

## **LAW 546D: Trial Practice Academy: Witness Examinations**

(Wes Porter, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, District of Hawaii)

This course is specifically designed with the following objectives:

- Students will learn how to analyze a case file and the fact pattern.
- Students will learn how to interview and prepare potential trial witness.
- Students will learn and exercise evidentiary objections, responses, and arguments during motions in limine and at sidebar during trial.
- Students will learn to conduct effective and interesting direct examinations, including the evidentiary foundations for different forms of evidence.
- Students will learn to conduct effective cross examinations including use of key modes of impeachment.
- Students will present persuasive opening statements and closing arguments.

Instructor permission is required. **Evidence is a prerequisite.** Students can email Judge Porter at [Wes\\_Porter@hid.uscourts.gov](mailto:Wes_Porter@hid.uscourts.gov).