

2018 ANNUAL CJA FEDERAL PRACTICE SEMINAR
EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON ORLANDO DOWNTOWN
191 E. PINE STREET
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018
MORNING AGENDA

- 8:00 - 9:00** **REGISTRATION**
Continental Breakfast and Morning Beverages Provided
- 9:00 - 9:15** **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**
Donna Lee Elm, Federal Defender, MDFL
- 9:15 - 10:00** **FEDERAL PRACTICE AND SENTENCING ISSUES:** An in-depth presentation on identifying and handling current sentencing issues in the Middle District.
Jim Skuthan, First Assistant Federal Defender, MDFL
- 10:00 - 10:15** **BREAK**
Refreshments Provided
- 10:15 - 11:15** **ETHICS AND SOCIAL MEDIA KEY RULES TO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:** Staying on the straight and narrow while getting the goods in a social world. Overview of social media issues in preparing your case for trial and sentencing.
Kevin Tate, Senior Litigation Counsel, Federal Defender, WDNC
- 11:15 - Noon** **IDENTIFYING FEDERAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE ISSUES SPLITTING THE CIRCUITS:** A review of circuit splits so you can effectively exploit these gaps in the law to benefit your client, and preserve these issues for potential appeal.
Rosemary Cakmis, Senior Litigator and Appellate Division Chief
- Noon - 1:10** **LUNCH PROVIDED**
Double Sided Deli Buffet served in the Atrium Area of the Hotel

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- 1:10 - 2:10** **GUNS AND GUIDELINES:** The intricacies of Federal Firearm Offenses and Punishments. The federal firearms guidelines are often difficult to navigate and can easily result in a sentence near the statutory maximum. This presentation will focus on deconstructing those guidelines to get your client the best sentence possible.
Lisa Call, Branch Chief/Supervisory AFD, Jacksonville Division
- 2:10 – 3:10** **SUPREME COURT AND ELEVENTH CIRCUIT CASE UPDATE:** Both the Supreme Court and the Eleventh Circuit issued numerous opinions over the past year in federal criminal cases. Mr. Kahn will analyze these important cases and will discuss their impact on our future clients.
Conrad Kahn, Federal Defender Attorney, Appellate Division
- 3:10 - 3:25** **BREAK**
Sweets and Beverage Refreshments Provided
- 3:25 - 4:15** **AVOIDING eVOUCHER PITFALLS:** A discussion of things you should avoid so your CJA Voucher does not get delayed/rejected; A refresher course on how to set up your expert vendor in eVoucher, and what you and the vendor must know to pay them; Open discussion questions and answers regarding eVoucher and CJA profile maintenance.
Dana Hand, CJA Deputy Clerk, United States District Court
JoEllen Vickers, Docketing Clerk, United States District Court
Margaret Bundy, Chief Paralegal/Training Coordinator, FDO, MDFL
- 4:15 – 5:00** **CJA PANEL ISSUES IN THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA:** A discussion of Middle District CJA Issues and a Questions and Answers session with your Panel Representative.
Donna Lee Elm, Federal Defender, MDFL
Lori Palmieri, CJA Panel Representative, MDFL/Private Practitioner
- 5:00 – 5:15** **CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN**
Jim Skuthan, First Assistant Federal Defender, MDFL