

## FY 2018 Authorized DSO Training Events and Conferences\*

TYPE OF PROGRAM AND TITLE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DATES & LOCATION	ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE
<b>DEFENDER STAFF PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Orientation Seminar for New Assistant Federal</b>	Focuses on a basic introduction to federal criminal law for new assistant federal defenders.	Nov 13-17, 2017 Santa Fe, NM	120
<b>Federal Defender Conference</b>	Conference for heads of offices	Feb 7-8, 2018 Atlanta, GA	200
<b>Federal Defender Capital Habeas Unit Conference</b>	Addresses office and case management practices, as well as substantive capital habeas issues.	March 21-23, 2018 Santa Fe, NM	165
<b>Computer Systems Administrators Conference</b>	Focuses on the effective use of technology in federal defender office administration and litigation support.	May 1-3, 2018 San Diego, CA	130
<b>National Seminar for Federal Defenders</b>	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
<b>Administrative Officer Conference</b>	Addresses issues of office management and administration, including related national policies.	July 17-18, 2018 Philadelphia, PA	120
<b>Sentencing Strategy Session</b>	Addresses substantive sentencing developments and strategies.	TBD	70
<b>Case Opening Training (2 trainings)</b>	Training for defender staff on opening of new cases in accordance with Chapter 18.	TBD	85
<b>Appellate Writing Workshop for Federal Defenders</b>	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
<b>Non-Capital Habeas Training</b>	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.	September, 2018	120

*\*Where dates and locations are confirmed, that information is provided. Consult [fd.org](http://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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<b>PANEL REPRESENTATIVES</b>			
<b>National Panel Attorney District Representatives Conference</b>	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
<b>PROGRAMS FOR FDO STAFF AND PRIVATE CJA PRACTITIONERS</b>			
<b>Webinar</b>	Strategies for Defending Noncitizens: Ya Lo Pagué Calculating Sentencing Enhancements Under the Rebooted 2L1.2	Oct 10 & Oct 12, 2017	200
<b>Train the Trainers Workshop</b>	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
<b>Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop I</b>	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	Nov 30 – Dec 2, 2017 Savannah, GA	70
<b>Winning Strategies I &amp; Fundamentals</b>	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
<b>Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management Workshop I</b>	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

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<b>Webinar: The Great Divides</b>	This webinar will address recent circuit court splits	Feb 27, 2018 & Mar 1, 2018	200
<b>Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop II</b>	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	March 8-10, 2018 San Francisco, CA	70
<b>Webinar: Resources for CJA Attorneys</b>	This webinar will provide information on expert services and other resources for CJA attorneys	April 3 & 5, 2018	200
<b>Race in the Federal Criminal Court</b>	This seminar educates CJA panel attorneys 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
<b>Federal Defender Investigator &amp; Paralegal Seminar</b>	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
<b>Non-Capital Sentencing Mitigation Skills</b>	Current plans are to provide an overview of the major issues involved in all stages of litigating non-capital federal habeas cases.	May 17-19, 2018 Denver, CO	45
<b>Webinar: Best Practices in light of <i>Dimaya</i></b>	This webinar will address future practice plans in light of <i>Sessions v. Dimaya</i>	June, 2018	200
<b>Winning Strategies Seminar II</b>	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, 2018	200

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<b>Forensics College</b>	This joint program with NACDL and Cardozo School of Law trains trainers, both trial and post-conviction, on a variety of forensic topics, and facilitates the strategic litigation of forensic issues nationwide with the support of leading law firms and experts.	June, 2018	60
<b>The Paralegal and Investigator Skills Workshop</b>	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
<b>Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop III</b>	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	July 12-14, 2018 Kansas City, MO	70
<b>Federal CJA Trial Skills Academy</b>	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
<b>Law and Technology: Electronic Courtroom Presentation</b>	Focuses on the use of modern technology to improve the persuasiveness of courtroom presentations.	Late July-Early Aug 2018	70
<b>Webinar: Immigration</b>	This webinar will provide an update on various immigration topics	August, 2018	200

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<b>Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar/Persuasive Writing</b>	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
<b>Webinar: Sentencing Issues</b>	The webinar will focus on common obstacles in calculating your client's guideline range.	September, 2018	200
<b>Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management II</b>	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.	September, 2018	70
<b>DEATH PENALTY</b>			
<b>Federal Death Penalty Strategy-FD PRC</b>	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
<b>Capital Mitigation Skills Workshop</b> <i>(2 offerings)</i>	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	36

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<b>Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Authorized Cases (ACT I &amp; II)</b> <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
<b>15<sup>th</sup> National Seminar on the Development and Integration of Mitigation Evidence</b>	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
<b>Fundamentals of Capital Defense</b>		April 30- May 2, 2018 Denver, CO	
<b>Section 2255 Authorized Cases Training</b>	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
<b>Capital Habeas Institute (NITA/Amsterdam)</b>	This post-conviction skills seminar uses a combination of lectures and small group exercises to teach participants how to effectively handle common habeas claims	May or July, 2018	48
<b>The Persuasion Institute: A Workshop in Legal Storytelling and Narrative Construction for Capital Post-Conviction Counsel</b>	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

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<b>Annual National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar</b>	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
<b>Perspectives on Racial and Ethnic Bias</b>	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
<b>Defense Initiated Victim Outreach I</b>	This program addresses the use of victim outreach by defense teams in capital cases.	TBD	15
<b>National Seminar on Forensics</b>	This program brings together national forensics experts to focus on developments in forensics and their legal impact.	TBD	150
<b>Defense Initiated Victim Outreach II</b>	This program addresses the use by defense teams in capital cases of the practice of victim outreach.	TBD	15