



TPI CERTIFICATE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted to Veronica Valentine McNally in Room 430 by January 31, 2008.

You may also submit this information electronically to valent29@law.msu.edu.

Interviews will be held February 14 – 16, 2008.

You will be notified via email of your interview appointment.

If you have any questions, please email Veronica Valentine McNally.

Name: _____

PID: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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.

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 mandatory 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 (i.e. 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*)

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) a legal writing sample.

Please list any TPI sponsored events you have attended. For a complete list, please see the TPI calendar of events at www.law.msu.edu/tpi.

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

Signature

Date