

2017 Summer Training Program
Tuesdays and Thursdays in July

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Course Descriptions

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DNA 101: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF FORENSIC DNA ANALYSIS

Presenter:

**Maneka Sinha,
Special Counsel, PDS**

This session will introduce attendees to the basic scientific principles behind DNA testing and comparison and issues ripe for litigation. As the sensitivity of DNA analysis techniques continues to increase, DNA evidence is becoming ever more complex. More and more cases involve DNA evidence, so this presentation will serve as both a refresher course to those already familiar with DNA evidence as well as a core training for those new to learning the science.

Thursday, July 13, 2017

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

EFFECTIVE CROSS-EXAMINATION: EXPLORING WITNESS BIAS

Presenters:

**Natalie Lawson,
Staff Attorney, Trial Division**

**Mani Golzari,
Supervising Attorney, Trial Division**

This session will examine how to structure and approach the cross-examination, and it will explore the different types of motives to curry favor with the government. We will also demonstrate how to use the cooperating agreement as a tool to discredit the cooperating witness. We will conclude with a discussion of some of the common ways witnesses try to defend themselves and how to handle those situations in cross-examination.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DEFENDING ASSAULT CASES

Presenters:

**Pierce Suen,
Staff Attorney, Trial Division**

**Judith Pipe,
Supervising Attorney, Trial Division**

This session will focus on trial strategies specific to robbery and other cases involving assaultive behavior. Elements of specific crimes will be addressed as will burdens of proof and effectively moving for a judgment of acquittal in certain cases. We will also explore common defenses in assault cases, and we will note special considerations in requesting jury instructions in these types of cases.

Thursday, July 20, 2017

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DNA 201: ADVANCED PRINCIPLES OF FORENSIC DNA ANALYSIS

Presenter:

**Kate Philpott,
Forensic Specialist, Consultant,
Trial Division**

This session will provide an introduction to issues related to DNA mixtures and their interpretation. Attendees will learn about ambiguities and subjectivity inherent in the mixture interpretation process, approaches for confronting DNA mixture evidence in cases, and will practice issue-spotting with real DNA mixture data.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

THE JUVENILE CLIENT

Presenters:

**Ed Shacklee,
Deputy Trial Chief, Juvenile
Division**

**Stephany Reaves,
Staff Attorney, Juvenile
Division**

This session will focus on a myriad of issues unique to the juvenile client, including strategies for litigating bench trials in juvenile court, the role of judge as fact-finder, the special considerations that should be made when advocating a disposition on behalf of your juvenile client, and, in particular, recent changes to the Youth Rehabilitation Act. The discussion will include keeping the client informed, navigating parental interest in the juvenile client's case, and differentiating between the juvenile's best interest and his or her right to decide the outcome of the case.

Thursday, July 27, 2017

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LITIGATING POLICE MISCONDUCT

Presenter:

**Emily Voshell,
Staff Attorney, Special
Litigation Division**

This session will cover discovery, litigation, and trial strategies related to police misconduct. The presenters will discuss the different types of police misconduct information that exist and how to obtain that information, through both investigation and discovery. The session will cover techniques for obtaining such materials in advance of trial and using that information effectively during trial through cross-examination and presentation of extrinsic evidence.

To REGISTER and learn more about this training program, please visit www.pdsdc.org. Registration closes July 1, 2017.

All sessions are free. Evening sessions will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The doors to the building will close at 6:00 p.m. Participants arriving after that time will not be granted entrance.

All sessions will run for two (2) hours. D.C. CLE credit will be authorized accordingly.

Claire T. Roth, Program Chair
Marlene Morris, Program Manager

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