

## FY 2019 Authorized DSO Training Events and Conferences\*

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| <b>DEFENDER STAFF PROGRAMS</b>                                  |   |                                    |                         |
| <b>Community Defender Organization Board Leadership Meeting</b> | Discusses common leadership and management issues and challenges and strategies for addressing them.  | Oct. 21-23, 2018<br>San Diego, CA  | 45                      |
| <b>Orientation Seminar for New Assistant Federal Defenders</b>  | Focuses on a basic introduction to federal criminal law for new assistant federal defenders.  | Nov 5-9, 2018                      | 120                     |
| <b>Federal Defender Conference</b>                              | Conference for heads of offices   | Feb. 27-28, 2019<br>San Diego, CA  | 130                     |
| <b>Federal Defender Supervisory Leadership Training</b>         | Addresses leadership skills for federal defender office managers and supervisors including non-attorney supervisors.  | April 2019<br>Las Vegas, NV        | 250                     |
| <b>Federal Defender Capital Habeas Unit Conference</b>          | Addresses office and case management practices, as well as substantive capital habeas issues.   | April 3-5, 2019<br>Mobile, Alabama | 175                     |
| <b>Computer Systems Administrators Conference</b>               | Focuses on the effective use of technology in federal defender office administration and litigation support.  | April/May 2019                     | 170                     |
| <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 28-31, 2019<br>Detroit, MI     | 500                     |
| <b>Case Opening Training (2 trainings)</b>                      | Training for defender staff on opening of new cases in accordance with Chapter 18.  | May & June 2019                    | 85                      |
| <b>Administrative Officer Conference</b>                        | Addresses issues of office management and administration, including related national policies.  | July 16-17, 2019<br>Chicago, IL    | 120                     |
| <b>Sentencing Strategy Session</b>                              | Designed for federal and community defender, this session brings one person from each Defender office to discuss trends in sentencing.  | Sept 2019                          | 70                      |

*\*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<br/>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.   | March 1-2, 2019<br>San Diego, CA        | 130                     |
| <b>PROGRAMS FOR<br/>FDO STAFF AND<br/>PRIVATE CJA<br/>PRACTITIONERS</b> |   |   |                         |
| <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. | October 18-20, 2018<br>Baltimore, MD    | 40                      |
| <b>Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop I</b>                     | This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.  | November 15-17, 2018<br>Los Angeles, CA | 70                      |
| <b>Winning Strategies I (Regional)</b>                                  | This general federal criminal law seminar covers a variety of substantive, procedural, sentencing, and trial strategy issues specific to the region.  | December 6-8, 2018<br>San Diego, CA     | 200                     |
| <b>Winning Strategies II &amp; Fundamentals I</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.  | January 2019                            | 200                     |
| <b>Race in the Federal Criminal Court</b>                               | 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.   | February 7-9, 2019<br>Charlotte, NC     | 200                     |

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| <b>Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop II</b>         | This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.   | March 2019       | 70                   |
| <b>Techniques in Electronic Case Management Workshop 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.  | March 2019       | 70                   |
| <b>Trial Skills Workshop</b>                                 | Hands-on workshop focusing on specific areas of trial practice.  | April 2019       | 60                   |
| <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                   | April 2019       | 250                  |
| <b>Winning Strategies III &amp; Fundamentals 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.   | May or June 2019 | 200                  |
| <b>National Forensics College</b>                            | 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 2019        | 135                  |
| <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 2019        | 70                   |

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| <b>Non-Capital Sentencing Mitigation Skills</b>                         | 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. | July 2019   | 45                   |
| <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 20-26, 2019<br>Indianapolis, IN<br><i>(tentative)</i>        | 66                   |
| <b>Law and Technology: Electronic Courtroom Presentation</b>            | Focuses on the use of modern technology to improve the persuasiveness of courtroom presentations.   | July or August 2019   | 70                   |
| <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 2019<br>(Writing Workshop)<br>August 2019<br>(Multi-Track) | 175                  |
| <b>Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop III</b>                   | This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.  | September 2019  | 70                   |
| <b>Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management III</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 2019  | 70                   |

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| <b>Trial Skills Workshop</b>  | Hands-on workshop focusing on specific areas of trial practice.  | September 2019  | 60                      |
| <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. | November 7-9, 2018<br>Tampa, FL   | 200                     |
| <b>Capital Mitigation Skills Workshop</b><br><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.  | January 17-20, 2019<br><i>(tentative dates)</i><br>Austin, TX<br>and<br>May 2019<br>Kansas City, MO | 36                      |
| <b>Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Authorized Cases (ACT I &amp; II)</b><br><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.  | January 27-29, 2019<br>Atlanta, GA<br>(ACT I)<br>June 2019<br>(ACT II)                              | 45                      |
| <b>16<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.   | March 14-17, 2019<br>Philadelphia, PA   | 200                     |
| <b>The National Seminar on Forensics Evidence and the Criminal Law</b>                                  | This program will assemble some of the nation's foremost scientific and legal experts to discuss what progress has been made since the landmark report on forensic science deficiencies by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences in 2009.  | April 2019  | 200                     |

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| <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 16-18, 2019<br><i>(tentative)</i> | 35                   |
| <b>The Anthony G. Amsterdam Supreme Court Advocacy Institute (SCOTUS)</b> | The goal of this training initiative, designed by Professor Amsterdam, is to improve the quality of strategic planning and advocacy on behalf of death-sentenced inmates in the Supreme Court of the United States and in the process of obtaining or avoiding Supreme Court review.  | June 2019                             | 48                   |
| <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   | July 2019                             | 48                   |
| <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 2019                           | 200                  |
| <b>Symposium on Race and Ethnicity for Defense Lawyers</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.   | September 2019                        | 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>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                   |