

FY 2018 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 Defenders	Focuses on a basic introduction to federal criminal law for new assistant federal defenders.	Nov 13-17, 2017 Santa Fe, NM	120
Federal Defender Conference	Conference for heads of offices	Feb 7-8, 2018 Atlanta, GA	200
Federal Defender Capital Habeas Unit Conference	Addresses office and case management practices, as well as substantive capital habeas issues.	March 21-23, 2018 Santa Fe, NM	165
Computer Systems Administrators Conference	Focuses on the effective use of technology in federal defender office administration and litigation support.	May 1-3, 2018 San Diego, CA	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 30-June 1, 2018 Kansas City, MO	500
Case Opening Training (2 trainings)	Training for defender staff on opening of new cases in accordance with Chapter 18.	May & June 2018	85
Administrative Officer Conference	Addresses issues of office management and administration, including related national policies.	July 17-18, 2018 Philadelphia, PA	120
Sentencing Strategy Session	Designed for federal and community defender, this session brings one person from each Defender office to discuss trends in sentencing.	TBD	70
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.	Sept 5-7, 2018 Washington, DC	35
Non-Capital Habeas Training	This program is designed for participants at all levels of habeas expertise and will focus on issues unique to non-capital habeas litigation, including both procedural and substantive issues. It will consist of plenary and break-out sessions presented by both national speakers as well as seasoned non-cap AFPDs.	Sept 27-28, 2018 New Orleans, LA	120

**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.	Feb 9-10, 2018 Atlanta, GA	110
PROGRAMS FOR FDO STAFF AND PRIVATE CJA PRACTITIONERS			
Webinar	Strategies for Defending Noncitizens: Ya Lo Pagué Calculating Sentencing Enhancements Under the Rebooted 2L1.2	Oct 10 & Oct 12, 2017	200
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 2-4, 2017 Austin, TX	40
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop I	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	Nov 30 – Dec 2, 2017 Savannah, GA	70
Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management Workshop I	This hands-on workshop focuses on addressing e-discovery challenges in federal criminal cases, and teaches concepts and techniques to better organize, search and analyze digital case materials.	Jan 18-20, 2018 San Antonio, TX	70
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 25-27, 2018 New Orleans, LA Jan 25-26 – Fundamentals January 25-27 - Winning Strategies	200

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Webinar: The Great Divides	This webinar will address recent circuit court splits	Feb 27, 2018 & Mar 1, 2018	200
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop II	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	March 8-10, 2018 San Francisco, CA	70
Webinar: Resources for CJA Attorneys	This webinar will provide information on expert services and other resources for CJA attorneys	April 3 & 5, 2018	200
Race in the Federal Criminal Court	This seminar educates CJA panel attorneys and defender staff 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 19-21, 2018 St. Louis, MO	200
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 8-10, 2018 Bloomington, MN	250
Techniques in Electronic Case Management Workshop (Regional)	This hands-on workshop focuses on addressing e-discovery challenges in federal criminal cases, and teaches concepts and techniques to better organize, search and analyze digital case materials.	May 17-19, 2018 Atlanta, GA	70
Non-Capital Sentencing Mitigation Skills	This workshop presents a hands-on method on the development of non-capital mitigation and its integration into persuasive sentencing advocacy. Through plenary and small group sessions, participants will further their understanding on non-capital mitigation evidence and the skills necessary to effectively interview for mitigation; investigate, collect and analyze records; and write reports and/or sentencing memorandum to present mitigation at sentencing.	May 17-19, 2018 Denver, CO	45
Webinar: Best Practices in light of <i>Dimaya</i>	This webinar will address future practice plans in light of <i>Sessions v. Dimaya</i>	June 26 & 28, 2018	200

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National Forensics College	This joint program with NACDL and Cardozo School of Law trains attorneys, both trial and post-conviction, on a variety of forensic topics, and facilitates the strategic litigation of forensic issues nationwide.	June 2-9, 2018 New York, NY	135
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 7-9, 2018 Atlanta, GA	200
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	June 28-30, 2018 Philadelphia, PA	70
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop III	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	July 12-14, 2018 Kansas City, MO	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 15-20, 2018 Indianapolis, IN	66
Law and Technology: Electronic Courtroom Presentation	Focuses on the use of modern technology to improve the persuasiveness of courtroom presentations.	August 2-4, 2018 Long Beach, CA	70
Webinar: Immigration	This webinar will provide an update on various immigration topics	August, 2018	200
Winning Strategies Regional	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.	August 2-4, 2018 San Antonio, TX	200

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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 13-15, 2018 (Writing Workshop) August 16-18, 2018 (Multi-Track) Los Angeles, CA	175
Webinar: Sentencing Issues	The webinar will focus on common obstacles in calculating your client's guideline range.	September, 2018	200
Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management II	This hands-on workshop focuses on addressing e-discovery challenges in federal criminal cases, and teaches concepts and techniques to better organize, search and analyze digital case materials.	Sept 6-8, 2018 Minneapolis, MN	70
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.	Oct 26-28, 2017 San Diego, CA	200
Capital Mitigation Skills Workshop (2 offerings)	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 11-14, 2018 Kansas City, MO May 17-20, 2018 Kansas City, MO	36

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Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Authorized Cases (ACT I & II) <i>(2 offerings)</i>	This program brings together trial teams within a region that have authorized capital cases to train and brainstorm on trial skills and strategies.	March 14-16, 2018 St. Louis, MO (ACT I) June 18-20, 2018 Atlanta, GA (ACT II)	45
15th 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.	April 19-22, 2018 Miami, FL	200
Fundamentals of Capital Defense	This training is designed to introduce federal defender staff (including attorneys, mitigation specialists, investigators, and paralegals) as well as CJA panel attorneys, to federal capital defense practice. The program is a “death penalty 101” primer program targeted for practitioners newer to capital defense work	April 30 - May 2, 2018 Denver, CO	
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.	May 17-19, 2018 Location TBD	35
The Persuasion Institute: A Workshop in Legal Storytelling and Narrative Construction for Capital Post-Conviction Counsel	Designed by Professor Anthony G. Amsterdam, together with HAT counsel, this program aims to improve habeas advocacy by teaching participants techniques that can be used in persuasive oral and written advocacy. Capital post-conviction attorneys, professional non-fiction and fiction writers, and legal as well as literary academics work together in a combined lecture, group brainstorming session and small group discussion formats.	June 15-17, 2018 Ithaca, NY	35
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	July 12-15, 2018 Los Angeles, CA	48

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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 9-12, 2018 Baltimore, MD	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.	Sept 21-23, 2018 New York, NY	80
Defense Initiated Victim Outreach I	This program addresses the use of victim outreach by defense teams in capital cases.	TBD	15
Defense Initiated Victim Outreach II	This program addresses the use by defense teams in capital cases of the practice of victim outreach.	TBD	15