



**United States District Court  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

***Office of the District Court Executive***

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**COURT NOTICE TO THE BAR**  
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**SDNY OFFERS TRIAL ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR PRO BONO LAWYERS ON JANUARY 11;  
FREE CLE CREDIT AVAILABLE**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is pleased to offer a full-day trial advocacy training for pro bono lawyers. Led by District Court judges and leading practitioners, this training is offered to lawyers who are admitted to practice in the Southern District and are interested in providing pro bono representation to pro se litigants.

The program takes place on Friday, January 11, 2013 and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse (500 Pearl Street, Room 850). The training is free and will offer participants an opportunity to receive CLE credit for their participation. (Application for accreditation in New York is pending before the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board for 6.5 CLE credits.)

The training will be intensive and skills-oriented, following the course of a trial from opening statements to closing arguments. Lawyers will share their experience on how to try a case successfully, and judges will offer insight into which tactics and techniques work and which do not. Materials for the training—which should be reviewed in advance—will be posted on the court's website no later than December 21, 2012.

The court requests that all lawyers who attend this training commit to represent a pro se litigant in the Southern District within the next 12 months and anticipates calling upon participants who complete the training. This program is intended for newly admitted as well as experienced lawyers who are admitted to the Southern District of New York. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Space is limited. Please RSVP no later than January 4, 2013 by calling (212) 805-0504 or emailing [prosetraining@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:prosetraining@nysd.uscourts.gov). Please include your name, firm name, address and e-mail address.

Panelists include:

- Honorable Denise Cote
- Honorable John G. Koeltl
- Honorable Victor Marrero
- Honorable Loretta A. Preska
- Honorable Jed S. Rakoff
- Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin
- Honorable Laura Taylor Swain
- Daniel Cooper, Litigation Strategies
- John R. Cuti, Cuti Hecker Wang
- Leslie Fagen, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
- Christopher Flood, Federal Defenders of NY
- Rita M. Glavin, Vinson & Elkins
- Mark D. Kotwick, Seward & Kissel
- Margaret Malloy, SDNY Office of *Pro Se* Litigation
- Debra L. Raskin, Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard
- Samuel W. Seymour, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
- Deirdre von Dornum, Federal Defenders of NY