

Below is the agenda for the

FEBRUARY 2010 WINNING STRATEGIES SEMINAR

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COURTS
OFFICE OF DEFENDER SERVICES TRAINING BRANCH
“WINNING STRATEGIES 2010”**

**Holiday Inn Hotel
San Francisco, California
February 4-6, 2010**

Final Agenda

Thursday, February 4, 2010

7:45-8:15 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
Emerald Ballroom Foyer

8:15-8:30 AM WELCOMING REMARKS
Emerald Ballroom
Mary McNamara, CJA Panel Rep., Northern District of California
Barry Portman, Federal Public Defender, Northern District of California
Jerry V. Beard, Visiting Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services
Legal, Policy & Training Division, Training Branch, Washington, D.C.

8:30-9:00 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Emerald Ballroom
Thomas Jacobs, Law Offices of Thomas Jacobs, Tucson, Arizona
(Counsel of Record: *Arizona v. Gant*, 509 U.S. ____ (2009), in which the Supreme Court, limiting *Belton*, ruled that police may conduct a warrantless vehicle search incident to an arrest only if the arrestee is within reaching distance of the vehicle or the officers have reasonable belief that evidence of the offense of arrest might be found in the vehicle.)

**9:00-10:00 AM PLENARY SESSION: “ISMS AND -SCHISMS—HOW WE UNKNOWINGLY
MAKE DECISIONS WHICH IMPLICATE OUR DECISIONS”**
Emerald Ballroom
*Cynthia Roseberry, Executive Director, Federal Defenders of the Middle
District of Georgia, Inc.*

A defense attorney’s exercise of professional strategy is influenced by his or her experience. This session will explore how, when representing clients, our decision-making is impacted by our subconscious minds. In so doing, the presentation will encourage attorneys to think about how they represent people whose backgrounds differ from their own. It will challenge defense attorneys to be aware of—and to evaluate how—personal experiences influence defense strategies.

10:00-10:15 AM Break

10:15-11:15 AM BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

1. [**DEFENDING AGAINST A FEDERAL FIREARMS PROSECUTION \(18 U.S.C. § 922\(G\)\).**](#)

Emerald Ballroom

Tim Henry, Ass't Federal Public Defender, District of Kansas

This presentation will cover factual and legal issues that arise during the more common section 922(g) prosecutions, and will include what issues to preserve for appeal through pretrial motions, and what defenses/trial issues are potentially viable and should be preserved through requested jury instructions. This presentation will also explain how the Supreme Court's decisions in *Lopez* (interstate commerce limitations), *Heller* (common law defenses), and *Flores-Figueroa* (mensrea proof requirements) may expand theories of defense in firearms cases.

2. [**NAVIGATING THE PAPER CHASE: DEFENDING A MORTGAGE FRAUD PROSECUTION.**](#)

Portola

John Nicholson, Ass't Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Texas

This presentation will explain the basics of typical mortgage fraud cases. For example, attendees will learn how mortgage fraud "schemes" make money for potential defendants, why the schemes are a crime from the government and prosecutor's view, who the various players are, what to expect discovery, and how to interpret key pieces of evidence. This session is designed to allow an attorney to hit the ground running in a mortgage fraud case instead of spending time trying to translate what the prosecutor and FBI are even talking about.

3. [**IDENTITY THEFT.**](#)

Gold Rush A

Martin Richey, Third Level Supervisory Ass't Federal Defender, District of Massachusetts

This session focuses on the (relatively new) identity theft and identity fraud offenses. It will review the relevant statutes, discuss various theories of prosecution, and then turn to defending against those theories at pretrial, trial, and sentencing.

4. **GANGS.**

Pacific Ballroom

Kate Corrigan, Esq., Corrigan Law Corp., APLC, Newport Beach, CA.

Martin Sabelli, Esq., Law Offices of Martin Sabelli, San Francisco, CA

To confront what it perceives as far-reaching “gang” activity, AUSAs are increasing their conspiracy and RICO prosecutions. So, CJA panel lawyers will increasingly face massive “takedowns” of local (and some not-so-local) street gangs. This session will focus on issues that arise in these cases and suggest strategies to defending the alleged gang member client against conspiracy and/or RICO charges. A gang may well be gang but is a gang a RICO enterprise? Maybe not!

5. **DEBUNKING “JUNK” EXPERT TESTIMONY.**

Redwood

James Smith, Ass’t Federal Defender, Middle District of Florida

This session focuses on neutralizing and dispatching the government’s “junk experts.” Smith will emphasize the need to challenge the government’s increasing practice of qualifying a law enforcement officer as an “expert” and to then, in violation of evidentiary rules, eliciting testimony on the ultimate issue(s). The session will also advise on drafting and litigating motions *in limine* and offer strategies for dealing with these so-called “expert” at trial. Smith’s presentation will also address issues relating to fingerprints, tool marks, and other less-than-reliable forms of expert testimony.

11:20-12:20 PM

PLENARY SESSION: “CJA RESOURCES: HOW TO GET WHAT YOU NEED TO DEFEND YOUR CLIENT.” (PANEL DISCUSSION)

Emerald Ballroom

Mary McNamara, CJA Panel Representative, Northern Dist. of California
Sean Broderick, National Litigation Support Administrator,

Office of Defender Services Training Branch, Oakland, California
Randall Schnack, CJA Supervising Attorney, Central Dist. of California

Has the government *ever* lacked money to prosecute a case? Have you ever had anywhere near the same resources to defend against those charges? CJA Guidelines allow for panel-appointed attorneys to obtain funding for expert services and other defense-related strategies. But some requests are more effective than others. An experienced CJA practitioner, a Supervising CJA Attorney, and the National Litigation Support Administrator will discuss how best to obtain technical and litigation-support funding and suggest the best

ways to use those funds. They will also address your use of investigators and mitigation specialists. (The Panel will entertain questions from the audience.)

12:20-01:30 PM

Lunch

01:30-2:45 PM

PLENARY SESSION: “COMPUTER CRIMES”

Emerald Ballroom

Pat Black, Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Texas

Ken Hawk, Ass’t Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Texas

This presentation will focus broadly on federal computer and internet crimes, including child pornography, hacking, identity theft, cyber-talking, unauthorized password use, and fraud. The session will provide strategies on investigating an alleged computer crime and will also cover pertinent statutory, constitutional, search and seizure, pretrial detention, and sentencing issues.

2:45-3:00 PM

Break

3:00-4:00 PM

BREAK OUT SESSIONS (Repeat of Morning Breakout Sessions 1-5).

1. **DEFENDING AGAINST A FEDERAL FIREARMS PROSECUTION.**
Emerald Ballroom
2. **DEFENDING A MORTGAGE FRAUD PROSECUTION.**
Portola
3. **IDENTITY THEFT.**
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Redwood

4:05-5:05 PM

PLENARY SESSION: “DISCOVERY AND CHALLENGES TO CRIME LABS”

Emerald Ballroom

*Christopher McKee, Esq., Prof., Colorado Univ. School of Law
former Special Counsel, Public Def. Service for the
District of Columbia*

This session will teach you how to meaningfully challenge forensic evidence. It will instruct as to what specific discovery requests you need make concerning the laboratory analyst and about the information relied upon by the analyst to reach conclusions. The presentation will also focus on how defense discovery requests can—and should—encompass not only a laboratory’s manuals, protocols, databases, policies, and accreditations but also various information about the laboratory personnel, too.

5:05-5:10 PM **ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS; ADJOURN FOR DAY**
Emerald Ballroom

Friday, February 5, 2010

07:45-8:15 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Emerald Ballroom Foyer

08:15-09:15 AM **PLENARY SESSION: SUPREME COURT UPDATE**
Emerald Ballroom
*Paul Rashkind, Third Level Supervisory Ass’t Federal Defender,
Southern District of Florida*

This session will provide an in-depth and entertaining update on the High Court’s recent criminal law and criminal procedure decisions. The presentation will not only summarize recent decisions but will also update you on the impending docketed cases. The session will also touch upon any legal issues which “court-watchers” think might be in play and which you should consider when properly preserving your record for appeal.

09:20-10:20 AM **BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**

1. **EFFECTIVE FOURTH AMENDMENT CHALLENGES.**
Gold Rush A
Benjamin L. Coleman, Coleman and Balogh, L.L.P., San Francisco

The Fourth Amendment lives, even if, more than ever, defense counsel must kick start it. This session will focus on addressing new government encroachments and devising strategies to protect individual liberty and privacy. We will address electronic monitoring, consent, searches of electronic media, and vehicle searches. Successful suppression motions, recent trends, and recent cases will be discussed.

2. [**DEFENDING AGAINST ILLEGAL REENTRY PROSECUTIONS.**](#)

Portola

*Jodi Linker, Assistant Federal Defender, Northern Dist. CA
Elizabeth Falk, Assistant Federal Defender, Northern Dist. CA*

Dramatic increases in federal immigration “sweeps” in non-border districts have catapulted the number of Illegal Reentry prosecutions. These cases present unique legal issues; this session will demonstrate how to properly review an immigration “A-file,” recognize key documents, and to identify critical facts. It will also help you develop dismissal motions based on faulty deportation proceedings, identify trial defenses, and – if all else fails – provide tips for securing the lowest possible sentence.

3. [**DEVELOPING THEORIES AND THEMES AND HOW TO USE THEM EFFECTIVELY IN OPENING STATEMENTS AND CLOSING ARGUMENTS.**](#)

Redwood

Douglas C. Greene, Esq., The Greene Law Firm, Arlington, Texas

Having a theme and/or theory of defense organizes your presentation and helps you tell a compelling story that benefits your client. This session will address how you develop theories and themes and weave them into your defense.

4. **OF LOOKERS, TRAVELERS, AND DOERS: PRESENTATION AND MITIGATION IN COMMON FEDERAL SEX OFFENSES.**

Emerald Ballroom

Nancy Joseph, Ass’t Community Defender, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

While defense in federal sex crimes such as child pornography, travel for the purpose of sex with a minor, or child enticement certainly requires an attack on the applicable guideline, defense counsel must not lose sight of the client himself. This session will present methods for humanizing the client: selecting the appropriate expert witness; circumnavigating the pre-sentence interview (how to decline the sex questionnaire); and general preemptive mitigation in light of the Adam Walsh Act.

5. [DRAFTING SKILLS: TIPS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT WRITING.](#)

Pacific Ballroom

Jerry V. Beard, Visiting Attorney-Advisor, Washington D.C.

This session will present a series of concrete, easy-to-learn writing techniques that will minimize your “down time” and improve your written advocacy. These drafting tips will work equally well in your motion and/or appellate practice.

6. [LITIGATION SUPPORT: STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY.](#)

Gold Rush B

Sean Broderick

Alex Roberts

National Litigation Support Branch

Kelly Scribner

As an increasing number of CJA panel attorneys are finding out, the information provided in any given case continues to grow in size and complexity. Cases that were a few folders of paper are now CDs, DVDs and hard drives of electronic files of various types that may prove difficult to open on your computer. The National Litigation Support Team will present a primer on various file formats that are being provided in discovery, and some of the options available for reviewing and analyzing the discovery more effectively.

10:20-10:35 AM

BREAK

10:35-11:50 PM

[PLENARY: DETERMINING “CRIMES OF VIOLENCE” & “VIOLENT FELONIES”](#)

Emerald Ballroom

Lisa Call, Ass’t Federal Defender, Middle Dist. of Florida

Craig Crawford, Ass’t Federal Defender, Middle Dist. of Florida

Margaret Katze, Ass’t Federal Defender, District of New Mexico

Moderator: Steven Kalar, Assistant Federal Defender, North. Dist. CA.

No single sentencing calculation inflicts more harm than a determination that a client’s previous conviction(s) qualifies as a “crime of violence” or “violent felony.” (Such a finding exposes the client to huge guideline offense-level enhancements and/or to increased statutory minimum sentences.) But recent Supreme Court jurisprudence in *Johnson*, *James*, and *Begay*, has significantly empowered defense counsel to combat these designations. These panelists actually argued those cases; these lawyers will teach you how to determine whether a previous conviction actually qualifies as a crime of violence or violent felony and how to defend against any such erroneous characterization.

11:55-12:55 PM **BREAK-OUT SESSIONS** (Repeat of Morning Sessions)

1. **EFFECTIVE FOURTH AMENDMENT CHALLENGES.**
Gold Rush A

2. [DEFENDING AGAINST CHARGES OF ALIEN SMUGGLING,
ALIEN TRANSPORTING, AND ALIEN HARBORING.](#)
Portola

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Gold Rush B

12:55-2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:00-2:45 PM [PLENARY: “THE ART OF THE SENTENCING MEMORANDUM” A.K.A.
“STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME PROBATION’S SENTENCE”](#)
Emerald Ballroom

Jason Hawkins, First Assistant, Federal Defenders Office, NDTX

This session will emphasize the increasing importance of the Sentencing Memorandum and the critical need to submit one in advance of sentencing. The presentation will give practice-pointers And provide you with new ideas for making a presentation that moves the court away from the guideline-driven recommendations and toward a sentence that is sufficient, but not greater than necessary, in a given case.

2:50-3:50 PM **BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**

1. [PEELING BACK THE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY GUIDELINES: UNDERSTANDING THE INHERENT FLAWS.](#)

Gold Rush A

Troy Stabenow, Ass't Federal Public Defender, Western Dist. Of Missouri

Troy Stabenow's groundbreaking exposé into the child pornography guidelines' structural flaws sets the stage for understanding how best to advocate for below-guidelines sentences. This presentation will demonstrate how the child pornography guidelines' failure to achieve their stated goals renders them deficient to comply with Section 3553(a) sentencing requirements. By understanding how and why the child pornography guidelines don't work, defense counsel can then begin the process of convincing a sentencing court why *those* guidelines don't work when sentencing *this* defendant.

2. [THE FALLACIES UNDERLYING THE IMMIGRATION GUIDELINE 2L1.2.](#)

Redwood

*Maureen Franco, Ass't Federal Defender, Western Dist. Of Texas
Judy Madewell, Deputy Federal Defender, Western Dist. Texas*

The immigration offense guidelines levy some of the most severe enhancements in the entire sentencing guideline scheme. And yet, this guideline does not necessarily reflect a studied or rational reasoning for doing so. This session will critique this guideline and provide defense counsel with the insights necessary to argue for—and justify—below guideline sentences.

3. [A FIREARMS DISMANTLING EXERCISE.](#)

Gold Rush B

Melissa Day, Ass't Federal Defender, Southern Dist. Illinois

This presentation will walk you through the basics of dismantling the federal firearms guidelines. We will discuss the relationships—or lack of relationships—between these guidelines and broader sentencing goals such as protection of the public and retribution. We'll also discuss whether the guidelines are consistent with prior practice and how we can use prior practice and statutory purpose arguments to argue for lower sentences.

4. [UNRAVELING AND “DECONSTRUCTING” THE CAREER OFFENDER GUIDELINE.](#)

Portola

Amy Baron-Evans, National Sentencing Resource Counsel

Paul J. Hofer, National Sentencing Resource Counsel

Sentences recommended by the career offender guideline are among the most severe and least likely to promote the purposes of sentencing. This presentation identifies how the current guideline is not the result of empirical evidence, careful study, or independent expertise and will equip practitioners with powerful, critical arguments for below-guideline sentences.

5. **PUTTING THE SENTENCING SOUP TOGETHER.**

Emerald Ballroom

Eric Vos, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Defender Services

Legal, Policy & Training Division, Washington, D.C.

Designed primarily for the “*Fundamental Track Participants*” this session gives practical look, at how to address de-construction of the Guidelines during the sentencing phase, new ways to enter the Post-Booker World and how best to present Sentencing arguments to the court in writing, multi-media content, and during oral argument.

3:50-4:05 PM

BREAK

4:05- 5:15 PM

**PLENARY: THE “NEW” 3553(A) SENTENCING: VIEWS FROM THE BENCH
Emerald Ballroom**

Judicial Panel:

The Hon. Deborah Batts, United States District Judge (SDNY)

The Hon. Marilyn Hall Patel, United States District Judge (NDCA)

The Hon. Edward Prado, United States Circuit Judge (5th Circuit)

Moderator: Mary McNamara, CJA Panel Representative

The Supreme Court’s recent judicial quartet (*Booker, Rita, Gall* , and *Kimbrough*) have re-established Section 3553(a) as the statutory touchstone for sentencing and have increasingly reemphasized sentencing courts’ enhanced discretion. This judicial panel will share perspectives on the “new” federal sentencing practice and provide insights that will allow for more effective sentencing advocacy on behalf of defendants.

5:15-5:20 PM

**ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS; ADJOURN FOR DAY
Emerald Ballroom**

Saturday, February 6, 2010

08:00-8:30 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Emerald Ballroom Foyer

8:30-9:30 AM **PLENARY SESSION: "MENTAL HEALTH"**
Emerald Ballroom

*Rikki Lynn Halavonich, MD., LowCountry Forensic Psychiatry,
Charleston, South Carolina*

Forty-five percent of Federal prisoners have had a mental health *problem*, and 40% of federal prisoners have had symptoms of a mental health *disorder*. Does your client have mental health issues that impact his/her ability to assist the defense? Learn about the signs that could indicate the need for further evaluation and what to do with the information once you have it.

9:35-10:35 AM **BREAK-OUTS (Repeat of Friday Afternoon session)**

1. **PEELING BACK THE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY GUIDELINES:
UNDERSTANDING THE INHERENT FLAWS**
Gold Rush A
2. **THE FALLACIES UNDERLYING THE IMMIGRATION GUIDELINES**
Redwood
3. **A FIREARMS DISMANTLING EXERCISE.**
Gold Rush B
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GUIDELINE.**
Portola
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Emerald Ballroom

10:35-10:50 AM **BREAK**

10:50 - 11:50AM **PLENARY SESSION: SENTENCING UPDATE DISCUSSION**
Emerald Ballroom

*Anne Blanchard, National Sentencing Resource Counsel
Sara Noonan, National Sentencing Resource Counsel*

In the context of guideline sentencing, these speakers will discuss recent developments and a forecast of things-yet-to-come. They will also look at the changes to the Sentencing Guidelines effective November 1, 2009, and the potential areas for Guideline amendments in 2010.

11:50-12:50 PM

PLENARY SESSION: “ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN A FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE”

Emerald Ballroom

Richard A. Anderson, Federal Public Defender, N.D. of Texas

Mr. Anderson, recognized nationally for his expertise in legal ethics, will cover several situations that commonly arise in the preparation, trial, and appeal of a Federal criminal case. Among other subjects he will touch upon communication, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, fees, termination of representation, and something that NEVER arises in a criminal case: perjury.

12:50-1:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS & FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Emerald Ballroom

Jerry V. Beard, Visiting Attorney-Advisor, Office of Def. Services
Legal, Policy & Training Div., Training Branch, Washington, D.C.

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OFFICE OF DEFENDER SERVICES TRAINING BRANCH**

Fundamentals of Federal Criminal Defense Training

**February 4, 2010
San Francisco, CA**

Designed to give an overview for new federal CJA practitioners, this track addresses topics that are essential to defending clients in federal criminal cases.

7:30 to 8:15 A.M.

Registration
Emerald Ballroom Foyer

8:15 to 8:30 A.M.

Welcoming Remarks
Gold Rush B
*Lori A. Green, Attorney-Advisor, Training Branch, Office of
Defender Services, Washington, D.C.*

8:30 to 9:30 A.M.

Bail Reform Act
Gold Rush B
Frank Morales, AFD, Southern District of Texas

How can you maximize your chances of getting your client released under the Bail Reform Act? This session will address pretrial interviews, third party custodians, other favorable witnesses, the detention hearing, the appeal of a detention order and release pending appeal

9:30 to 10:30 A.M.

Client Interviews
Gold Rush B
*Callie Glanton-Steele, AFD, Central District of California
Ronald Tyler, AFD, Northern District of California*

Arguing for pretrial release, negotiating a plea that really serves your client's best interests, making sentencing arguments and assessing culpability are all areas where knowing your client makes a huge difference. This session looks at the ways we create trust and respect in the attorney-client relationship and how we go about learning what we need to know to provide the best defense.

10:30 to 10:45 A.M.

Break

10:45 to 11:45 A.M.

Discovery Issues With a Twist – Rule 16 and More

Gold Rush B

*Michael Kennedy, First Assistant Federal Public Defender,
District of Nevada*

David Anthony, AFPD, Capital Habeas Unit, District of Nevada

A look at discovery issues from the combined perspectives of a trial attorney and attorneys working on cases post-conviction. This session addresses the requirements of Rule 16, but goes beyond it by looking at discoverable evidence from the perspective of a lawyer seeking post-conviction relief. Learn about other avenues to discoverable evidence that might be helpful if considered while mounting a defense to criminal charges

11:45 to 12:45 P.M.

**Introduction to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines
Sentencing Guidelines 101**

Gold Rush B

*Stephen L. Marley, Attorney-Advisor, Training Branch, Office of
Defender Services, Washington, D.C.*

*Alan Dorhoffer, United States Sentencing Commission,
Washington, D.C.*

This session will cover the basics of applying the federal sentencing guidelines.

12:45 to 2:00 P.M.

LUNCH

2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Plea Negotiations and Proffers

Gold Rush B

Yasmin Cader, AFPD, Central District of California

*Lori A. Green, Attorney-Advisor, Training Branch, Office of Defender
Services, Washington, D.C.*

A discussion of how to negotiate a plea, with a particular focus on providing charge alternatives that limit a client's exposure, and avoiding pitfalls as you guide your client through proffers to the government.

3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better: The Affirmative Use of Federal Rule of Evidence 404(b).

Gold Rush B

Jennifer Gilg, Research and Writing Attorney, District of Nebraska

We spend so much of our time and effort trying to exclude evidence that we tend to forget many evidentiary rules that allow us to tell our client's side of the story. This presentation will explore how criminal defense attorneys can use the evidentiary rules to admit favorable evidence at trial.

4:00 to 4:15 P.M.

BREAK

4:15 to 5:15 P.M.

Fundamentals of Federal Criminal Defense Track

"Oh Acquittal Where Art Thou: Using Fed.R.Crim.P. 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, and 35 to Win Trials and Influence Sentencing

Gold Rush B

Robert Truitt, Staff Attorney, Federal Community Defenders for the Northern District of Indiana

This presentation will examine Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, and 35 in the context of trial and sentencing. The session will examine how these rules work together to form a defense strategy which will either terminate the litigation in our client's favor or provide the necessary support for a new trial in the event of a faulty conviction. The sentencing process found in Rules 32 and 35 arm the defense with the tools to obtain the lowest possible sentence for our clients. The session will also examine the implications of Rita v. United States on the courts' sentencing process.

5:15 to 6:15 P.M.

Practical Tips if Your Client Faces Incarceration in a Federal Prison

Gold Rush B

Paula Xinis, AAFP, District of Maryland

This session will provide practical tips if your client faces federal imprisonment. It will include factors to consider for your client to obtain a federal sentence at the least restrictive possible facility and receive the earliest feasible release date.