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The Way of the Warrior

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OVERVIEW

The Way of the Warrior, also known as "Bushido" or the "Samurai Code" are life principles based on the traditions of honor, courage, and respect. This course will elevate and enlighten each attendee's daily criminal practice and give them the tools to conquer their fears. Each section, highlighted by a warrior's quote, will focus on a different aspect of a criminal trial lawyer's preparation and strategies for success, including their well-being.

TOPICS (UPDATED AGENDAS ONLINE)

6.00 CLE Including 1.00 Ethics

Jury Selection — "If you let a person talk long enough, you'll hear their true intentions! Listen twice, speak once" -Tupac Shakur

Tupac Shakur, celebrated for his artistry and activism, portrayed inner-city struggles, addressing injustice and inequality. "Jury Selection" emphasizes the vital task of recognizing biases and employing strategic challenges in selecting a fair jury.

Pre-Trial Investigations — "The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in battle" -Motto of US Navy Seals

Warriors preparation begins early. Effective legal preparation demands collaborative client interviews, investigation, discovery management, and strategic pre-trial motion use, crucial to pin the State in and limit their reach.

Opening & Closing — "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face" -Mike Tyson

Opening Statements set the stage by presenting our client's story and case theory. During Closing Arguments, we close the loop we opened and emphasize reasonable doubt in the States case.

Technology in Courtroom — "Victory is reserved for those who are willing to pay its price" -Sun Tzu

Trial lawyers must adapt to new technologies, utilizing them effectively for success. Seamless PowerPoint presentations are a necessity, while integrating artificial intelligence (AI), digital exhibits, and Zoom proficiency enhances client representation.

Client/Attorney Mental Health Awareness — "It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace" -Aristotle

Aristotle, the great teacher to Alexander the Great, was an ancient Greek philosopher. As trial warriors, understanding our clients' past trauma is vital for their future. As lawyers, we are regularly subjected to secondary trauma. Let's learn to identify stress and prioritize our well-being.

Cross Examination — "Do not pray for an easy life; pray for the strength to endure a difficult one" -Bruce Lee

Cross-examination is the skillful interrogation of your opponent's witnesses, requiring mastery of the facts; understanding of the subject matter; and familiarity with the witness's background, education, and/or motive.

Ethics, Client Relationships and Communication — "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knee" -Emiliano Zapata

Mr. Zapata led the Mexican Revolution, advocating for farmers against oppressive landowners. Connecting meaningfully with clients is crucial, alongside setting clear expectations and boundaries. Communication, contracts, conflicts of interest, and ethics are all skills we must continually hone.

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- Texas Judge Paralegal Social Worker Texas Student
- Mitigation specialist Legal assistant Investigator Public Defender
- If you do not wish to make the voluntary payment, please remit only \$5 and mark this box.
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