

ROUND TOP VIII

Advanced Skills Training with emphasis on Voir Dire – *A Must Attend Event*

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Round Top Festival Institute, Round Top, TX | October 17-20, 2018

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Overview

This intensive four-day course is designed to improve counsel's ability to discover the client's story and communicate with the jury. Psychodrama is simply discovering the truth in action. It's re-enacting events and exploring them in the moment, as they are happening. Josh Karton, a communication expert, will teach along with faculty that have been trained using psychodrama techniques to prepare and use during trial. The methods and techniques taught have been developed over the last 35 years. The training involves a component of self-exploration that experience shows improves and enhances the communication process. Thousand have benefitted from this training over the years. The program starts with dinner Wednesday, October 17, 2018 and ends Saturday, October 20, 2018 at noon. Detailed agenda is available online or by request.

Comments from Previous Attendees:

- The Round Top seminar has changed my life for the better. It has made me a better friend, a better person and certainly helped me become a better lawyer. I don't consider myself a "heavy hitter" by any stretch of the imagination, but if I ever become one it will be due, in large part, to my experiences at Round Top. I'm looking forward to next year! (It) has changed the way I practice law & the way I live my life. ~ *Temple Ramming*
- One of the main advantages we, as defense attorneys, is the use of emotions. The State's main response is a faux public safety argument used to get jurors to fear your client. Unless you start from voir dire to humanize your client, the State will demonize him/her into a guilty verdict. Finding the client's story, his/her actual truth, allows a jury to embrace your client, rather than cast him out. Being at Round Top for the Psychodrama CLE teaches and reinforces us the tools to help properly represent our client's ways that law school or life experiences simply cannot. This CLE is very close to my heart as it is the only CLE I have gone to every year that I have been a licensed attorney. This program is a must for anyone who calls themselves a trial lawyer. ~ *Romy Kaplan*

- Psychodrama, and the use of the psychodramatic tools, have been essential in my trial practice. To me, it is about authentically respecting the jurors. In doing so, it requires a give and take, which includes our willingness to be open and honest. I could not imagine trying another case without using this method. ~ *Heather Barbieri*

- Last week I worked with a group of attorneys on a session to discover the story of their murder case. The client was in jail but we were capable of working with him for a couple of hours in a jury room at the courthouse. The skills taught at Round Top helped me lead the session to discover some really good, and bad of the client and case. After nearly 2 years of case work done by the attorneys on the case, investigator, and a mitigation consultant, we discovered things in 2 hours that had never come out before. Since the case is pending, I cannot write about the amazing things that the process showed, but I can say that it was truly surprising on what we discovered. ~ *Justin Kiechler*

- The purpose of psychodrama is to discover the true feelings and emotions behind an event or issue. It helps us understand relationships between people, whether they be friends, police officers or jail house snitches. If understood and used properly, these psychodramatic tools enable a trial lawyer to bring the story to life throughout all phases of a trial. ~ *Colby Vokey*

- I have attended and presented at hundreds of CLE's during my time as a lawyer but TCDLA's Advanced Skills Training has been by far the most memorable and influential in my practice and approach to being a lawyer. I have attended every Advanced Skills Training classes at Round Top and I have met some of my closest friends and mentors who have truly helped me to become a warrior for the damned. There is no other single experience that has prepared me to face my most challenging cases. You can't truly learn to be a Trial Warrior until you have joined the Advanced Training Skills clan!!! ~ *Don Flanary*

- I was introduced to psychodrama as a tool in trial preparation over 20 years ago. This method changed the way I tried a case because I could tell my client's story in a way that my client's emotions were felt by the jury. Becoming an effective story teller is the most important asset that a lawyer/This method has made me a better story teller and a better lawyer. ~ *Stan Schneider*

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Payment (Flexible payment plans are available)

- ☐ 10 Payments of \$95
- ☐ 5 payments of \$190
- ☐ 3 payments of \$317
- ☐ 2 payments of \$475
- ☐ Pay in Full \$950
- ☐ Add single room for \$315

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