



# Federal Criminal Appellate Practice Seminar

## PROGRAM

February 10, 2025

<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Portland Regency Hotel Atlantic Room, Second Floor</b>
8:00 - 8:40 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
8:40 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Introduction</b> Anastasia Dubrovsky, Clerk
8:45 - 10:10 a.m.	<b>Criminal Appeals in a Digital World: From Notice of Appeal to Certiorari</b> Vivianne M. Marrero, Supervisory Assistant, and Franco Perez-Redondo, Supervisory Assistant, Federal Public Defender's Office, District of Puerto Rico; Jamesa Drake, Esq., Drake Law LLC
10:10 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Remarks by the Federal Public Defender</b> James Nixon, Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Best Practices for Federal Appellate Court Brief Writing and the Presentation of Oral Argument</b> Hon. Lara E. Montecalvo, U.S. Circuit Judge, Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<b>Issue Preservation, Forfeiture, Waiver, and Standards of Review</b> Judith Mizner, Chief - Appeals Unit, and Wade Zolynski, Research & Writing Specialist, Federal Public Defender's Office, District of Massachusetts
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Clerk's Office Update</b> Anastasia Dubrovsky, Clerk, and Sarah Koster, Chief Deputy Clerk, Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Re-cap of Recent Supreme Court Decisions and Circuit Splits</b> Charles Rankin, Esq., Rankin & Sultan, Boston
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>4th Amendment and Sentencing Issues</b> Heather Gonzales, Assistant Federal Public Defender, District of Maine; Jamesa Drake, Esq., Drake Law LLC
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Re-cap of Recent First Circuit Cases</b> Judith Mizner, Chief - Appeals Unit, District of Massachusetts
5:00 - 5:15 p.m.	<b>Adjournment</b>