

The Appellate Practice Institute returns in May 2009 at Northwestern Law School!

The Appellate Practice Institute (“API”) was long known as the premier, national appellate advocacy program. In 2006, members of the Appellate Judges Conference including CAL leaders expressed an interest in renewing the program, which had not been held for a few years. In 2007, a Steering Committee was formed of judges and members of CAL with the goal of bringing back the API in 2009. The Committee is lead by Michael King and Matthew Lembke of CAL.

The Steering Committee is pleased to announce that the API is back and will be held from May 29-31, 2009 at Northwestern Law School in Chicago.

The API is truly unique. It allows appellate lawyers of all levels of experience to hone their craft with instruction from appellate judges and lawyers from across the nation. Participants will write a brief prior to arriving at the API. Their brief will be critiqued by an assigned panel of appellate judges who will also meet with the participant to give advice on improving the brief. The participants will then argue their case before a three judge panel of sitting appellate judges and appellate experts and will receive feedback from their panel. Participants are also invited to a mock oral argument conducted by nationally known appellate advocates and a reception honoring the participating judiciary. Save the date for May 29-31, 2009! The API is better than ever!

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