



Trial Lawyers College

APPLICATION

BECOME A WINNING TRIAL LAWYER FOR PEOPLE.

TRIAL LAWYERS COLLEGE

- **OUR PHILOSOPHY:** We believe every lawyer has the potential to become an effective and winning advocate for justice. We are committed to help *people's* lawyers become winning trial lawyers who will ethically and nobly champion the cause of the injured, the forgotten and the damned.
- **HOW WE TEACH:** At TLC we work in small groups guided by experienced trial lawyers who have attended the college, are experienced in and have had extensive training in our method. As they say in Wyoming, you can put a thousand dollar saddle on a ten dollar horse, but all you have is the same old plug underneath. To win we must discover our own magic. You will learn how to discover the story of your case, through psychodramatic methods searching for the truth. You will crawl into the hide of the judge, the juror, the witness and the opponent. You will cross examine the expert and make the final argument. You will formulate the theme of the cases and plot the strategies of the trial. From honest feed-back from your colleagues and our staff you will, in the safety of the trial laboratory, discover your own magic.
- **THIS IS A NON-PROFIT INSTITUTION:** Why are we doing this? Our trial lawyer faculty work without pay. Gerry Spence will be there without pay. Your tuition goes to pay the costs of the institute. We believe a free nation can exist only so long as its justice system delivers justice to the people. In the end, we share what we know because we need to share.
- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TRIAL LAWYERS COLLEGE:** You are eligible if you are a member of a bar and are not a corporate attorney, a prosecutor or an attorney who exclusively represents civil defendants, corporations or government. The goal of this college is to train lawyers to represent *people*.
- **HOW THE APPLICANTS WILL BE SELECTED:** Send us a letter (no more than 3 pages, typed and double spaced) along with a completed application. In your letter tell us what you do and what you have done. Tell us your dreams. For the purposes of this letter, we are not interested in your grade average, your law school, your clubs or your golf handicap. We are not interested in your financial or social success or how many cases you've won or lost. We want to know something of your experience as a person, something of your life goals as a lawyer and how you think we can help you achieve them. We are going to select *only* fifty-five out of the entire bar of the United States.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** The College will be held on Spence's ranch about twenty miles east of Dubois, Wyoming on the East Fork of the Wind River. The main barn on the ranch has been remodeled, as have some small cabins on the ranch, to house in dormitory style fifty-five students. Rooms will be small and spartan. Meals will be served by the ranch cooks in the ranch dining hall. Classrooms are in the loft of the Big Barn and in the ranch's sale barn as well as in other buildings on the ranch. If you expect luxury and high style living, don't come. If you expect to be pampered, stay home. You will be asked to do chores. We believe that people who represent ordinary people ought to remember they are ordinary people. We're in this to work and learn together.
- **THE SESSIONS:** There will be two sessions in 2010. The first is from July 9 through July 31. The second session is from September 10 through October 2. Indicate on your application which session you want to attend or that you would attend either session.
- **THE COST:** The cost will be \$3,750 for 23 full days at the college. The tuition includes everything except your transportation to and from Jackson, Wyoming. We'd like a \$500 deposit with your application. There are partial tuition scholarships available for those who need them. Since there are only fifty-five openings, we think you would do well to write today. Tomorrow at the latest.

- Be sure to submit your application form along with your \$500 deposit so that it arrives no later than the application deadline of March 15, 2010 for Session One or May 10, 2010 for Session Two.
- Be sure to include your deposit check in the amount of \$500.
- Be sure to include your letter in response to Part II of the application.

Submit your completed application and deposit check online or by mail to:

Trial Lawyers College
P.O. Box 943
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APPLICATION FOR TRIAL LAWYERS COLLEGE 2010

Please indicate session you are applying for

- FIRST SESSION: July 9 to 31, 2010** (Application Deadline March 15, 2010)
- SECOND SESSION: September 10 to October 2, 2010** (Application Deadline May 10, 2010)
- EITHER SESSION: Based on Availability** (Application Deadline March 15, 2010)

In 2010 the Trial Lawyers College will offer two sessions, twenty-three days in length. Indicate above which session you want to attend. Your application to the Trial Lawyers College consists of two parts, **both** of which must be submitted by the respective deadline shown above.

Please answer all questions in the space provided. A \$500.00 deposit must accompany your completed application form. Applications must be in our hands by the deadline listed above.

Selection for this college considers all of the following: Diversity of geography, gender, age race, experience, diversity of practice areas and life experience. We only have space to accommodate 55 students. This means that many qualified lawyers will not be selected, not based on their attributes or qualifications, but simply because we do not have sufficient housing to accommodate everyone who applies. In the unfortunate event you are not selected, it should not be viewed as any defect on your part.

PART I

Name		Gender	Age	Race (Optional)
Firm Name		Mailing Address		
City		State	Zip	
Telephone Number		Fax Number		
Email Address	Website Address	Year of Law School Graduation		Year Passed the Bar
Type of Current Law Practice			Total Years in Practice	

- How did you hear about us? _____
- Are you actively engaged in the practice of law? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you a member of the bar in good standing? Yes _____ No _____
- Do you or your firm currently represent insurance companies, large corporations or governmental entities (other than legal services or public defenders)? Yes _____ No _____
- If yes, please explain: _____
- Have you applied to the Trial Lawyers College in the past? Yes No If "yes" indicate when: _____

LAW PRACTICE AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- How many lawyers are in your firm? _____
- Please give us a brief history of your practice since graduation: _____

JURY TRIAL EXPERIENCE

- How many jury trials have you conducted as lead counsel? _____
- How many jury trials have you conducted as lead counsel that reached a verdict? _____
- How many jury trials have you conducted as co-counsel? _____
- What kind of cases do you generally try? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Trial Lawyers College is a non-profit organization. The tuition of \$3,750 is for room and board and the expenses of the College. Lodging, three meals per day, plus the beauty and serenity of the Wyoming mountains and streams make this a bargain in itself. Those who can afford to pay are urged not to request financial aid since only a very limited amount of half-tuition scholarships are available.

- Do you need financial aid from the Trial Lawyers College? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much? _____
Briefly explain your need: _____
- What best describes your position and income (for financial aid applicants only)? Self-employed _____ Salaried _____ Other _____
Annual Gross Income: less than \$25,000 \$25,000-\$50,000 \$50,000-\$100,000 Over \$100,000
- If you have a source of aid other than the College, please state the source and amount: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Do you suffer any mental or emotional problems that would make it difficult for you to take part in psychodrama, which is an experience in self-exploration and validation? Yes _____ No _____
- You will be assigned roommates of the same gender by random selection. Do you object to this? Yes _____ No _____
- Can you **commit** to being in attendance for the **entire** twenty-three day length of the program? Yes _____ No _____

The ranch is quite isolated and is situated at 7,200 feet above sea level. Dubois, the nearest town, is 20 miles away. There are pay phones in the dorms, but no televisions, newspapers or internet connection.

- If you play a musical instrument and can conveniently bring it with you, please do so.
- Please list three references with whom we can discuss you as a person, lawyer or both. If you know someone who has attended the Trial Lawyers College, please list that person first.

Name	Relationship	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART II

Send us a letter (no more than 3 pages, typed and double spaced) along with your completed application. In your letter tell us what you do and what you have done. Tell us your dreams. We are not interested in your grade average, your law school, your clubs or your golf handicap. We are not interested in your financial or social success or how many cases you've won or lost. We want to know something of your experience as a person, something of your life goals as a lawyer and how you think we can help you achieve them. We are going to select *only* fifty-five applicants out of the entire bar of the United States.

PAYMENT

Please include a check in the amount of \$500.00 with your completed application as a deposit towards your tuition. If you are not selected, your deposit will be returned. If you are accepted, the balance of \$3,250.00 is due by:

- Session One: June 1, 2010
- Session Two: August 2, 2010
- Either Session: June 1, 2010

If you cannot meet this requirement, we can work out a payment plan for you.

Please do not attach extra documents, letters of reference, articles or writing samples to this application except for the letter/essay required by Part II. The individuals who make the acceptance determinations are extremely busy trial lawyers who volunteer their time to the Trial Lawyers College. Letters of reference or calls intended to influence your selection are discouraged.

Notification of selection will be made by:

- Session One: May 3, 2010
- Session Two: July 1, 2010

The Trial Lawyers College is exclusively for trial lawyers who represent people. Corporate defense, insurance defense lawyers and prosecutors will **not** be accepted. The Trial Lawyers College reserves the right to deny acceptance to any applicant. By signing below, you are certifying that the information set forth above is true and correct and authorize the Trial Lawyers College to verify the accuracy of any information provided in this application.

Date _____ Signature _____

