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2011 TRIAL SKILLS ACADEMY

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**Federal CJA Trial Skills Academy  
California Western School of Law  
April 25 - April 30, 2011  
San Diego, CA**

**Sunday April 24, 2011**

5:00-6:30 p.m.      **Faculty Meeting**

**Monday April 25, 2011**

9:00-10:30 a.m.      **Meeting with Actors**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Registration** (CWSL, 350 Cedar)

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.   **Reception**

12:30 - 12:45 p.m.   **Welcome and Introduction to the Academy** - Moot Court Rm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor\*

*Bob Burke, Chief, Office of Defender Services Training Branch,  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, DC*

*Reuben Cahn, Executive Director, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.,  
San Diego, CA*

12:45 - 1:35 p.m.    **Brainstorming the Facts (Plenary - Use of Plenary Fact Problem)**

*Heather Williams, First Assistant Federal Public Defender, Arizona  
Federal Public Defender, Tucson, AZ*

This session will present the elements of effective brainstorming and include having all participants brainstorm the facts of the plenary fact problem.

1:35 - 1:50 p.m.    **Break** (All breaks set up in 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Lobby)

\* All plenary sessions will be conducted in the Moot Court Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

1:50 - 5:15 p.m.      **Brainstorming the Facts (Small Group Breakouts)** - Breakout Assignments and Room Designations Can Be Found on the Green Small Group Breakout Assignments Sheet

Participants brainstorm the facts of their own cases in small group breakouts.

## **Tuesday April 26, 2011**

8:45 - 9:45 a.m.      **Attorney-Client Relations and Interviewing Skills (Plenary)**

*Cynthia Roseberry, Executive Director, Federal Defenders of the Middle District of GA, Inc.*

This session will focus on important aspects of the attorney-client relationship, as well as the elements of, and techniques for, effective interviewing that promotes obtaining information from a client and others that will best allow the creation of a persuasive theory of the case.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon      **Interviewing Skills (Small Group Breakouts)**

Participants practice interviewing techniques and skills and receive constructive feedback.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.      **Theory and Themes / Storytelling (Plenary)**

*Anthony "Tony" Natale, Supervisory Asst. Federal Public Defender, Federal Public Defender Organization for the Southern District of Florida, Miami, FL*

Having a theory of the case and supporting themes allows one to effectively organize a case and tell a persuasive defense story. This session will define a theory and theme and will present the elements of effective, persuasive storytelling. It will address how to develop theories and themes and weave them into a defense story.

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.      **Break**

3:00 - 5:45 p.m.      **Development of Theory and Themes and Storytelling**  
(Small Group Breakouts)

Participants practice the development of theories, themes and storytelling elements.

### **Wednesday April 27, 2011**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.      **Demonstrative Evidence and Aids (Plenary)**

*Shereen Charlick, Chief Trial Attorney, Federal Defenders of San Diego, San Diego, CA*

Sometimes, a picture is worth a thousand words. This session will address the elements of the effective use of audio-visual aids in litigation.

9:00 - 9:45 a.m      **Jury Selection (Plenary)**

*Richard Kammen, Esq., Kammen and Associates, Indianapolis, IN*

One of the most important aspects of any trial is jury selection. This session will focus on goals in selecting a jury (including advancing the theory of the case), approaches to questioning prospective jurors, and the methods by which you can gather information from prospective jurors.

9:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.      **Jury Selection (Small Group Breakouts)**

Participants will practice voir dire and receive constructive feedback.

12:10 - 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch**

1:30 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.      **Opening Statements (Plenary)**

*Kevin Butler, First Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defender Program, Inc., Middle District of Alabama, Montgomery, AL*

Opening statement is one's first opportunity to tell the jury what your case is all about. It is a critical part of the trial. This session will focus on the goals of, and preparation for, an opening statement, how jurors perceive opening statements, and the nuts & bolts of how to construct an opening statement that will advance the theory of the case and defense story.

2:45- 5:45 p.m.      **Preparation for and Presentation of Opening Statements (Small Group Breakouts)**

Participants prepare and present opening statements and receive constructive feedback.

**Thursday April 28, 2011**

8:45 - 10:00 a.m.      **Cross-examination/Impeachment (Plenary/Demo)**

*Ronald Tyler, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Public Defender Organization for the Northern District of California, San Francisco, CA*

This session will cover goals of, and preparation for, cross-examination, effective cross-examination techniques, how to properly and effectively impeach a witness, and how to advance the theory of the case and defense story through the use of cross-examination, including demonstrations of the proper techniques.

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.      **Break**

10:15 a.m.-12:20 p.m.      **Cross-examination and Evidence Issues (Small Group Breakouts)**

Participants practice cross-examination, impeachment of witnesses, and proper procedures for the use and admission of evidence during cross-examination, and receive constructive feedback.

12:20 - 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch**

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.      **Cross-examination and Evidence Issues (Small Group Breakouts Continued)**

2:55 - 3:45 p.m.      **Direct Examination /Client Prep (Plenary)**

*Selena Solis, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Public Defender Organization for the Western District of Texas, El Paso, TX*

Direct examination provides another opportunity to advance the theory of the case and defense story. This session will cover techniques to use to present a compelling direct examination.

3:45 p.m.      **Adjourn for the Day**

## **Friday April 29, 2011**

8:45 - 11:45 a.m.      **Direct Examination / Client Prep (Small Group Breakouts)**

Participants practice direct examinations and receive constructive feedback.

11:45 a.m - 1:15 p.m.      **Lunch**

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.      **Closing Arguments (Plenary)**

*Stephen Lindsay, Esq., Fairview, NC*

Closing arguments are the last opportunity to communicate directly with the jury. This session will cover techniques that can be used to effectively and persuasively communicate the theory of the case and defense story.

2:15 - 2:30 p.m.      **Break**

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.      **Preparation for Closing Arguments (Small Group Breakouts)**

With the assistance of faculty, participants prepare closing arguments that will be performed in the following breakout.

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.      **Closing Arguments (Small Group Breakouts)**

Participants perform closing arguments and receive constructive feedback.

## **Saturday April 30, 2011**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.      **Closing Arguments (Small Group Breakouts Continued)**

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.      **Brunch**

12:15 - 2:50 p.m.      **Closing Argument Demonstration and Jury Deliberations Observation**  
Demo and Observation in Moot Court Room; Deliberations in Roy Bell Reading Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

*Kate Corrigan, Esq., Corrigan Law Corporation, APLC, Newport Beach, CA*

*Stephen Lindsay, Esq., Fairview, NC*

*Callie Glanton-Steele, Third Level Supervisory AFPD, Central District of California*

Participants observe a closing argument demonstration and view jury deliberations via closed circuit TV.

- 2:50 - 3:00 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.      **Ethics Session (Breakouts)**
- 4:00- 4:15 p.m.      **Closing Remarks**
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.      **Reception** - Doubletree Hotel

### **Additional Small Group Faculty**

*Norma Aguilar, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

*Reuben Cahn, Executive Director, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

*Dennis Candelaria, Assistant Federal Public Defender, District of New Mexico, Las Cruces, New Mexico*

*Kasha Castillo, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. San Diego, CA*

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

*Carlton Gunn, Senior Litigator, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Central District of California*

*Omodare Jupiter, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Mississippi*

*Michael Kennedy, First Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV*

*A. J. Kramer, Federal Defender, Federal Defender Organization for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC*

*Michael Lieberman, Supervisory Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc.*

*Frank Mangan, Senior Litigation Counsel, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

*Jason Ser, Trial Team Leader, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

*Fredilyn Sison, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina, Inc., Asheville, NC*

*Bobbi C. Sternheim, Esq., Law Offices of Bobbi C. Sternheim, New York, NY*

*Kevin Tate, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina, Inc.,  
Asheville, NC*

*Eric Vos, Attorney Advisor, Office of Defender Services Training Branch, Washington, DC*