thank you
Letter from the President

In the long history of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) 2009 should be remembered proudly as the year in which all members of the NITA community banded together to overcome the various economic issues presented to us and make 2009 a success. Volunteer faculty, Program Directors, In-House faculty, members of the NITA Board of Trustees, and the NITA staff stepped up for NITA. For these efforts we are extremely grateful.

That’s not to say there weren’t challenges in 2009. The structure of the legal industry was changed, perhaps permanently. Big firm summer associate programs were cancelled or indefinitely postponed. New hires for all sized firms were delayed, deferred, and cancelled, leaving large numbers of recent law school graduates out of work. Established and experienced attorneys saw their practices reduced in size. Despite experiencing reduced registration numbers NITA was still there for the legal profession to provide the same NITA training long expected by the profession. It became a necessity for all of us to work twice as hard in order to provide quality programs, continue to publish quality publications, and to continue the NITA mission of promoting justice through effective and ethical advocacy training.

NITA ran 52 public programs and multiple programs for public service attorneys. NITA published 32 new books, case files and revised editions of publications. Despite the market, NITA presented nearly 100 In-House Programs for law firms all around the country. NITA trained advocates in Scotland, Ireland, Kenya, Japan and Mexico. And for the first time we offered a tuition program allowing out-of-work attorneys to attend NITA’s flagship National Session and defer payment until they found a job.

We urge everyone in the NITA community to remember all that we accomplished. In the coming year if you cross paths with other members of the NITA Board, faculty or staff, understand that 2009’s achievements were made possible by their hard work. Thank them.

Thank you.

John T. Baker
President
Laurence M. Rose
Immediate Past President

MISSION STATEMENT

NITA is a dedicated team of professors, judges and practicing lawyers who believe that skilled and ethical advocacy is a critical component of legal professionalism and all systems of dispute resolution that seek justice.

NITA’s mission is to:
1. Promote justice through effective and ethical advocacy;
2. Train and mentor lawyers to be competent and ethical advocates in pursuit of justice; and
3. Develop and teach trial advocacy skills to support and promote the effective and fair administration of justice.

NITA LONG-RANGE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

NITA’s Goals and Objectives are to:
• Enable and encourage lawyers to become effective, ethical and professional advocates.
• Create and promote the highest quality professional and ethical advocacy training and educational materials.
• Support and assist the Judicial System in providing the important, effective administration and resolution of disputes.
• Encourage, support and assist advocacy training for and dedication to public service.

Best of NITA 2009

642 people attended the 22 programs held at the NITA Education Center
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The NITA Foundation awarded 122 scholarships totaling $185,000
About NITA

The National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) is the nation’s leading provider of legal advocacy skills training. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization based in Louisville, Colorado, NITA pioneered the legal skills learning-by-doing methodology nearly 40 years ago and has since remained the ultimate standard in professional development.

LEARNING BY DOING

The NITA Learning-by-Doing method is the most effective way to practice, learn and retain the advocacy skills to be used throughout one’s career. Lectures are few and far between as the majority of time spent in programs is performing a specific skill then receiving immediate feedback on those performances.

FACULTY

Comprised of lawyers, judges, professors and consultants from around the nation, the NITA faculty brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to every program and provides participants immediate feedback on their performances. With an average student:faculty ratio of 4:1 to maximize individualized feedback, NITA programs deliver unparalleled professional development for nearly 4,000 attorneys each year.

NITA programs would not be what they are without the volunteer faculty. Many were once NITA program participants and their generosity in giving back to the legal profession is what keeps the NITA community going strong.

Public Programs

NITA public programs are open to all licensed attorneys. Taking place from coast to coast chances are good there will be a NITA program nearby. In 2009 there were 17 Building Trials Skills programs, 20 Deposition Skills programs and 15 specialty programs including advanced, teacher training, legal writing, communication skills and expert witness programs. In public programs, in addition to the time tested NITA method and outstanding faculty, participants have a chance to learn alongside potential colleagues and referral sources from across the country.

“I thought the program was fantastic. It exceeded all of my expectations. I feel infinitely more prepared to take a good deposition, and would recommend this class to anyone who wants to be a better lawyer.”

Kristy Grant
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Las Vegas Deposition Skills participant

Over 41,000 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit awarded
Public Programs

| JANUARY       | Building Trial Skills: Southern California; Los Angeles, CA |
|              | Deposition Skills: Mid-Atlantic; Philadelphia, PA |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Gulf Coast; New Orleans, LA |
|              | Deposition Skills: Pacific; San Diego, CA |
|              | Deposing the Expert Witness; San Diego, CA |
| FEBRUARY     | Deposition Skills: Las Vegas; Las Vegas, NV |
|              | Writing Persuasive Briefs; Louisville, CO |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Midwest; Chicago, IL |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Florida; Ft. Lauderdale, FL |
| MARCH        | Deposition Skills: Great Lakes; Cleveland, OH |
|              | Advanced Deposition Skills: Houston; Houston, TX |
|              | Advocacy Teacher Training: Louisville, CO |
| APRIL        | Deposition Skills: Gulf Coast; New Orleans, LA |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Rocky Mountain; Louisville, CO |
|              | Deposition Skills: New Jersey; Newark, NJ |
| MAY          | Building Trial Skills: Southeast; Chapel Hill, NC |
|              | Writing Persuasive Briefs; Louisville, CO |
|              | Deposition Skills: Southern California; Los Angeles, CA |
| JUNE         | Building Trial Skills: Southern; Dallas, TX |
|              | Building Trial Skills: New York; New York, NY |
|              | Building Trial Skills: DC; Washington, DC |
|              | Deposition Skills: Midwest, Chicago, IL |
|              | Advocacy Teacher Training: New York; New York, NY |
|              | PowerPoint and Technology for the Courtroom; San Francisco, CA |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Western; San Francisco, CA |
|              | Deposition Skills: Southern; Dallas, TX |
|              | Articulate Advocate; Louisville, CO |
|              | Robert F. Hanley Advanced Trial Skills; Louisville, CO |

| JULY         | National Session; Louisville, CO |
|              | Deposition Skills: California Coast; Orange, CA |
| AUGUST       | Deposition Skills: Northwest; Seattle, WA |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Northeast; Hempstead, NY |
|              | Deposition Skills: DC; Washington, DC |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Northwest; Seattle, WA |
| SEPTEMBER   | The Complete Advocate; St Paul, MN |
|              | Writing Persuasive Briefs; Louisville, CO |
|              | Deposition Skills: Mid America; Kansas City, MO |
|              | Deposition Skills: New England; Boston, MA |
| OCTOBER     | Articulate Advocate; Louisville, CO |
|              | DC Advanced Advocates; Washington, DC |
|              | Deposition Skills: Western; San Francisco, CA |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Mid-Central; Indianapolis, IN |
|              | Deposing the Expert Witness; San Francisco, CA |
|              | Deposition Skills: Florida; Ft Lauderdale, FL |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Pacific; San Diego, FL |
| NOVEMBER    | Deposition Skills: Mid-Central; Indianapolis, IN |
|              | Advocacy Teacher Training; San Francisco, CA |
|              | Building Trial Skills: Mid-Atlantic; Philadelphia, PA |
|              | Deposition Skills: NYC; New York, NY |
| DECEMBER    | Deposition Skills: Rocky Mountain; Louisville, CO |
|              | Articulate Advocate; Louisville, CO |

“Overall, I am very pleased with my NITA experience and have nothing but great things to say about the program. I hope that I will be able to attend future programs. Thanks for contributing to my career!”

Twinckle Vaidya
City Of Philadelphia Dept of Law
2009 Washington DC Trial Participant
Public Programs

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

John Baker  NITA; Louisville, CO
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Marsha Hunter  Johnson & Hunter; Prescott, AZ
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Nancy Vaidik  Indiana State Court of Appeals; Indianapolis, IN
Gary Williams  Loyola Law School; Los Angeles, CA
Matthew Williams  Matthew Warren Williams LLC; Auburn, WA

Over 1700 attorneys trained in public programs
Public Service Programs

As a public service organization, NITA provides the same high-caliber training to attorneys working in areas of public service that we do for the nation’s largest firms. Legal services attorneys, public defenders and all attorneys who have chosen to work in child advocacy, tribal law, death penalty defense, immigration, domestic violence or any other vital areas of public interest can attend these programs, some at a substantial discount, others completely tuition free.

**PROGRAMS**

Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Training Institute; Louisville, CO
Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child; Hempstead, NY
Equal Justice Works; Washington, DC
National Disability Rights Network Deposition; Baltimore, MD
Legal Service Corporation Attorney Trial Skills; Louisville, CO
Public Service Attorney Trial Skills; Louisville, CO
Trial Skills for Juvenile Public Defenders; Orlando, FL
Memphis Elder Law Basic Trial Skills; Memphis, TN
Witness Examination Skills for Tribal Advocates; Grand Forks, ND
Tribal Trial Skills; Window Rock, AZ
Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child; Hempstead, NY

**PROGRAM DIRECTORS**

Mark Caldwell
Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Training Institute
Legal Service Corporation Attorney Trial Skills
Public Service Attorney Trial Skills
Witness Examination Skills for Tribal Advocates
Tribal Trial Skills

Michael Dale
Trial Skills for Juvenile Public Defenders

Sandra Johnson
National Disability Rights Network Deposition

Theo Liebmann
Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child

Karen Lockwood
Equal Justice Works

Anita Royal
Memphis Elder Law Basic Trial Skills

“...This was the best CLE I have ever taken. What was taught and learned were objectives that can be used in the real world. The faculty and administrators were all very helpful and supportive. Each faculty member was able to provide a different, helpful, useful, and practical point of view, that I will be able to use in my daily practice.”

Kimberly Schulte
2009 Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Training Institute Participant

527 attorneys trained in Public Service and co-sponsored programs
International Programs

NITA’s reputation for excellence in advocacy training has spread throughout the world, and we continue to provide our services in support of the public interest and promoting ethical and effective advocacy. In 2009 NITA and the NITA Foundation assisted advocates from Scotland, Northern Ireland, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, Japan, China, and Sudan to explore the art of oral advocacy to create a more just and democratic legal system in their home countries.

Through our relationship with the U.S. Department of Justice, ABAROLI, USAID, and Lawyers Without Borders, NITA continues to donate materials and faculty who continue to volunteer their time to countries emerging from judicial systems of questionable independence.

PROGRAMS

Advanced Advocacy and Trial Skills Programme; Edinburgh, Scotland
Teacher Training (Spanish); San Diego, CA
Kenya Advocacy Training Program; Nairobi, Kenya
Chile Lawyers Trial Skills Program; New York, NY
Basic Trial Skills; Monterrey, Mexico
Basic Trial Skills Teacher Training; Monterrey, Mexico
Mexico Trial Advocacy; Mexico City, Mexico
Trial Advocacy Skills; Belfast, Northern Ireland
Mexico Trial Advocacy; Mexicali, Mexico
Mexico Trial Advocacy; Zacatecas, Mexico

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Rachel Carey
• Teacher Training (Spanish)
• Chile Lawyers Trial Skills Program
• Basic Trial Skills
• Mexico Trial Advocacy

Carlos Monzon
• Basic Trial Skills Teacher Training

Ann Williams
• Kenya Advocacy Training Program

In House Programs

NITA is the market leader in customizing litigation and advocacy skills training for leading law firms. In 2009, we trained more that 1,200 attorneys at nearly 100 in-house professional development programs. Drawing from our nearly 40 years of training experience and an elite faculty of the nation’s leading practitioners, judges and law professors, these programs are unmatched in quality and relevancy.

NITA has expanded our training opportunities to address the core competencies needed by today’s corporate associates. Programs can be customized to meet a firm’s competency program, CLE needs and/or time limitations. These programs can be conducted at a law firm’s training facilities or at the NITA Education Center.

IN HOUSE CLIENTS

Akin Gump
Allstate Insurance
Baker & Botts
Baker & Hostetler
Briggs & Morgan
California Integrated Waste Management Board
Clifford Chance
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Covington & Burling
Crowell & Moring
California Integrated Waste Management Board

Duane Morris
Faegre & Benson
Federal Trade Commission
Fish & Richardson
Fitzpatrick Cell
Flextronics International
Foley & Lardner
Foley & Mansfield
Frost Brown Todd
Grant Thornton
Greensfelder Hemker & Gale
Hanson Bridgett Marcus Howrey
Jenner & Block
Jones Day
Kilpatrick Stockton
King & Spalding
Labaton Sucharow
Linklaters
Manatt Phelps & Phillips
Miller & Chevalier
Mintz Levin
Munger Tolles & Olson
Nixon Peabody
Orrick Herrington et al
Paul Hastings
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp
Securities & Exchange Commission
Skadden
State Farm Insurance
Stinson Morrison & Hecker
Sullivan & Cromwell
Thompson Coburn
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Willkie Farr & Gallagher
Winston & Strawn
Womble Carlyle
Sandridge et al

“The attorneys we worked with represent clients who are the most vulnerable in Kenya such as the women and children who have been the subject of violence in their homes and communities. Kenya is a country in transition progressing toward affording all of its citizens with access to justice. Lawyers are at the forefront of this movement.”

Zelda B. Harris
Clinical Professor of Law, Domestic Violence Project, University of Arizona
Publications

NITA PUBLICATIONS

NITA is the nation’s third largest nonprofit publisher of legal publications. NITA’s rules books, texts, case files, and audio-visual materials are used by thousands of attorneys and are incorporated into the curriculum at over 85% of the nation’s law schools.

NEW NITA PUBLICATIONS RELEASED IN 2009

- Trial Technique and Evidence, 3rd ed.
- Written and Electronic Discovery, 5th ed.
- Trial Prep for Paralegals
- Professionalism in the Real World: Lessons for the Effective Advocate
- Justice for All: Challenges of Mentally Ill in Legal System

NEW EDITIONS OF EXISTING NITA PUBLICATIONS

- Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 2009
- Modern Trial Advocacy, 4th ed.
- Criminal Procedure in Practice, 3rd ed.
- Federal Rules of Evidence with Objections, 8th ed.
- Expert Testimony, 2nd ed.
- Children in the Courtroom, 2nd ed.
- California Evidence Code with Objections, 3rd ed.
- Arbitrator’s Handbook, Rev. 2nd ed.

NEW EDITIONS OF EXISTING NITA CASE FILES

- Cranbrooke v. Intellex, 2nd ed., (Deposition) Plaintiff
- Cranbrooke v. Intellex, 2nd ed., (Deposition) Defendant
- Cranbrooke v. Intellex, 2nd ed., (Deposition) Faculty
- BMI v. Minicom, 9th ed., Trial
- BMI v. Minicom, 9th ed., (Deposition) Plaintiff
- BMI v. Minicom, 9th ed., (Deposition) Defendant
- BMI v. Minicom, 9th ed., (Deposition) Faculty
- Rowe v. Pacific Quad, 4th ed., (Deposition) Plaintiff
- Rowe v. Pacific Quad, 4th ed., (Deposition) Defendant
- Rowe v. Pacific Quad, 4th ed., (Deposition) Faculty
- State v. Southley, 2nd ed.
- Flinders v. Mismo, 8th ed.
- State v. Cole, 2nd ed.
Nearly 550 advocates trained in NITA international programs

NITA Foundation

Since its inception in 2003, the NITA Foundation has disbursed more than $2.1 million in scholarship assistance and public service program support. As NITA has grown in prestige and scope, NITA and the NITA Foundation have undertaken the responsibility of bringing legal advocacy training to as many public service lawyers as possible, especially those who cannot afford it.

Contributions to the NITA Foundation work to promote justice through various training and educational programs, both in this country and abroad, by supporting a number of public service programs as well as providing scholarships to public programs. 100% of all gifts donated to the NITA Foundation directly support NITA program services - either the scholarship program or the public service programs - without any deduction for administrative or fund raising expenses.

"Justice is how you can equalize things in society, including how you can help poor people to achieve things that they can't achieve otherwise."

- Anne Haro Sipes
A legal aid attorney and NITA program attendee
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