



TEACHING OF TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE OFFERS TRIAL TRAINING IN MEMPHIS

The Teaching of Trial and Appellate Advocacy Committee held a Litigation Institute for Trial Training (LITT) on May 19, 2016 at the University of Memphis School of Law. Around 140 attended the training. The daylong boot camp trial training was open to law students and young lawyer. The case of the day was the trial of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italian-born American anarchists who were convicted of murdering a guard and a paymaster during the armed robbery of the Slater and Morrill Shoe Company on April 15, 1920, in South Braintree, Massachusetts. The pair were executed by the electric chair seven years later at Charlestown State Prison. The training covered topics including case analysis, theory of the case, civility, opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination and closing arguments. A highlight of the program was the luncheon panel discussion, “What Judges Want from Trial Lawyers.”

“We use a historic case for each program,” said Teaching of Trial and Appellate Advocacy Committee Chair **Paul Mark Sandler**. “The curriculum involves teaching the rudiments of trial with lectures about how to present each phase of the trial, followed by a demonstration, and then a panel discussion reviewing the demonstration.”

Most of the twenty-one faculty were Fellows from Tennessee, including: **Leslie I. Ballin**; **Leo Bearman, Jr.**; **Harriett Miller Halman**; **William H. Haltom Jr.**; **Albert C. Harvey**; **Lawrence J. Laurenzi**; **Marty Roy Phillips**; **Glen Reid, Jr.**; Teaching of Trial and Appellate Advocacy Committee Chair **Paul Mark Sandler**; and **David Wade**.

The next LITT program is in the works and will likely take place in San Francisco. If the committee does develop the program, the case for the day will be a hypothetical trial of Al Capone for the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre. ■