

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

The 27th Annual Maureen Kearney Rowley CJA Panel Training Seminar

Friday, May 11, 2018

The Federal Community Defender Office
Suite 540 West – The Curtis Center
601 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 am** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:30 am** **National CJA Study and Defender Services
Committee Updates**
The Honorable Mitchell S. Goldberg,
United States District Court Judge
Leigh M. Skipper, Chief Federal Defender
Federal Community Defender Office, EDPA
- (15 min. substantive CLE)
- 9:30 – 9:45 am** **CJA Panel Update**
Mark E. Cedrone, Esquire, CJA Panel Representative, EDPA
Cedrone & Mancano, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
- (15 min. substantive CLE)
- 9:45 – 10:45 am** **Representing the “Hardheaded” Client**
Mark E. Cedrone, Esquire, CJA Panel Representative, EDPA
Cedrone & Mancano, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
- A discussion of ethical issues confronting criminal defense attorneys in representing the “difficult client.” Also, an examination of an attorney’s obligations to client after he or she files a § 2255 motion.
- (60 min. ethics CLE)

- 10:45 – 11:15 am** **Supreme Court & Third Circuit Appellate Update**
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.
- (30 min. substantive CLE)
- 11:15 – 11:30 am** **Snack Break**
- 11:30 – 12:00** **United States Attorney's Office – Secure Discovery**
Keith Tracton – Litigation Support Analyst
- Presentation will focus on the encryption tools used by the USAO, including Secure File Transfer and decrypting discovery discs.
- (30 min. substantive CLE)
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **Uncovering Brady by Playing Offense:
Lessons from the Bundy Case**
Brenda Weksler, Assistant Federal Defender (D. Nev.)
Ryan Norwood, Assistant Federal Defender (D. Nev.)
- The recent dismissal with prejudice of the lead defendants in the Bundy case serves as a stark reminder that many prosecutors are prepared to hide exculpatory evidence in an effort to win at all costs. More importantly, the dismissal also serves as a lesson of what aggressive defense motion practice, team work and sheer tenacity can achieve when confronting unethical practices by prosecutors. This presentation will provide a roadmap on how to successfully litigate Brady issues.
- (60 min. substantive CLE)
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm** **Ask a Federal Defender**
Members of the Federal Community Defender Office, EDPA
- Question and answer session with attorneys from the Federal Community Defender Office, for the Eastern District of PA.
- (30 min. substantive CLE)
- 1:30 pm** **Adjourn**

Total PA CLE: 1 hour ethics and 3 hours substantive