

“WHEN THE
WORLD IS
SILENT, EVEN
ONE VOICE
BECOMES
POWERFUL.”

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PRESENT:
LATINA
ADVOCACY
WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM VIA ZOOM
MEETING ID: 575 577 4490**

"WOMEN BELONG
IN ALL PLACES
WHERE DECISIONS
ARE BEING MADE.
... IT SHOULDN'T
BE THAT WOMEN
ARE THE
EXCEPTION."

**RUTH BADER
GINSBURG**

LATINA ADVOCACY WORKSHOP ITINERARY

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Introductions

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM: What to Expect in Advocacy?
With Professor McNabb

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Judge Carolyn Johnson: Important
Women in Law

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Advocacy at STCL with Ashley
Reilly and Michael Rodriguez

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM: Student Q&A



**ALWAYS
WITH
PASSION**

ADVOCACY TIPS



1. Don't let nerves get the best of you. If you let nervous ticks run amok when you are speaking in court, you will not sound persuasive.
2. Stand up straight and make sure not to fidget when addressing the court.
3. Be respectful of the court using formal language such as "Your Honor", "Yes, Your Honor" or "No, Your Honor". Any response less than that is considered disrespectful. In all circumstances do not disrespect the court.
4. Do not speak over the judge. If the court asks a question, stop speaking and answer the question directly.
5. You must learn to walk the thin line between being respectful to the court, and at the same time, not intimidated by the judge. You must provide your client with the effective assistance of counsel.
6. Being respectful does *not* mean subservient.
7. Counsel must be a "scruffy" advocate, yet polite and respectful of the court.
8. One can be scruffy, fighting for their client, but charming at the same time; an art must be learned if one wants to be successful in this field. Why? Because relationships matter; and relationships can at times work to the benefit of the client.
9. Present a forceful argument. A smart, crafty opponent can weaken the other party's argument with brilliant oral advocacy.
10. If you have the facts on your side, pound the facts. If you have the law on your side, pound the law. If you have neither on your side, pound the table. It's likely the other party will do a lot of pounding on the defense.

11. The defense must do something different to win. To argue that the defense is not required to present a defense may be an argument against ineffective assistance of counsel. This is totally unacceptable to a federal criminal defense advocate. Do your best.

12. The defense must not just think outside the box, she must break the walls of the box to win. Each case is different because the facts are different. Creative thinking coupled with artful acting is absolutely required.

13. Anyone can argue the facts and the law that favor a win, and probably win. The Defense Advocate who takes a losing case and wins, is the one who curries favor.

14. Do your best!

