

National Legal Aid & Defender Association

National Appellate Defender Training



New Orleans, LA

Le Pavillon Hotel • January 27 - 30, 2011

*Co-sponsored by NLADA, the Louisiana Appellate Project (LAP) and
Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice*

National Appellate Defender Training Overview & Agenda

Overview

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) in partnership with the Louisiana Appellate Project (LAP) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the United States Department of Justice is proud to offer the 2011 National Appellate Defender Training.

Curriculum

Skills Writing Track

After absorbing the plenary session information, participants work on their briefs in small, faculty-facilitated group breakout workshops. All levels of appellate advocates are welcome*. We have two (2) General Skills Small Groups for entry level and intermediate level appellate advocates. Additionally there are four (4) specialized small workshop groups that include the following:

Advanced Writing Small Group

Two (2) small workshop groups for experienced appellate advocates with a minimum of seven (7) years appellate practice experience.

Federal Appellate Small Group

One (1) small workshop group for federal assistant defenders research/writing specialists, and appellate CJA attorneys. This workshop group welcomes federal participants at all experience levels.

Appellate Delinquency Small Group

One (1) small workshop group for juvenile delinquency appellate advocates.

Participants will also spend some time at the end of the program working on their communication and oral argument skill sets. * Please note which group you choose on the Registration Form under Tracks.

Advanced Advocacy Track

The Advanced Advocacy Track is for experienced state and federal public defenders, contract and assigned counsel, and appellate CJA lawyers who have had or who anticipate litigating a case in the United States Supreme Court. The focus is on the analysis and drafting of Writs of Certiorari, both to support an appeal and to oppose the state or government's Writ. Participants will bring to the program their own Writ case file: one expected to go to the U.S. Supreme Court or a Writ that was denied but the participant wishes to re-work. The Advanced Advocacy Track also works on the building of oral advocacy and communication skills for attorneys who will argue in the U.S. Supreme Court. The national faculty for the Advanced Advocacy Track small workshop groups consists of experienced state and federal appellate specialists. The program faculty also includes one of the nation's top law school experts on the U.S. Supreme Court as well as two nationally recognized public defender trainers. The enrollment in this Track is limited to fourteen (14) experienced attorneys who will work in two small workshop groups: one (1) for federal defenders, research/writing specialists and CJA attorneys; and one (1) for state court experienced appellate advocates. Register now!

Wednesday January 26

**Early Conference
Registration**
4:30 - 6:00 pm

Thursday January 27

**Conference
Registration**
7:30 - 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 am

**Conference
Welcome &
Introduction**
8:30 - 9:00 am

**Brainstorming
the Facts
Plenary Session**
9:00 - 9:45 am
(All Plenary Sessions
will use the Plenary
Fact Problem).

**The Reality Check:
Brainstorming
the Law**
10:00 - 10:30 am

**Brainstorming the
Facts of Your Case**
10:45 am - 12:15
pm

**Small Group
Workshops**
(Individual Break-out
Rooms)

Lunch
12:15 - 1:45
pm

**Brainstorming the
Facts of Your Case
(Continued)**
Small Group Workshops
(Individual break-out
rooms)
1:45 - 2:45 pm

**The Reality Check:
Brainstorming the**

Law of Your Case
2:45 - 4:15 pm
**Small Group
Workshops**
(Individual break-out
rooms)

Afternoon Break
4:15 - 4:30 pm

**Developing a Theory
of Defense and
Supporting Themes
Plenary Session**
4:30 - 5:15 pm

**Transforming the
Facts into a Persuasive
Story Plenary Session**
5:15 - 6:00 pm

Friday, January 28

Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 am

**Developing Your
Theory of Defense**
8:30 am to Noon
Small Group Workshops
(Individual Break-out
Rooms)

Lunch
Noon to 1:30 pm

**Developing Your
Theory of Defense
(Continued) and
Developing a
Persuasive Story that
Sells Your Theory of
Defense Small Group
Workshops** (Individual
break-out rooms)
1:30 - 3:30 pm

**Writing a Persuasive
Brief: Statement of
Facts Plenary Session**
3:45 - 4:45 pm

**Brief Writing
Workshop: Statement
of the Facts Small
Group Workshops**
(Individual break-out
rooms)
4:45 - 5:45 pm

Saturday, January 29

Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:15 am

**Brief Writing
Workshop
Small Group
Workshops**
(Individual break-out
rooms)
9:15 am - Noon

Lunch
Noon - 1:30 pm

**Integrating the Facts
and the Law: The
Good the Bad and the
Ugly: Writing Your
Argument**
1:30 - 2:45 pm

**Brief Writing
Workshop: Integrating
the Facts and the
Law: Writing Your
Argument**
Small Group Workshops
(Individual break-out
rooms)
3:00 - 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 30

Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 am

**Brief Writing
Workshop Integrating
the Facts and the
Law: Writing Your
Argument (Continued)**
8:30 - 10:30 am

**Communication Skills
Building for Dynamic
Appellate Advocacy**
10:45 am - 12:15
pm

**Adjourn Skills
Writing Track**
12:30 pm

Welcome & Logistical Information

Welcome!

The National Appellate Defender Skills Training is a unique, national skills training, that brings together state and federal court appellate public defenders for a multi-day learning program.

Each participant brings an appellate case brief or Writ of Certiorari and has the opportunity to work on the analysis and drafting of that brief or Writ with feedback from an outstanding, national faculty. Our faculty includes appellate specialists from state and federal public defender systems, from the private bar and from law school faculties. Small workshop sessions are limited to seven (7) participants so that attendees may receive substantial faculty attention. Therefore, early registration is essential to guarantee a place in the program.

This program is open to state and federal appellate public defenders/research & writing specialists, contract defenders, assigned appellate counsel and federal appellate Criminal Justice Act (CJA) attorneys.

Conference Location

Located in the heart of downtown New Orleans, Le Pavillon Hotel sits adjacent to the historic French Quarter, only five short blocks to the celebrated music clubs of Bourbon Street and the famous restaurants and antique shops of Royal Street.

NLADA conference attendees staying at the Le Pavillon Hotel will receive a discounted room rate of \$131 single/double occupancy per night (exclusive of taxes). The deadline date for reservations is January 5, 2011. After that date, requests for reservations will be accepted on space and rate availability basis. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit.

Be sure to inform the reservations agent that you are with the NLADA National Appellate Defender Training (ADT) to secure the discounted rate. Reservations may be canceled up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty. Check in is 3:00 p.m. and check out is Noon.

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Scholarships

Scholarships are available for ADT Training. Please visit http://www.nlada.org/Training/Training/Train_Defender/Train_Defender_Appellate for more information.

Accessibility

Le Pavillon Hotel, a non-smoking hotel, is fully accessible for people with restricted mobility and has guestrooms adapted for wheelchairs. Arrangements for a guestroom that meets your specific requirements should be requested when making reservations with the hotel. If you have a physical challenge that may impact your participation in this conference, please contact the training department at (202) 452-0620 x207.

Car Rental

AVIS has been selected as the official rental car agency for NLADA's National Appellate Defender Training. AVIS will extend a 5-10 percent discount on a lower qualifying rate to the participants of the conference. AVIS is located in all three available airports. These special rates include unlimited mileage. To make reservations, call AVIS toll-free at (800) 331-1600 and refer to reservation code # J789524.

Travel

Air Transportation - Special airfare discounts of up to 5 percent are available on American Airlines. Book fares online only at www.aa.com. To get the NLADA discount, indicate 2911AQ in the promotional code box. Fares are subject to airline terms and availability.

Ground Transportation

Le Pavillon Hotel is located 13 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Airport Shuttle is the official ground transportation for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and is available to and from

the hotel for \$20 one-way, per person or \$38 round-trip per person. For assistance and to purchase tickets in New Orleans, proceed to the Airport Shuttle ticket desks, located directly across from or near the airline's baggage claim area on the ground level. Shuttle tickets are non-refundable. ADA accessible vehicles require a 48-hour advance reservation. For more information or reservations, please call 866.596.2699 or visit online at www.airportshuttleneworleans.com.

CLE

Most states require that attorneys attend CLE-accredited training each year to maintain bar membership. NLADA has applied for accreditation in most states with mandatory CLE.

- Please complete the CLE form included in your conference materials and return it to the registration desk. Alternatively, within (10) business days, you may mail your CLE form to NLADA.
- Individual state forms are available at the conference registration desk.
- If you are an attorney from Delaware, Oklahoma, Illinois or California, please remember to stop by the registration desk to sign the mandatory sign in sheets.

Weather

Outside temperatures range from the low 40's to the mid 60's. Meeting rooms may be cool, dress in comfortable layers.

Registration Notice

The regular registration deadline is December 23, 2010. If you wish to register after this date, you must register onsite. Confirmation of your registration will be mailed to you if you register by December 23, 2010. If you have any questions about registration, please contact us by e-mail registration@nlada.org or phone (202) 452-0620 ext. 207.

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees will be refunded (less a \$75 administrative fee) for cancellations received in writing no later than December 23, 2010. After December 23, registration fees are not refundable. Substitution of conference attendees may be made at any time prior to or at the event. Please notify NLADA of substitutions in writing.



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Why Should You Attend?

- Learn new techniques and strategies from indigent criminal defense experts.
- Receive supportive, constructive and personalized feedback in small groups.
- Gain confidence through immediate improvement of your written and oral advocacy skills.
- Meet others who will become resources for you in the future.

Enrollment is limited --- Register Now!

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