

Federal Community Defender Office  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

# The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Maureen Kearney Rowley CJA Panel Training Seminar

Friday, May 12, 2017

The University of the Arts, Levitt Auditorium, 320 S. Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

## A G E N D A

- 8:00 – 9:00 am**      **Registration and Buffet Breakfast**  
The University of the Arts, Levitt Auditorium and Foyer  
Philadelphia, PA
- 9:00 – 9:15 am**      **Opening Remarks**  
Member of the U.S. District Court Judiciary, EDPA  
  
Leigh M. Skipper, Chief Federal Defender  
Federal Community Defender Office, EDPA
- 9:15 – 9:30 am**      **CJA Panel Update**  
Jeffrey M. Lindy, Esquire, CJA Panel Representative, EDPA  
Lindy & Tauber, Philadelphia, PA  
  
(15 min. substantive CLE)
- 9:30 – 10:30 am**      **Charm School and Ethics**  
Elizabeth Ford, Federal Community Defender  
Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee  
Knoxville, TN  
  
This session will discuss how charm school principles can make you a more ethical lawyer, taking a lighthearted look at several ethical dilemmas facing criminal defense lawyers. Civility, social media, and privileged communications are among the topics to be addressed.  
  
(60 min. ethics CLE)

**10:30 – 11:30 am    How Adolescent Brain and Behavioral Development Can Affect Competency, Culpability, and Other Determinations**

Cathryn Crawford, Esquire  
Austin, TX

Courts are increasingly factoring adolescent brain and behavioral development into assessments of youth competency and culpability, waiver of rights, sentencing, and other legal determinations. In this session, the speaker will provide an introduction to adolescent development science and research, discuss the relationship to juvenile behavior and legal decision-making, and address effective ways to use the science in the defense of our clients.

(60 min. substantive CLE)

**11:30 – 11:45 am    Snack Break**

Snack break for all attendees

**11:45 – 12:45 pm    Supreme Court & Third Circuit Appellate Update**

Christy Martin, Assistant Federal Defender, Appellate Unit  
Federal Community Defender Office, EDPA

This session provides an update on U.S. Supreme Court and Third Circuit Court of Appeals decisions and highlights pending cases of note.

(60 min. substantive CLE)

**12:45 – 1:30 pm    Proffers: Pitfall or Windfall**

Elizabeth Toplin, Assistant Chief, Trial Unit  
Federal Community Defender Office, EDPA

Patrick J. Egan, Esquire, CJA Panel Member, EDPA  
Fox Rothschild LLP, Philadelphia, PA

This session will address how to minimize risk and maximize reward in the cooperation landscape. The speaker will address language to look for and ways to negotiate the most successful outcomes.

(45 min. substantive CLE)

**1:30 pm                Adjourn**

*Total PA CLE: 1 hour ethics and 3 hours substantive*