



CPCS CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINERS PRESENT:

PERSUASIVE PRACTICE IN SUPERIOR COURT

May 20-24 and June 10-14, 2024 (10 days)

The CPCS Criminal Defense Trainers are accepting applications for Persuasive Practice in Superior Court, a program that focuses on criminal defense practice in the Superior Court. This course is open to all criminal defense attorneys at CPCS and to any Bar Advocates who wish to become certified for the Superior Court Panel. Coaching and training faculty will consist of criminal defense lawyers experienced in Superior Court Practice.

The stakes are much higher for clients who have been indicted, and there are important differences in Superior Court practice and District Court practice. The course will address procedural and substantive topics that every criminal defense lawyer practicing in Superior Court must know. Participants will also work on advanced trial advocacy skills in the context of cases commonly encountered in a Superior Court Practice.

Among other things, we plan to cover the following topics during the course:

- Opening Statement, Cross Examination and Closing Argument in complex cases.
- Motion practice including the legal grounds and evidentiary basis for discovery of protected information under the *Lampron/Dwyer* seven step protocol to produce, inspect and use privileged records in court;
- Grand jury proceedings, indictments, immunity issues;
- Evidentiary and forensic issues involved in trying sexual assault allegations such as first complaint evidence, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) examinations, and DNA evidence, collateral consequences and more.
- Issues in gang allegations;
- Tips for creating and maintaining excellent relationships with clients in the high stress setting of a Superior Court case;
- Procedural aspects of Superior Court practice, including the procedural life of a case;

Please note: there is homework assigned each night as part of this course.

We have re-designed the online version of Superior Court Training into a hybrid program utilizing our learning management system, Talent LMS. **In the week leading up to the program, you will prepare for the course by working asynchronously (watching recorded lectures on your own time). Once the program begins, we will be meeting in person from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM Monday through Friday (May 20-24 AND JUNE 10-14).**

The program will be held in two locations: Boston and Worcester. You will be able to select your preferred location when applying. Please note that due to space limitations, you are not guaranteed your first choice location selection.

Acceptance into the program is based on a number of factors, including geography.

To apply for this training opportunity, please use the cognito form link below to submit your application:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CommitteeForPublicCounselServices/APPLICATIONPersuasivePracticeInSuperiorCourt>

Your application must be received by March 15, 2024.

Please note: This Training Program is NOT a CPCS Certification Course. However, completion of the course will be considered in support of applications for acceptance to the Superior Court Panel. IF ACCEPTED INTO THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS MUST complete the entirety OF THE COURSE. Please do not apply unless you can commit to attending the entire program.