



The Public Defender Association of Pennsylvania
Emerging Leader Academy
Introductory Boot Camp



Monday, January 22, 2024 – Friday, January 26, 2024
TRYP by Wyndham Pittsburgh
177 40th Street • Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Monday, 1/22/24

4:00 PM Participant and Faculty Check in Starts

Trip Hotel, TRYP by Wyndham Pittsburgh, 177 40th Street • Pittsburgh, PA 15201

6:00 to 7:00 Faculty Meeting (Before Welcome Reception)

8:00 – 9:00 Welcome Reception

Please join us for a casual gathering of our Emerging Leader participants, faculty, and PDAP staff. Sliders and fries will be served.

Tuesday, 1/23/24 (7 CLE Credits)

8:00-8:30: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 to 8:45: Welcome, Introduction to the Program and Faculty (Sara Jacobson)

8:45-9:45: Assignments, Expectations, and Values (Andrew Capone)

9:45-10:00: Break

10:00 – 11:00: Presentation: Forging the Public Defender Mindset (Keisha Hudson and Laura McWilliams)

11:00 – 12:00: Presentation: Client Focused Diversity and Inclusion; Understanding and Representing the Whole Client (Julie Hyman and Smana Pamphile-Clerfe)

12:00 to 1:00: Lunch

1:00 – 1:30: Presentation: Pretrial Services Bail Recommendations and Assessments (Christopher Shanley)

1:30 - 2:00: Presentation: Preliminary Arraignments and Setting Bail (Hon. Matthew Rudzki)

2:00 - 2:30 Presentation: Public Defender Client Intake (Larry Keith)

2:30- 2:45: Break

2:45 – 3:30: Discussion: Client Informed Intake, Reimagining Best Practices (Andrew Capone and Casey Walsch)

3:30 - 5:00: Workshop Exercise: Build Out an Intake Process (Andrew Capone, Casey Walsch, Sara Jacobson, Julie Hyman, Alana Hook)

5:00 – 6:00: Post Conference Snack

Wednesday, 1/24/24 (6 CLE Credits)

8:00 - 8:30: Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:45: Presentation: How the Preliminary Hearing Process Works; Best Practices, Consistent Problems, Successes, and Failures (Max Cotton and Molly Heidorn)

9:45 - 10:00: Break

10:00 – 11:00: Discussion: Representing the Whole Client at the Preliminary Hearing (Taylor Dunn and Adam Reynolds)

11:00 – 12:00: Presentation: What Happens After the Preliminary Hearing? Representing the Whole Client between Preliminary Hearing and the Pretrial Conference (TJ Hanna and Molly Heidorn)

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch

1:00 – 2:15: Pretrial Motions and Effective Advocacy (Taylor Dunn and Adam Reynolds)

2:15 - 2:30: Break

2:30 – 3:30: Social Services and What You Need to Know If You Don't Have a Social Worker (Julie Hyman, Alana Hook, and Molly Heidorn)

3:30 – 4:00: Workshop Exercise; Post Preliminary Hearing Communication Guide (Julie Hyman and Alana Hook)

4:00 – 4:30: Post Conference Snack

5:00 to 8:00 - [Mattress Factory Installation Art Museum](#)

Please join us at the Mattress Factory (509 Jacksonia St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212) for pizza and light refreshment.

The Mattress Factory is The Mattress Factory is an artist-centered museum, international residency program and renowned producer and presenter of installation art. We say “yes” to artists, offering time and space to dream and realize projects in our hometown, Pittsburgh, PA. We invite audiences from around the world and around the corner to step inside, immerse and connect with the artistic process.

Thursday 1/25/24 (7 CLE Credits)

8:00 – 8:30: Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30: Presentation: Investigations; How They Are Conducted and What a New Attorney Needs to Know. (Alexis Climes and Huey Gillispie)

9:30 – 10:00: Discussion: Advocacy Through Investigation (Alexis Climes, Elizabeth Wood-Bennet, and Alana Hook)

10:00 – 10:15: Break

10:15 - 11:00: Presentation: Motions for Trial (Sara Jacobson and Steve Tehovnik)

11:00 – 12:00: Discussion: Motions as a Tool (Sara Jacobson and Steve Tehovnik)

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch

1:00 – 2:00: Jury Selection (Andrew Howard)

2:00 – 2:45: Jury Selection in Your Jurisdiction; Getting Past “We Don’t Do It That Way” (Elizabeth Wood-Bennet and Marc Bookman)

2:45 – 3:00: Break

3:00 - 5:00: Workshop: Trial Advocacy (Sara Jacobson and Elizabeth Wood Bennet)

4:30 – 5:30: Post Conference Snack

6:30-7:30: Happy Hour

Friday, January 26, 2024 (4.5 CLE Credits)

8:00 – 8:30: Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 Advocacy at Sentencing, Guidelines, and Mitigation (Stacey Steiner)

9:00 - 9:30 Post Sentence Motions and Appeals (Jamie Schuman)

9:30 - 10:00 Probation Violation Hearings (Kevin Lee and Sam Esterman)

10:00 – 10:15: Break

10:15 – 11:30: Discussion: Realities of Probations for Our Clients (Probation Officers Jennifer DeJames and Kelly Walter)

11:30 – 12:15: Lunch

12:15 – 1:15: The Tremendous Impact of a Good Public Defender (Dan Eichinger and Lena Henderson)

1:15 - 2:15 Next Steps (Sara Jacobson and Andrew Capone)