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NITA Launches Virtual Coaching Sessions for Remote Depositions, Hearings, and Trials

BOULDER, Colo., April 16, 2020 — The National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), the world’s leader in advocacy skills training and publications, is pleased to announce the launch of its one-on-one coaching sessions for carrying out remote depositions, hearings, and trials. This product was launched due to an overwhelming response to a series of webcasts on remote advocacy provided within the first week of COVID-19 shutdowns.

The one-on-one coaching sessions were developed by two of NITA’s expert faculty, the Honorable Mark Drummond (ret.) and communication specialist Carol Sowers. The sessions are virtual, tailored to the needs of each individual participant and employ the NITA “learning by doing” method. These coaching sessions are available to any trial attorney who wants assistance in navigating the new online court system.

Judge Drummond and Ms. Sowers have agreed to donate their time to this new project so that attorneys working in legal services can have the same learning opportunities. For each coaching session purchased, NITA will provide the same training at no cost to a legal services attorney. In addition, the law firm or lawyer who purchases the training will be recognized for this donation.

Judge Drummond and Ms. Sowers provided a brief summary of the benefits of participating in a coaching session.

“We’ll give you a jump start on making your best impression in the virtual courtroom, from setting the scene in your online office to communicating through the camera.” – Carol Sowers

“NITA’s learning-by-doing method will give you practical experience and immediate feedback on how to present yourself and represent your clients. Two hours of two-on-one coaching will get you ready to go into virtual court.” – Hon. Mark Drummond (ret.)

NITA’s Associate Executive Director of Operations Jennifer Schneider stated:

“Through NITA’s new one-on-one experience, advocates will adapt their existing skills and build new skills for remote advocacy. We want to help lawyers succeed in an unfamiliar format.”

Additional information about NITA’s One-on-One coaching sessions can be found here.

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