AGENDA

1:00-1:15 p.m.  CJA Panel Update
Mark E. Cedrone, Esq., CJA Panel Representative, EDPA
Cedrone & Mancano, LLC, Philadelphia, PA

1:15-2:30 p.m.  Litigating the Racial Dimensions of the Federal Bail Crisis
Alison Siegler
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Federal Criminal Justice Clinic
University of Chicago Law School

The federal pretrial detention system is in crisis, with detention rates soaring far higher than in states with draconian money-bail regimes and high violent felony rates. New evidence shows that clients of color bear the brunt of the detention crisis. To combat this crisis, we must radically rethink our bond advocacy. This session will draw on evidence the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic gathered during the first courtwatching initiative ever undertaken in federal court. They found that prosecutors and judges routinely request and grant detention for reasons not authorized by the Bail Reform Act, resulting in clients being detained without any statutory basis. This session will provide numerous action steps for fighting detention, beating the presumptions of detention, filing written bond motions, and winning release.

2:30-3:15 p.m.  Supreme Court & Third Circuit Appellate Update
Brett Sweitzer, Chief of Appeals
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.

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

Total PA CLE: 2 hours substantive