

FY 2019 Authorized DSO Training Events and Conferences*

TYPE OF PROGRAM AND TITLE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DATES & LOCATION	ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE
DEFENDER STAFF PROGRAMS			
Community Defender Organization Board Leadership Meeting	Discusses common leadership and management issues and challenges and strategies for addressing them.	Oct. 21-23, 2018 San Diego, CA	45
Orientation Seminar for New Assistant Federal Defenders	Focuses on a basic introduction to federal criminal law for new assistant federal defenders.	Nov 5-9, 2018	120
Federal Defender Conference	Conference for heads of offices	Feb. 27-28, 2019 San Diego, CA	130
Federal Defender Capital Habeas Unit Conference	Addresses office and case management practices, as well as substantive capital habeas issues.	April 3-5, 2019 Mobile, Alabama	175
Computer Systems Administrators Conference	Focuses on the effective use of technology in federal defender office administration and litigation support.	April 29-May 3, 2019 New Orleans, LA	170
Federal Defender Supervisory Leadership Training	Addresses leadership skills for federal defender office managers and supervisors including non-attorney supervisors.	May 14-16, 2019 Los Angeles, CA	250
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 28-31, 2019 Detroit, MI	500
Case Opening Training (2 trainings)	Training for defender staff on opening of new cases in accordance with Chapter 18.	June 4-5, 2019 Denver, CO	85
Administrative Officer Conference	Addresses issues of office management and administration, including related national policies.	July 16-17, 2019 Chicago, IL	120
Sentencing Strategy Session	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 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.	March 1-2, 2019 San Diego, CA	130
PROGRAMS FOR FDO STAFF AND PRIVATE CJA PRACTITIONERS			
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.	October 18-20, 2018 Baltimore, MD	40
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop I	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	November 15-17, 2018 Los Angeles, CA	70
Winning Strategies I (Regional)	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 San Diego, CA	200
Winning Strategies II & Fundamentals I	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 10 -12, 2019 Miami, FL	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.	February 7-9, 2019 Charlotte, NC	200

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Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop II	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	March 28-30, 2019 San Antonio, TX	70
Techniques in Electronic Case Management Workshop 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.	March 7-9, 2019 Phoenix, AZ	70
Trial Skills Workshop	Hands-on workshop focusing on specific areas of trial practice.	April 2019	60
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 7-9, 2019 Baltimore, MD	250
Winning Strategies III & Fundamentals 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.	May or June 2019	200
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 2-7, 2019 New York, NY	135
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 2019	70

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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.	July 2019	45
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 20-26, 2019 Indianapolis, IN	66
Law and Technology: Electronic Courtroom Presentation	Focuses on the use of modern technology to improve the persuasiveness of courtroom presentations.	July or August 2019	70
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 2019 (Writing Workshop) August 2019 (Multi-Track)	175
Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop III	This hands-on workshop focuses on the elements of effective, persuasive sentencing advocacy.	September 2019	70
Law and Technology: Techniques in Electronic Case Management III	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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Trial Skills Workshop	Hands-on workshop focusing on specific areas of trial practice.	September 2019	60
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.	November 7-9, 2018 Tampa, FL	200
Defense Initiated Victim Outreach I	This program addresses the use of victim outreach by defense teams in capital cases.	November 7-9, 2018 Tampa, FL	15
Capital Mitigation Skills Workshop <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 Austin, TX and May 29 – June 2, 2019 Kansas City, MO	36
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.	January 27-29, 2019 Atlanta, GA (ACT I) June 2019 (ACT II)	45
16th 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.	March 14-17, 2019 Philadelphia, PA	200
The National Seminar on Forensics Evidence and the Criminal Law	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 25-28, 2019 Denver, CO	200

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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 16-18, 2019 <i>(tentative)</i>	35
The Anthony G. Amsterdam Supreme Court Advocacy Institute (SCOTUS)	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
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 2019	48
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.	Aug 8 – 11, 2019 Pittsburgh, PA	200
Symposium on Race and Ethnicity for Defense Lawyers	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
Defense Initiated Victim Outreach II	This program addresses the use by defense teams in capital cases of the practice of victim outreach.	TBD	15