

## **U.S. PRETRIAL SERVICES'S ROLE IN THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM - 60 minutes**

**Diane Serpas**, Supervisor, U.S. Pretrial Services for the Eastern District of Louisiana, will address the agency's role, including providing a historical synopsis, Pretrial's introduction and role with defendants, and interfacing of Pretrial Services and FPD/Panel Attorneys. Practical topics to be discussed are how the client becomes Pretrial's client, initial interviews, detention hearings, reconsideration hearings, and other court-related interaction as well as best practices and nuances of Magistrate Court proceedings.

## **SENTENCING GUIDELINE PRIMER AND FAIR SENTENCING ACT UPDATE - 90 minutes**

**Alan Dorhoffer**, Deputy Director, Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, United States Sentencing Commission, will discuss basic guideline applications and the changes in the Federal Sentencing Guidelines resulting from the passage of the Fair Sentencing Act and the implications in federal criminal practice.

## **USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE COURTROOM - 90 minutes**

**Lamont Lewis**, Computer Systems Administrator and **George Chaney**, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Louisiana, will demonstrate the compelling power of trial presentation software in defending a federal criminal trial.

## **PRESERVING THE RECORD, FRAMING THE ISSUES, AND ARTFULLY TELLING THE STORY ON APPEAL - 60 minutes**

**Rebecca Hudsmith**, Federal Public Defender for the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, will address techniques and practices to insure that you can collect and review information necessary to develop your appeal.

## **PROFESSIONALISM ON APPEAL - THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS - 60 minutes**

**Thomas Flanagan**, Flanagan Partners, LLP, will use the seven deadly sins as a framework for discussing professionalism in appellate practice. Examples will be used from actual appellate cases to demonstrate how unprofessional conduct in submissions to the court and dealing with opposing counsel lead to sanctions.

## **PROBATION UPDATES - 30 minutes**

**Kito Bess**, Chief Probation Officer for the Eastern District of Louisiana, will present the changes that have been instituted in the Probation Office, including the formatting and preparation of presentence reports.

## **IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR CLIENT'S ALIENAGE, ARE YOU PADILLA EFFECTIVE COUNSEL? - 60 minutes**

**Maurice Hew**, Associate Professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, will address the importance of correctly determining a client's alienage or citizenship, the issues which bear on that ultimate determination, and the immigration consequences which follow a criminal charge.

## **OFFENSIVE USE OF THE RULES OF EVIDENCE - 90 minutes**

**Omodare Jupiter**, Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Southern District of Mississippi, will explore various evidence rules available for defense counsel to employ to prosecute their case.

## **SIGNIFICANT RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT AND FIFTH CIRCUIT CASES - 90 minutes**

**Tim Crooks**, Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Southern District of Texas, keeps us updated on recent cases that have emerged from the Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit over the last twelve months.

## **SENTENCING COMMISSION UPDATE - 60 minutes**

**Alan Dorhoffer**, Deputy Director, Office of Education and Sentencing Practice, United States Sentencing Commission, will address the changes instituted by the Federal Sentencing Commission including the guideline changes that will become effective in November 2011.

## **RETHINKING ETHICS - 60 minutes**

**David Katner**, Professor of Clinical Law at Tulane University Law School, will present hypotheticals and suggest strategies to balance ethical responsibilities to the client vs. responsibilities to inform and communicate with family members, including the criminal lawyer's ethical responsibilities as an officer of the court. Respecting privilege but enlisting the aid of family members is often an ethical dilemma. existing ethical standards governing lawyers.