



State Bar of Georgia  
Transition Into Law Practice Program (TILPP)  
MANDATORY ADVOCACY EXPERIENCES



Please complete and return the form via email to: [TILPP@gabar.org](mailto:TILPP@gabar.org)

or to:

State Bar of Georgia—Transition Into Law Practice Program  
104 Marietta Street NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303

Beginning Lawyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Georgia Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mandatory Advocacy Experiences are required of **ALL** Beginning Lawyers, regardless of practice setting.

State Bar Rule 8-104(D)(1) provides:

*"Prior to appearing as sole or lead counsel in the Superior or State Courts of Georgia in any contested civil case or in the trial of a criminal case, any newly admitted active member admitted to practice after June 30, 2005, shall complete the mandatory Advocacy Experiences of the Transition Into Law Practice Program . . ."*

(5) *For participants in the Transition Into Law Practice Program who wish to appear as sole or lead counsel in the Superior or State Courts of Georgia in any contested civil case or in the trial of a criminal case, the mentors and beginning lawyers shall devise five (5) mandatory Advocacy Experiences tailored to the practices of the beginning lawyers." (State Bar Rule 8-104(D), Regulation (5))*

The following are examples of observation types. Actual or virtual (*i.e.*, simulations or webcasts) observations can qualify. Each observation must last a *minimum* of one (1) hour.

- i. A deposition of a witness or adverse party in a civil action;*
- ii. A jury trial in a civil or criminal case in either a state or federal court;*
- iii. A nonjury trial, evidentiary hearing, or hearing in a state, federal, or administrative court;*
- iv. An appellate argument in the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Georgia Court of Appeals, or the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals;*
- v. A real estate transaction from initiation through closing;*
- vi. A contract negotiation and execution;*
- vii. An estate planning transaction from initial interview through document execution;*
- viii. A mediation.*

Other advocacy experiences may be selected to comply with Rule 8-104(D).

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TILPP requires completion of the MAEs by all Beginning Lawyers, even if you are not currently appearing in court. The language of MAEs being completed before appearing as sole and lead counsel is a benchmark, so that attorneys who do plan to appear in court immediately upon the start of their practice without any in-court experience have a gauge as to how soon they should complete the MAES. ***It is not meant to provide exclusion to those who do not plan to appear as sole or lead counsel.*** You are allowed to provide three (3) experiences from law school. If you are able to attend the remaining two (2) observations in person, you are allowed to watch oral arguments from the Georgia Supreme Court website. You are also allowed to observe other experiences relative to your practice setting such as mediation, real estate closing transactions, contract negotiations, etc. *Please ensure that you experience involves an actual observation and not an experience in which you are solely participating.* TILPP encourages you to use these observations as an opportunity to meet more experienced attorneys and judges.

***REMINDER: Three (3) of the five (5) mandatory Advocacy Experiences may be obtained after completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of law school. See Rule 8-104(D).***

\*If you are in **Group Mentoring** and have questions about your observations, please contact the TILPP office.

**LIST MANDATORY ADVOCACY EXPERIENCES:**

*Please give a concise description regarding each observation, including type of experience, as well as case number, court, and judge, if applicable.*

**DATE COMPLETED**  
*(indicate below)*

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I hereby certify that I have completed the observations listed above and that each lasted a *minimum* of one hour.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_