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NDAA's 2026 Cross-Examination Course

Strategic Cross Examination for Stronger Trials

Attendees must wear their name tags to all events and turn off cell phones during all sessions.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

- 6:00 – 8:45 AM** Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel
Location: The Commons, 2nd Floor
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** Check-in & Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM** **Welcome & Course Orientation**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Cynthia Nakao
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM** **Analytical Advocacy: Building a Case Theory that Drives Cross-Examination**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Alan Yochelson
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM** Networking Break
- 10:30 – 12:15 PM** **Approach Point Cross Examination: Structuring Questions that Advance Your Case and Demonstration**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Kelly Orland and Eric Leafblad
- 12:15 – 2:15 PM** Networking Lunch (On Your Own)
- 2:15 – 3:30 PM** **Control Factors for the Difficult Witness and Demonstration**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Ric Hertel (with Alan Yochelson for demonstration)
- 3:30 – 3:45 PM** Networking Break
- 3:45 – 5:30 PM** **Workshop Session I: Analytical Advocacy and Cross Examination Planning Session**
Location: Scarlet A, B, C and D
Faculty: All



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5:30 PM **Faculty Available at Hotel Happy Hour, all encouraged to attend**
Location: The Commons, 2nd Floor

Thursday, May 28, 2026

6:00 – 8:45 AM Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel
Location: The Commons, 2nd Floor

9:00 – 10:15 AM **Cross Examination of the Expert Witness and Demonstration**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Candice Henry

10:15 – 10:30 AM Networking Break

10:30 – 1:00 PM **Workshop Group 1 – Approach Point Cross-Examination**
Location: Scarlet A, B, C and D
Faculty: All

1:00 – 3:00 PM Networking Lunch (On Your Own)

3:00 – 5:30 PM **Workshop Group 2 - Approach Point Cross-Examination**
Location: Scarlet A, B, C and D
Faculty: All

Friday, May 29, 2026

6:00 – 9:15 AM Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel
Location: The Commons, 2nd Floor

9:30 – 10:30 AM **The Ethics of Cross-Examination**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Cynthia Nakao

10:30 – 10:45 AM Networking Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM **Effective Use of Technology for Cross-Examination**
Location: Coral A, B and C
Faculty: Eric Leafblad



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11:45 – 12:00 PM Closing Remarks

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