



Competitive Professional Development (CPD) for Attendance at National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Courses

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Date Opened: 20 January 2015

Date Closed: 13 February 2015

All applicants must create a GoArmyEd student account prior to applying for any ACTEDS funded training opportunities. Applications are not to be created and submitted through GoArmyEd, only the creation of an account is required at this time. Applications will be submitted via e-mail as indicated below. [\[Click for additional information on GoArmyEd\]](#).

Additional Information: CP-56 will centrally fund tuition and TDY (travel and per diem – no rental cars). Salary will continue to be paid by the individual's command.

Who May Apply: Permanently appointed U.S. Army civilian attorneys who are in the CP-56 Legal Career Program (to include Local Nationals). Applicants must have at least three years tenure as an Army Civilian employee, any waivers to this requirement must be sought in accordance with AR 350-1, para. 3-103.

Applications must contain:

1. [Completed Application for ACTEDS Training Opportunities \[Online\]](#).
2. [Employee's Statement of Interest \[Online\]](#): Outline how the proposed training furthers your personal development plan and which competencies it seeks to refine. Please indicate which course you are applying to attend.
3. Current Resume.
4. [Utilization Plan \[Online\]](#): It should reflect the anticipated measureable Return of Value/Return on Investment to the organization and/or Army, *i.e.*, what will be the benefit of the applicant's participation in the training. **MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY SUPERVISOR.**
5. Last Three Performance Rating (including annotated Support Form, if applicable).
6. Civilian Record Brief (*available through <https://acpol.army.mil>*).
7. Head of Legal Office Endorsement (not required if the utilization plan is executed by the head of the legal office).



Writing Persuasive Briefs

The goal of any type of legal writing is to have the intended audience form an opinion without having to do any additional research. In order for this to be accomplished, the writer must effectively lay the information out in a clear, concise and compelling manner. This course teaches a three-step process to give attendees the necessary tools to be effective, persuasive writers. [\[Click here for additional course details\]](#). Location: Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, IL. Course Dates: 7 May – 8 May 2015.

OR

Building Trial Skills

This course uses the "learning-by-doing" method of instruction to practice and perfect your skills in the arts of trial advocacy, persuasion and communication. In a realistic trial setting attendees will perform: opening/closing arguments, impeachment, direct/cross examinations, admission and use of exhibits and illustrative aids, making and meeting objections, and focus groups. In addition attendees will take part in lectures and trial demonstrations by the faculty. [\[Click here for additional course details\]](#). Location: University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC. Course Dates: 12 May – 17 May 2015.

OR

Deposition Skills

Depositions set the stage for success or failure at trial. This course, using a realistic deposition setting, will help you discover and master techniques for taking and defending depositions while finding a style that best suits your personality. [\[Click here for additional course details\]](#). Location: Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. Course Dates: 28 May – 30 May 2015.

E-mail completed application packets and submit questions to:

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Digitally attach all required documents



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