

## Lawrence Giordano—“teacher, mentor, friend”

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For more years than he probably wants to count, Lawrence Giordano has given up two, three, and often four nights a week to serve as an adjunct professor for the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and to coach the College of Law’s American Association of Justice trial team. It’s not that Larry has a lot of extra time. He is a shareholder at Lewis, King, Kreig, and Waldrop, where he serves on the Board of Directors and has engaged in a demanding state-wide practice for fifteen years. It’s just that he’s generous and devoted, and maybe a little bit of a pushover for students who need something extra to help them reach their potential.



Lawrence F. Giordano

Although the records are a bit sketchy, it appears that Larry is in the running for the longest serving adjunct professor (Don Paine excluded). He certainly should take the award for the most uncompensated work — Larry not only works individually with the students he teaches in Advanced Trial Practice each Fall semester, he also selects and coaches one of the College’s two trial teams. The team practices most nights in the weeks leading up to competition and Larry is usually there, aided by his friend and co-coach Summer Stevens, a member of the London and Amburn firm. We at the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution are grateful to Larry for his long-term dedication to the advocacy curriculum and the moot court program. But don’t take our word for it. Take Adrienne Gillam’s, a member of his AAJ team for two years running, and a student in Larry’s Advanced Trial Practice class, who writes on behalf of the team about Larry:

“Larry Giordano epitomizes what it means to be a legal practitioner, teacher, mentor and friend. He is not only a talented and extremely effective law professor, but also a caring and compassionate individual. My favorite time in law school has been spent under the instruction of Professor Giordano.

I was first introduced to Larry through the AAJ Trial Team. He was all bark, no bite- so to speak. Professor/Coach Giordano demanded preparation and professionalism during our practices to achieve our highest potential. However, he also provided **tons** of laughs and jokes. He encouraged questions and provided countless personal experiences to help all of us grasp the concepts he had mastered. All this being said, my favorite memories of law school will be the AAJ competition in Memphis. Larry was our fearless leader through Memphis’ record snow, the Courthouse bomb threat, numerous bad directions, and an adventure down Beale Street. All that Professor/Coach Giordano has done for me cannot be summed up in a small blurb but in short, he’s made a substantial contribution to my legal education and law school experience.”

—Adrienne L. Gilliam  
Class of 2009  
Member, AAJ Trial Team

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