



WEBINAR

Federal Defender Investigators, Paralegals and Mitigation Specialists

A Virtual Series

Session 4 – NAVIGATING CLIENT BOP PROGRAM OPTIONS & TIPS FOR GATHERING CLIENT BOP RECORDS

- a. **Date:** October 22, 2025, at 1:00-2:15 PM, EDT
- b. **Duration:** 75 minutes
- c. **Title:** Navigating Client BOP Program Options & Tips for Gathering Client BOP Records
- d. **Description:**
Programming is an important subject for our incarcerated clients...*Where may I have the most options; a facility indicates it has the program I am looking for, but does it really, and how can I get in?*

BOP programs include Recidivism Reduction Programs: First Step Act (FSA), Residential Drug Abuse Programs (RDAP) as well as a variety of behavioral programs. Credits earned by clients who

qualify for these incentives can result in an earlier release date. Educate yourself about details and requirements for each of these BOP based incentives by joining our webinar.

Getting our incarcerated clients their BOP files/records can be very valuable to them. Many of the questions they have can be answered with the proper documents. *So, who do I contact, and where do I begin the hunt?* This webinar will guide you through the BOP maze, beginning with their website and other useful online resources which will lead you to a database of Unit Managers, Case Managers, Counselors and BOP attorneys.

e. Materials: Available materials will be accessible after the webinar.

f. CLE: N/A

g. Presenters:

Jack T. Donson - is a nationally recognized advocate and expert witness on Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) issues. He has worked directly with incarcerated people for over 37 years as a BOP employee, consultant and advocate, and he serves on the Corrections Committees of the ABA and NACDL. Additionally, he has extensive experience testifying in federal courts and training advocates and court personnel throughout the country. Jack's passion is federal prison reform - he believes substantial reforms can be accomplished under existing BOP policies and statutory framework. Currently, he is the Executive Director of the non-profit, *Prison Education and Reform Alliance* (PERA), consisting of organizations, experts and resources whose aim is to support and educate the justice community on policies, processes and

organizational cultures that can better serve all clients and constituents.

Colleen Flanagan – is the Senior Investigator for the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of New Jersey. She has worked to serve indigent clients for nearly 35 years. Her array of duties has focused on assisting attorneys in all aspects of advanced investigative services and litigation support. Colleen's tenure has included extensive work on numerous high-profile cases, capital eligible and terrorism cases. She regularly attends court proceedings and hearings as well as meetings with adversaries, other Government agencies, clients and their families. She is a mentor in the office for both investigators and paralegals as well as junior attorneys and is highly respected by members of the Court and Federal Family. Colleen has served on several Professional Committees with the Administrative Office of the Courts and DSO Training Division, including the role of Faculty Facilitator, Conference Planning Committee Member and topic speaker.