

CJA Seminar - Federal Court Boot Camp
May 16, 2014

Coastal Georgia Center
Savannah, Georgia

8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Registration & Welcoming Remarks

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Congratulations - You're Appointed - Now What?

J. Pete Theodocion, CJA Resource Counsel, Augusta, GA
Austin E. Catts, CJA Resource Counsel, Brunswick, GA

This session will address developing a relationship with your client and the first 30 days of your representation. Practical advice on initial appearance, bond and detention issues, preliminary hearing, arraignment, discovery, and motions.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Trial Mechanics and Pointers for a Federal Criminal Trial

Thomas E. Withers, Attorney at Law, Savannah, GA

This session will cover what you need to know about the mechanics of a criminal trial including such issues as voir dire, witness lists, obtaining witnesses, opening statements and closing arguments, jury instructions, preserving issues and perfecting the record for appeal.

10:30 to 10:45 p.m. Break

10:45 to 12:00 p.m. Beyond the Guidelines: Mitigation at Sentencing

Jennifer Coffin, Sentencing Resource Counsel Project, Nashville, TN

This session will focus on various arguments to deconstruct the guidelines and other strategies to arrive at an appropriate sentence.

12:00 to 12:15 p.m. Break

12:15 to 1:15 P.M. Working Lunch (Lunch provided by the Court)

Protecting the Record and Yourself

Panel Discussion

This session will address ethical issues related to representation of your client throughout the entire trial process. The session is intended to include a discussion on issues or topics that the seminar attendees have encountered.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Defending Child Pornography Cases

Jim Skuthan, 1st Asst. Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Florida

This session will address investigation of child pornography cases to address pre-trial detention, technological issues, the defense of such cases and guideline calculations and strategies to avoid draconian sentences.

2:30 to 3:00 p.m. CJA Vouchers - Practical Information on Getting Paid

Scott Poff, Clerk of Court, U. S. District Court S.D. of GA

This session will address CJA Voucher guidelines and practical tips on what the Court looks for in a “reasonable” voucher, red flags for “unreasonable” vouchers, and how to justify an excess voucher when submitted.

3:00 to 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Battling Section 851 Notices

Jim Skuthan, 1st Asst. Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Florida

Section 851 notices can double your client’s mandatory minimum or subject them to a mandatory life sentence. There are few things scarier in a mandatory minimum drug case than getting one or more Section 851 notices. Just because the government has filed one does not mean you have to grin and bear it. Strategies to attack such notices will be discussed.

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. 18 U.S.C. § 924(e) - Armed Career Criminal Act

Millie Dunn, Asst. Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Georgia

This session will focus on the predicate convictions necessary to qualify for enhanced sentence as a armed career criminal and strategies to attack such enhancements.

5:15 to 5:16 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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