

***Litigation Academy***  
***Opening Statements & Closing Arguments***  
***May 2 - 6, 2016***

*Monday, May 2, 2016:*

- 2:00 pm Welcome & Introductions: Chief Judge William Smith, Co-Directors Professor Niki Kuckes and Attorney Brooks Magratten
- 2:10 pm Lecture: Opening Statements - Associate Justice Daniel Proccacini, Rhode Island Superior Court
- 3:00 pm Demonstration: Opening Statements - Chief Judge William Smith, Attorneys Stacey Nakasian, and Marc DeSisto
- 3:40 pm Lecture: Using Demonstrative Aids - District Judge John J. McConnell, Jr., and Lillian Romano, VisuaLex LLC

*Tuesday, May 3, 2016:*

- 2:30 pm Lecture: Closing Arguments - Assistant United States Attorney Richard Rose
- 3:20 pm Demonstration: Closing Arguments - Chief Judge William Smith, Attorneys Stacey Nakasian and Marc DeSisto
- 4:00 pm Lecture: Courtroom as Theater - Professor Thom Jones, Brown University
- 5:00 pm Reception for Past and Present Participants and Faculty - Courthouse

*Thursday, May 5, 2016:*

- 9:00 am Lecture: Ethics of Trial Practice - Professor Niki Kuckes, Roger Williams University School of Law
- 10:00 am Opening Statement Practice Sessions in Courtrooms
- 1:30 pm Closing Argument Practice Sessions in Courtrooms
- Faculty: Attorneys Melody Alger, Christine Bush, John Foley, J. Scott Kilpatrick, Neal McNamara, Matthew Oliverio, and J. Richard Ratcliffe, and Patricia Rocha; Professor Thom Jones; and Actors Angela Brazil, Mauro Hantman and Casey Seymour Kim

Friday, May 6, 2016:

- 9:15 am      Opening Remarks: Co-Directors Niki Kuckes and Brooks Magratten
- 9:30 am      Opening Statements & Closing Arguments in Courtrooms
- 1:00 pm      Opening Statements & Closing Arguments in Courtrooms
- 3:30 pm      Closing

Faculty: Magistrate Judge Patricia Sullivan; Retired Associate Justice Judith Savage, Rhode Island Superior Court; Associate Justice Brian Stern, Rhode Island Superior Court; Attorneys Dennis McCarten, James Murphy, Stephen Prignano, Deming Sherman, and Miriam Weizenbaum; Professor Thom Jones; and Actors Angela Brazil, Mauro Hantman, and Casey Seymour Kim.