *I highly recommend this Boot Camp to any young lawyer or paralegal before their examinations, cross-examinations or trials. This was not something that I learned in law school, and I appreciated the opportunity to get on my feet and learn in a safe environment.*