



**THE GEOFFREY FIEGER TRIAL PRACTICE INSTITUTE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Applications must be submitted to the Registrar in Room 309 by 4:30 p.m. on January 29, 2009.

Interviews will be held February 4 – 6, 2009.

You will be notified via email of your interview appointment.

If you have any questions, please email Veronica Valentine McNally at [valent29@law.msu.edu](mailto:valent29@law.msu.edu).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Terms and Conditions:**

**Required TPI Courses**

**Year 1:**

Pre-Trial I (3 credits) -Fall

Pre-Trial II (2 credits) - Spring

Courtroom Technology Lab (no credit) – First seven weeks of Fall

**Year 2:**

Trial I – Criminal Trial (3 credits) - Fall

Advocacy as a Performing Art (1 credit) – First seven weeks of Fall

Forensic Science (2 credits) – First seven weeks of Fall

Trial II – Civil Trial (3 credits) – Spring

**Other Required Courses:**

Administrative Law (3 credits) – Must be completed before graduation

Criminal Procedure I (3 credits) – Must be completed before graduation

**Additional Requirements:**

Attend all mandatory TPI sponsored events.

Maintain professional dress and decorum during TPI classes and TPI sponsored events.

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I understand that the TPI Certificate Program requires the completion of 20 credit hours in addition to the Courtroom Technology Lab. I also understand that TPI students are required to attend all TPI sponsored events and maintain professional dress and decorum during TPI classes and TPI sponsored events. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

I understand that scheduling of these classes is subject to administrative constraints. Although the needs of individuals will be considered as a part of the process, it will not be possible to accommodate every request. I understand that some courses may be offered only in the evening (or, on rare occasions, only in the day), and that NO deviations from the schedule will be authorized or permitted. I also understand that the Trial Practice Program is a premier program at MSU College of Law and that

the Law College is consistently trying to improve it. Thus, I understand that occasional changes to the program may be necessary, and I agree to be bound by those changes. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

I understand that none of the TPI Classes can be taken pass/fail, with the exception of Advocacy as a Performing Art. All other TPI classes, including Forensic Science, must be taken for a letter grade. I understand that any changes or exceptions to this grade policy must be made in writing and signed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

I understand that participation in any other program at the Law College, if it interferes with the timely completion of the TPI Certificate Program (for example, the D.C. Externship Program), will be permitted only if approved in advance and in writing by the TPI Director & Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

I understand that because these courses duplicate the content of courses in the Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute program, students in TPI will not receive academic credit for the following courses: Civil Trial Advocacy I, Civil Trial Advocacy II, Criminal Trial Advocacy I, Criminal Trial Advocacy II, Client Counseling, and Applied Evidence. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

Finally, I understand that the TPI Certificate Program is a highly rewarding program and its demands are correspondingly high. If admitted, I will commit myself to the requirements of the program. In addition, I understand that if I fail to comply with the TPI Certificate Program requirements, including but not limited to attending TPI sponsored events and maintaining professional dress and decorum, that I may be removed from the program. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

**Please attach: (1) a one-page statement of goals/purpose for entering the program, (2) a current resume, and (3) one legal writing sample.**

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Please list any TPI or Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board events you have attended or participated in:

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THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HAS PERMISSION TO PROVIDE A COPY OF MY CURRENT TRANSCRIPT TO THE DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PURPOSES OF THIS APPLICATION. \_\_\_\_\_ (*please initial*)

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Signature

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Date