



## 2023 ABOTA MASTERS IN TRIAL™

# Opening Statement through Closing Argument

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## Hawthorne v. O'Connell's Pub

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the American Board of Trial Advocates

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### Case

The Masters in Trial program is a full-day presentation combining the presentation of a case from opening statements through closing arguments, a lunch seminar and other trial-related presentations.

This year's case involves a wrongful death and survivorship claim against a pub owner after a bar brawl between two gangs which resulted in the death of one of the participants. The case name is Hawthorne v. O'Connell's Pub.

### Program Co-Chairs:

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### Trial Teams

The American Board of Trial Advocates is an invitation-only organization of 7,600 of the nation's premier plaintiff and defense trial attorneys.

#### Presiding Judge:

Hon. Dan Buckley (Ret.)

#### Welcome and Introductions:

Linda B. Hurevitz  
John C. Kelly

#### Plaintiffs:

Boris Treyzon  
Bernard Alexander  
Lourdes de Armas  
Victor George  
Rahul Ravipudi  
John Sweeney

#### Why Can't We Just Get Along and Still Advocate for Our Clients?

Judge: Hon. Dan Buckley (Ret.)  
Plaintiff Attorney: Geoff Wells  
Defense Attorney: Phil Baker

#### Defendants:

Michael Gonzalez  
Tom McAndrews  
Linda Miller Savitt  
Steve Fraser  
Alice Chen Smith  
Patricia Egan Daehnke

#### "Persuasion: The Art and the Science" or "Why Should I Buy Your Case?"

Judge: [TBD]  
Plaintiff Attorney: John Blumberg  
Defense Attorney: [TBD]  
Trial Consultant: Molly M. Murphy

### Program

7:30 am	Registration
8:30 am	Welcome and Introductions
8:45 am	Presentation – Civility Matters – Why Can't We Just Get Along and Still Advocate for Our Clients?
9:30 am	Opening Statements
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Direct and Cross-Examination of Plaintiff, Donna Hawthorne
11:30 am	Q&A Regarding Morning Witness Examinations
11:40 pm	Panel Discussion – "Persuasion: The Art and the Science" or "Why Should I Buy Your Case" (Lunch Included)
1:05 pm	Direct and Cross-Examination of Defendant, Alexander Garcia
1:50 pm	Direct and Cross-Examination of Plaintiff's Security Expert, Robert Charles Smith
2:35 pm	Direct and Cross-Examination of Defendant's Security Guard, Joe Swafford III
3:20 pm	Break
3:35 pm	Q & A Regarding Afternoon Witness Examinations
3:45 pm	Presentation – [TBD]
4:00 pm	Closing Arguments
4:45 pm	Verdict and De-Briefing
5:00 pm	Adjourn