

**Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina
and the Office of Defender Services Training Branch**

present

The Sentencing Advocacy Workshop

Thursday, May 10 to Saturday, May 12, 2007

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 10, 2007 (Registration 2:30 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 11, 2007

8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., May 12, 2007

Holiday Inn--Charlotte Center City

230 North College Street

Charlotte, North Carolina

OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP:

The Sentencing Advocacy Workshop focuses on an often neglected, yet extremely important, area of practice. Since approximately 95% of federal criminal cases proceed to the sentencing phase and the recent developments in federal sentencing have resulted in a new federal sentencing landscape, participation in the Sentencing Advocacy Workshop should not be missed. The program presents a comprehensive approach to sentencing advocacy. Participants will learn a process for the development of a persuasive, fact-based sentencing theory and the advocacy skills necessary to advance that theory in writing and during sentencing hearings. Among other subjects, presentations and demonstrations will address changes in federal sentencing law, judging at sentencing, use of a mitigation specialist, storytelling and persuasive writing. The workshop consists of plenary sessions and small group breakout sessions. In the small group breakout sessions, participants will use a case of their own to brainstorm facts, develop a theory and theme, tell a story, and persuasively write a portion of their downward departure motion or sentencing memo.

PROPOSED TOPICS INCLUDE:

Post-Booker Sentencing Strategies

Judges' Thoughts on Sentencing--Roundtable

Brainstorming the Facts of a Case

Developing Persuasive Theories and Themes

Storytelling at Sentencing

Development of Effective Mitigation Evidence

Persuasive Sentencing Hearing

Persuasive Writing

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Enrollment is limited to Panel Attorneys and Federal Defenders. Tuition and program materials will be provided free of charge. A special rate at the Holiday Inn will be available for those needing a hotel. Attendees will bear all expenses for their travel, hotel accommodations, meals and other incidentals.

THE REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2007. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. ***You will be sent confirmation, including hotel information, if accepted, as well as the mock case.*** CLE Credit will be applied for, so please include bar information in the registration form.

For questions, please call Fredilyn Sison at (828) 232-9992 or email at Fredilyn_Sison@fd.org.

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___ Please register me for the Sentencing Advocacy Seminar, May 10-12, 2007 in Charlotte, NC.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL: _____

STATE AND BAR NUMBER(S) _____

DISTRICT(S) IN WHICH YOU PRACTICE: _____

OF CJA CASES IN PAST 5 YEARS: _____

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