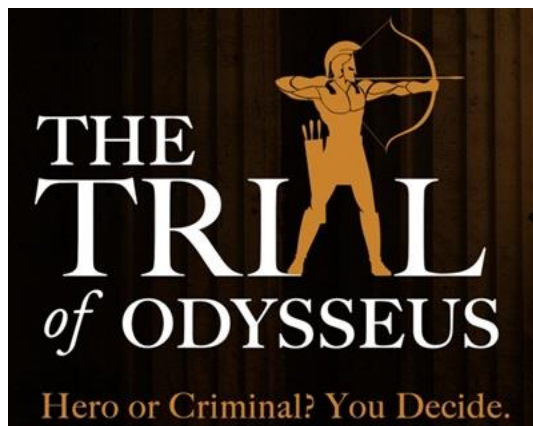




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**Ancient Greek hero Odysseus stands trial in the
National Hellenic Museum's**

The Trial of Odysseus

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Harris Theater

***Unscripted mock trial features leading attorneys and judges, with
audience determining the final verdict***

CHICAGO (February 2, 2026)—The [National Hellenic Museum](#) (NHM) will take the ancient Greek hero Odysseus to court in [The Trial of Odysseus](#) on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. (doors at 6:30 p.m.) at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Street in Chicago.

At this live, unscripted mock trial, ancient Greek history and myth are brought to life on stage. In Homer's *Odyssey*, the hero Odysseus returns to Ithaca from the Trojan War to find his household overrun with suitors seeking to claim his wife, property, and throne. His violent response—culminating in the slaying of more than 100 men—raises enduring questions of power, justice and responsibility. Leading attorneys will argue Odysseus' case before esteemed judges, jurors and the audience, who cast the final vote to determine: was Odysseus a hero or a criminal?

The Trial of Odysseus is a signature event supporting NHM's mission to share Greek history, art, culture and the Greek American story.

Tickets for **The Trial of Odysseus** on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph Street) are now on sale for \$50, with educator and student tickets available for \$25 with proof of ID. Attorneys who attend this event will qualify for 1.5 hours of continuing legal education (CLE). For tickets and sponsorships, visit nationalhellenicmuseum.org/trial2026.

“Featuring some of today’s premier legal minds, the Trial of Odysseus invites audiences to think about how ancient Greek history and myth can speak directly to contemporary questions about leadership, judgment and human conduct,” says NHM Executive Director **Marianne Kountoures**. “This is a rare opportunity for people to see leading attorneys argue a historic case before a distinguished panel of judges. Filled with unscripted, authentic drama and legal acumen, this is a thought-provoking event for all audiences as well as legal professionals.”

An outstanding legal team will present the cases for and against Odysseus during the March 12 event. Representing the defense of Odysseus are **Patrick M. Collins** (King & Spalding LLP) and **Tinos Diamantatos** (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP). Representing the prosecution are **Antonio Romanucci** (Romanucci & Blandin LLC) and **Katerina Alexopoulos** (United States Department of Homeland Security).

The Trial of Odysseus Committee includes NHM Trustees **Andrea Darlas**, **Hon. Anna H. Demacopoulos (Ret.)** and **John V. Kalantzis**, and **Jim Sotos**.

Demonstrating the enduring relevance of ancient disputes and Greek democracy, the NHM Trial series has grown since its inception in 2013, including receiving several regional Emmy Award nominations. Since 2017, the annual event has been qualified by the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission (IARDC) for continuing legal education (CLE) credit. Attorneys attending the event can register for CLE credit on site.

About the National Hellenic Museum

The **National Hellenic Museum** (NHM) is a nonprofit public history museum located in Chicago’s historic Greektown neighborhood, with a mission to share Greek history, art, culture, and the Greek American story in relevant and meaningful ways. NHM brings the Greek American experience to life through engaging exhibitions, dynamic programs, and spirited community events that celebrate both legacy and possibility. The Museum’s collection of over 10,000 artifacts and oral histories tells a powerful story—one that shares the personal journeys of immigrants shaping life in America. Originally founded in 1983 and located in Greektown since 2011, NHM provides lifelong learning for the community and sparks inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives and society. Regular Museum hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit nationalhellenicmuseum.org or call 312-655-1234.

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