

National Defender Training Project
2017 Public Defender Trial Advocacy Program
University of Dayton School of Law
Dayton, OH

SOME BASIC INFORMATION

Meals

Every morning, a free continental breakfast is provided at the Law School. It includes bagels, cream cheese, coffee, and occasionally donuts. There is also a Starbucks, a Potbelly Sandwich Shop, a Panera, several convenience stores, and many fast-food outlets and sit-down restaurants within a very short walk of the Law School

On Tuesday, June 6, 2017, the day we do cross-examination exercises, all participants are provided lunch. On all other days, lunch is on your own. Each day an hour and a half is set aside for lunch, so there is plenty of time to eat and return on time for afternoon sessions.

On Friday, June 2, 2017, immediately after the last session, we will be providing a pizza and soda dinner in the atrium of the law school.

For all other nights of the conference, dinner is on your own.

Every day there is free coffee and soda available all day at the Law School. If we run out of coffee, there is a coffee machine in the building.

Weather

Weather in Dayton is typical for June in the mid-west. Temperatures are normally in the 70s or 80's, although lows in the 60's and highs in the 90's are not unusual. Rain is also not unusual. Bring an umbrella.

Dress

Dress at the conference is very casual. **No one wears a suit or court clothes.** Comfort is the order of the day.

Cell Phones

As a courtesy to other participants and faculty members, all cell phones and pagers must be turned OFF during all conference sessions. There will be numerous breaks during which you can check for messages and make calls.

Smoking

The University of Dayton School of Law is a strictly non-smoking facility. That means that you are not allowed to smoke anywhere in the building or on the steps or street in front of or behind the building. They aren't kidding. If you wish to expand your intake of carcinogens, you must go across the street outside the front of the building during breaks.

Conference Facilities

The University of Dayton School of Law is one of the finest and most technologically up-to-date law school buildings in the nation. All classrooms are fully equipped for whatever audio-visual needs we may have. Free wi-fi is *not* available in the Law School. However, the library on the second floor is open throughout the conference and has public computer terminals you can use to connect to the internet.

Parking

If you bring a car, you must get a free parking permit on the first day of the conference that will allow you to park in a University lot. When you arrive on the first day of the conference, drive by the front of the Law School building and stop at the information/guard booth at the end of the street. Tell the guard that you are attending the public defender conference at the Law School. The guard will give you a parking pass, and will direct you where to park. Please park in the lot you are directed to and ***remember to hang your parking pass from the rear view mirror.*** Campus police are very enthusiastic about issuing tickets for the most minor infractions. Parking at the Dayton Marriott is free for anyone staying at the hotel.

Transportation If You Do Not Have a Car

You will need to take a taxi from the airport to the hotel. Taxi fare is about \$40.00 one way. The Law School is a leisurely 15 minute walk from the hotel. There are many restaurants within walking distance of both the Law School and the hotel. If you decide to have dinner somewhere else, there are taxis available, and there are usually enough participants with cars to provide rides for whoever needs one.

Logistical Problems and Emergencies

If any problems come up during the program, please see Ira Mickenberg and he will do his best to resolve them for you. Attendance is mandatory at all sessions of the program. If an emergency arises and you have to miss a session, be sure to let Ira and the faculty members in your small group know.