



**TRIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP
Bail Boot Camp**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COURTS
DEFENDER SERVICES OFFICE TRAINING DIVISION**

Atlanta, Georgia
January 23-25, 2025

Agenda

Thursday, January 23, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

Akin Adepoju, Chief, Training Division Content Branch, Defender Services Office, Washington, DC

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: Bail, Through the Lens of Pre-Trial Services

Amaryllis Austin, Deputy Chief Pretrial Services Officer II, United States Probation and Pretrial Services, Northern District of California, San Francisco, CA

Roughly three out of every four federal criminal defendants in the United States are held in pretrial detention, despite a presumption of innocence. Pre-Trial Services play a critical role in the determination of pre-trial release. Understanding their perspectives, methodologies, risk-assessment tools, policies, and concerns, will help us to better advocate for our client's release.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: Bail and Initial Appearance Lecture

Alison Siegler, Clinical Professor of Law, Director of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

The bond stage is every bit as important as trial and sentencing and affects every other stage of the case. Yet, key provisions of the Bail Reform Act are routinely misinterpreted or ignored at initial appearances and detention hearings, resulting in the improper

detention of our clients. This session will include a thorough discussion of these misconceptions and will provide tools for fighting detention, identifying cases where a detention hearing is not authorized, and obtaining release.

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Demo of Initial Appearance

Jawara Griffin, *Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Defender's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR*

11:45 a.m. –

1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. WORKSHOP SESSION I: Initial Appearance

Group assignments will be posted prior to this session

Participants will meet with their small group facilitators to discuss strategies on how to properly handle initial appearances and role-play with hypotheticals.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: Interviewing Your Client with an Eye Towards Bail

Akin Adepoju, *Chief, Training Division Content Branch, Defender Services Office, Washington, DC*

This session will break down how to conduct pretrial interviews that enable you to craft a compelling bond narrative, will demonstrate how to link your client's story to the best aspects of the legal standard, and will ensure that you know the Bail Reform Act better than anyone else in the courtroom. This session will also focus on the importance of approaching client interviews with cultural competence and humility.

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: Calculating Your Client's Pretrial Risk Assessment Score (PTRA)

Andrew Grindrod, *Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk, VA*

In this session, you will learn how to calculate your client's PTRA score and use it to demonstrate that your client poses a very low risk of failing to appear or re-offending.

5:30 p.m. Adjourn for the day

Friday, January 24, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Check-In & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: Creating and Supporting a Release Plan
Sara Peloquin, *Senior Trial Attorney, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

Obtaining pretrial release for our clients is the first and best step toward achieving a good result for our clients. This session will focus on the need to create a release plan that addresses the statutory concerns of public safety and flight as well as the standard conditions of release. The plan will provide specifics on many factors including where our clients will live, with whom, where they will work, and address other treatment and supervision concerns that will demonstrate they will be successful on pretrial release. The session will also provide ideas on how to support clients on pretrial release.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. WORKSHOP SESSION II: Effective Interviewing

Participants will meet with their small group facilitators to practice their interviewing skills by role-playing with mock cases.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: Detention Hearing Lecture
Alison Siegler, *Clinical Professor of Law, Director of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL*

This session will provide tools for fighting detention, beating the presumptions, filing written bond motions, and obtaining release.

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. Demo of Detention Hearing

Michael Carter, *Executive Director, Federal Community Defender of the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, MI*

12:45 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. WORKSHOP SESSION III: Detention Hearing

Participants will meet with their small group facilitators to practice arguments to be made at detention hearings using mock cases.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Refreshment Break

4:15 –5:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: No, Really, Noncitizens Are Eligible for Pretrial Release Too

Norma Aguilar, *Training Director, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

Carson Baucher, *Trial Attorney, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA*

Do you waive pretrial release issues when your clients have immigration detainers (also called ICE holds or immigration holds)? Well, you don't have to! This session will provide practical tips on how to obtain bail despite the client's alleged unlawful presence in the United States.

5:15 p.m. Adjourn for the day

Saturday, January 25, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Check-In & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: Don't Take No for an Answer/Many Bites at the Apple

Andrew Grindrod, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk, VA

Dissatisfied with the magistrate judge's bail order? At least two options are available: move for reconsideration or appeal to the district court. The defense (or prosecution) may seek review of the detention (or release) order at any time. This session will layout the process of how to appeal a magistrate judge's detention order, requests for stays, and motions for reconsideration.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: Storytelling for Bail: Let My People Go!

Amy H. Rubin, Managing Attorney, Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington, Spokane, WA

Storytelling has always been a part of lawyering, but it has generally assumed an important role at trial and sentencing. This session will provide tips on how to organize and present facts in a way that resonates with the court as we make the case for release.

11:15 a.m. Closing Remarks and Program Adjournment

Additional Small Group Faculty

Dennis Candelaria, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Craig Crawford, Attorney Advisor, Training Division, Defender Services Office, Washington, DC

Walter Gonçalves, Jr., Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Alison Guernsey, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Federal Criminal Defense Clinic, Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA

Tracy Hayes, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Connecticut, New Haven, CT

Sarah Levin, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

Susan Lin, Partner, Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg & Lin, Philadelphia, PA

Judith Miller, Clinical Professor of Law, Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Fredilyn Sison, CJA Panel Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, Asheville, NC