

FY 2017 Authorized DSO Training Events and Conferences*

TYPE OF PROGRAM AND TITLE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DATES & LOCATION	ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE
DEFENDER STAFF PROGRAMS			
Orientation Seminar for New Assistant Federal	Focuses on a basic introduction to federal criminal law for new assistant federal defenders.	Nov 14-18, 2016 Santa Fe, NM	120
Appellate Writing Workshop for Federal Defenders	Through a mix of lectures and small group exercises, provides in-depth instruction in legal writing. Each participant writes a brief in advance of the program using a provided sample case file.	Feb 22-24, 2017 Washington, DC	35
Federal Defender Conference	Conference for heads of offices	Mar 8-9, 2017 Houston, TX	
Capital Habeas Unit Conference (FJC)	Addresses office and case management practices, as well as substantive capital habeas issues.	March 20-23, 2017 San Antonio, TX	165
Computer Systems Administrators Conference	Focuses on the effective use of technology in federal defender office administration and litigation support.	May 15-18, 2017 Minneapolis, MN	130
National Seminar for Federal Defenders	Designed for assistant federal defenders with a minimum of three years' experience and focuses on a mix of federal substantive and procedural law topics, ethics, technology, trial tactics, and sentencing issues.	May 31–June 2, 2017 New Orleans, LA	500
Administrative Officer Conference	Addresses issues of office management and administration, including related national policies.	Jul 31-Aug 2, 2017 Minneapolis, MN	120
Federal Defender Leadership Seminar	Addresses leadership skills for federal defender managers.	TBD	90
Substantive Sentencing Conference	Addresses substantive sentencing developments and strategies.	Will not take place in FY2017	70

*Where dates and locations are confirmed, that information is provided. Consult fd.org for updated program dates and locations. Specific inquiries about any of the programs on this list can be directed to the Training Division at 800-788-9908 (toll-free hotline) or 202-502-2900

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PANEL REPRESENTATIVES			
National Panel Attorney District Representatives Conference	A gathering of the panel representatives from each district to address policies and issues of national interest to the program and panel attorneys.	Mar 10-11, 2017 Houston, TX	110
PROGRAMS FOR FDO STAFF AND PRIVATE CJA PRACTITIONERS			
Non-Capital Sentencing Mitigation Skills	Current plans are to provide an overview of the major issues involved in all stages of litigating non-capital federal habeas cases.	Oct 13-15, 2016 St. Louis, MO	45
Train the Trainers Workshop	This workshop is intended to expand the pool of educated and experienced faculty available for national and local CJA training programs. It addresses and has participants apply principles of adult learning, elements of effective training design, and persuasive presentation techniques.	Nov 3-5, 2016 Atlanta, GA	40
Winning Strategies I & Fundamentals	This general federal criminal law seminar covers a variety of substantive, procedural, sentencing, and trial strategy issues, and often includes a "Fundamentals" day for those new to federal practice.	Jan 12-14, 2017 Long Beach, CA	200
Webinar: Feb. Topic TBD	TBD	February 21, 23, 2017	200
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop I	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	Feb 2-4, 2017 Albuquerque, NM	70
Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management Workshop I	This program trains FDO staff and others on the effective use of document management software.	Mar 2-4, 2017 Long Beach, CA	70

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Race in the Federal Criminal Court	This seminar educates CJA panel attorneys about the many ways race impacts the administration of justice in federal court and provides them with strategies to combat racial injustice in the criminal justice system.	April 6-8, 2017 Baltimore, MD	125
Webinar: July Topic TBD	TBD	TBD	200
Law and Technology: Electronic Courtroom Presentation	Focuses on the use of modern technology to improve the persuasiveness of courtroom presentations.	July 20-22, 2017 Cincinnati, OH	70
The Paralegal and Investigator Skills Workshop	This is a hands-on program providing intensive training in several skills (e.g., interviewing, writing, case management/organization, locating records and witnesses, analyzing documents) that are essential to the daily work of paralegals and investigators in federal defender offices or assigned to CJA panel cases	July 27-29, 2017 New Orleans, LA	70
Federal CJA Trial Skills Academy	The Academy is a hands-on, skills-based workshop that focuses on (1) the use of an advocacy process to facilitate development of a persuasive, fact-based theory and supporting themes, and (2) the advocacy skills necessary to persuasively advance that theory and those themes.	July 30-Aug 4, 2017 Indianapolis, IN	66
Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management II	This program trains FDO staff and others on the effective use of document management software.	Sept. 7-9, 2017 Miami, FL	70
Federal Defender Investigator & Paralegal Seminar	This program addresses numerous topics such as sentencing mitigation, records collection, the use of technology, document organization and management, forensics, BOP, interviewing, report writing and more. A component of the seminar will focus on topics addressing issues for interpreters as well.	May 2-4, 2017 Long Beach, CA	250

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Winning Strategies Seminar II	This general federal criminal law seminar covers a variety of substantive, procedural, sentencing, and trial strategy issues, and often includes a “Fundamentals” day for those new to federal practice.	June 8-10, 2017 Houston, TX	200
Forensics College	This joint program with NACDL and Cardozo School of Law trains trainers, both trial and post-conviction, on a variety of forensic topics, and facilitates the strategic litigation of forensic issues nationwide with the support of leading law firms and experts.		
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop II	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	TBD	70
Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar/Persuasive Writing	This seminar typically presents practitioners with more in-depth training on several criminal defense topics. The Persuasive Writing Workshop is held three days prior to the start of the Multi-Track Seminar. It makes use of brainstorming and principles of storytelling and persuasion to craft fact driven written advocacy that persuasively integrates the facts of one’s case with relevant legal principles in a way that enhances the chances of winning.	August 21-23, 2017 (Writing Workshop) August 24-26, 2017 (Multi-track) Philadelphia, PA	175
DEATH PENALTY			
Federal Death Penalty Strategy-FD PRC	This training is intended for more experienced federal capital CJA attorneys assigned to represent persons charged with or convicted of federal capital offenses and covers, among other topics, mental health, race-related issues, voir dire, and case budgeting, as well as issues related to developing mitigation evidence.	Nov 17-19, 2016 Denver, CO	200

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DEATH PENALTY			
Capital Mitigation Skills Workshop	This workshop presents a hands-on approach to the development of capital mitigation evidence and its integration into persuasive sentencing phase advocacy. The workshop is for capital mitigation specialists, attorneys, and other professionals who perform this work under the CJA.	Jan 12-15, 2017 UMKC School of Law Kansas City, MO	40
Authorized Death Penalty Cases Training	This program brings together trial teams within a region that have authorized capital cases to train and brainstorm on trial skills and strategies.	May 24-26, 2017 St. Louis, MO	45
SCOTUS-HAT	The goal of this training initiative is to improve the quality of strategic planning and advocacy on behalf of death-sentenced inmates in the Supreme Court of the United States and in the process of obtaining or avoiding Supreme Court review.	June, 2017 New York University New York, NY	40
Capital Habeas Institute (NITA/Amsterdam)	This post-conviction skills seminar uses a combination of lectures and small group exercises to teach participants how to effectively handle common habeas claims	June 22-25, 2017 Duke Law School Durham, NC	30
Annual National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar	This program, the only one of its kind, focuses on representation in capital habeas cases <i>in toto</i> . Habeas experts discuss issue identification, investigation, factual and legal development and presentation of claims, the use of mitigation and mental health experts, and substantive and procedural habeas corpus jurisprudence.	August 2017	200
Perspectives on Racial and Ethnic Bias	This program, for capital defense attorneys and federal defender attorneys, addresses a variety of issues related to race and ethnicity in the criminal justice system.	September 2017 TBD NYC	80
Defense Initiated Victim Outreach I	This program addresses the use of victim outreach by defense teams in capital cases.	TBD	15

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National Seminar on the Development and Integration of Mitigation Evidence	This seminar addresses a variety of aspects related to the discovery, investigation, development, and effective use of sentencing mitigation evidence.	TBD	200
Section 2255 Authorized Cases Training	This program involves training and consultation with practitioners with capital cases in 2255 proceedings. Participants are trained within the context of the facts and circumstances of their existing cases.	TBD	35
Defense Initiated Victim Outreach II	This program addresses the use by defense teams in capital cases of the practice of victim outreach.	TBD	15
National Seminar on Forensics	This program brings together national forensics experts to focus on developments in forensics and their legal impact.	TBD	130