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# Course Descriptions

## **Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **DNA 101: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF FORENSIC DNA ANALYSIS**

#### **Presenter:**

**Maneka Sinha,  
Special Counsel**

More and more of our cases involve DNA evidence than ever before. As the sensitivity of DNA analysis techniques continues to increase, DNA evidence is becoming ever more complex. This session will introduce attendees to the basic scientific principles behind DNA testing and comparison and issues ripe for litigation.

## **Thursday, October 13, 2016**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **HOW TO TELL A STORY AND PRESENT THE EVIDENCE EFFECTIVELY: THE ABC'S OF A WINNING OPENING STATEMENT**

#### **Presenter:**

**Dominique Winters,  
Supervising Attorney,  
Trial Division**

You have carefully investigated your case and have litigated your motions. Now you must use the information to tell a story to persuade the fact finder that your client is not guilty. This session will focus on opening statement themes that keep the fact finder interested, engaged, and focused on your client's innocence.

## **Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **BRADY, DISCOVERY, AND RECENT CHANGES IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURES: GETTING THE MOST OUT OF OUR DISCOVERY RULES**

#### **Presenter:**

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

Did you know that Rule 12(c) now requires a trial judge deciding a pretrial motion to state his or her essential findings of fact on the record? Did you know that Rule 26.2(c) now requires the court (rather than the prosecutor) to retain under seal an entire Jencks statement if redactions have been made over the defendant's objections? In the post-trial context, Rule 29 (motion for judgment of acquittal), Rule 33(b)(2) (motion for new trial—other than newly discovered evidence), and Rule 34 (arresting judgment) now conform to the 2005 amendment to the Federal Rules in that the court no longer has to act within seven days on motions for an enlargement; rather, the defense need only file within seven days of verdict. Additionally, strategies will be addressed for how best to handle the appearance of a Brady issue in order to maximize the effectiveness of the remedy you can get for your client. Come to this session to learn about recent changes in criminal procedure and to take a more active and creative approach to requesting and receiving discovery from the government.



## **Thursday, October 20, 2016**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **GUNS, DRUGS, AND DV CASES: HOW COMMON CHARGES AFFECT YOUR IMMIGRANT CLIENT, PLUS A DISCUSSION ON AVENUES OF CROSS-EXAMINATION FOR THE NON-CITIZEN WITNESS**

#### **Presenter:**

**Katie D'Adamo Guevara,  
Immigration Staff Attorney,  
Civil Legal Services Division**

Understanding the immigration consequences of your client's arrest and/or conviction is critical to advising your client and meeting your obligations under Padilla. This course will focus on how convictions for domestic violence, drug, and gun offenses may affect your non-citizen client in the context of plea-bargaining and sentencing. Discussion will also cover when a specific sentence matters in helping protect your client from being removed after the sentence has been completed. The presenter will also explore recent developments in the law regarding how immigration courts view these offenses, including a discussion of the recent Supreme Court cases *Mathis v. United States* and *Luna Torres v. Lynch*. Also discussed will be the process and practice of immigration detention when your client has a removable conviction or arrest. Lastly, this session will also include a discussion of the non-citizen witness and possible impeachment motivations arising out of immigration status (e.g., U Visa or prior crimes like illegal entry).

## **Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH**

#### **Presenter:**

**Laura Moorner, Esq.,  
Legal Reference Specialist**

Do you enjoy legal research? Do you feel confident that you are finding the correct case law? Are you using the free legal resource options out there today? Come hear our legal reference specialist discuss the best and most inexpensive ways to conduct legal research online. Learn tips for creating a good research string, how to find legislative histories for D.C. laws, and ways to access millions of court opinions for free through various online legal content providers.

## **Thursday, October 27, 2016**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **PLEA BARGAINING IN JUVENILE COURT**

#### **Presenter:**

**Amy Phillips,  
Staff Attorney, Trial Division**

This session will explore the considerations for evaluating juvenile plea offers, plea negotiations, and assisting your client's decision-making about pleas. Topics covered will include explaining plea bargains to your client and helping your client understand trial rights, as well as possible juvenile dispositions; collateral consequences of juvenile pleas; confidentiality of juvenile records; the effect of juvenile adjudications on adult criminal sentencing; and how a juvenile record may affect your client's future educational, career, or life plans.

To REGISTER and learn more about this training program, please visit [www.pdsdc.org](http://www.pdsdc.org). Registration closes on September 30, 2016.

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.

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