



It's Not Always Black and White: Race, Confessions, and Preserving Your Client's Rights

Advanced Criminal Defense Practice Spring Conference 2021

March 12-13, 2021 via  zoom



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Price: \$360

CLE Hours Accrued: 14

CDAM's Spring Conference registration fee includes both Friday and Saturday sessions. Single-day registrations are not available.

Registrants will receive an automatically generated email with the Zoom Link by Monday, March 8, 2021. This link will be used for both conference days. Registrants will also receive a copy of every speaker's presentation, which will allow registrants to attend the live sessions that best suit their schedule and watch video replays of the sessions they were not able to watch live. As such, no refunds will be allowed after Friday, March 5, 2021 since every registrant will be able to access the training live, via videotape, or a combination of both.

If a video link is not emailed to you by Monday, March 8, 2021, first check your spam folder. Otherwise, [click here to email CDAM](#) for assistance.

Scholarships are available to CDAM Members! [Click here](#) to apply!

[Click Here to register for the conference!](#)



2021 Spring Conference Keynote: Litigating Racial Discrimination in Criminal Cases

Jury Selection, Sentencing, Suppression, Plea Negotiations, and More

Andre Vitale (Jersey City, NJ)



Andre has served as a public defense lawyer for over 21 years as a trial lawyer, training director, educator, and mentor. He currently works as an Acting First Assistant Deputy Public Defender and Trial Chief Hudson Trial Region of the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender. Andre previously served as a Special Assistant Public Defender and Training Director with the Monroe County Public Defender's Office (Rochester, NY) and as the Assistant Training Director with the King County Department of Public Defense (Seattle, WA). Andre is the co-chair of NJ OPD's Forensic Science Working Group.

Andre has extensive trial experience taking more than 95 cases to verdict, while handling some of the most complex matters. He has developed an expertise in defending homicide and sex cases, with a proficiency in contesting forensic and other technical evidence, including DNA, fingerprints, CSAAS, and eyewitness identification. Andre designed a Defending a Child Sex Case advanced trial skills program, which has been used by State Public Defender Offices in Montana, Missouri, and New Jersey. He is a core faculty member with Gideon's Promise (gideonspromise.org) and Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Institute Trial Advocacy Workshop (TAW). Andre is both a presenter and frequent blog contributor for the National Association of Public Defense (publicdefenders.us). Due to his passion and commitment to client-centered representation, Andre has received the Kevin Andersen Award by the New York State Defender's Association (NYSDA) and the Denison Ray Award by the New York State Bar Association.



Two Days of Amazing Sessions

Announcements and Updates



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False Confessions and the Reid Technique



Gerald A. Shiener, M.D., P.C
Birmingham, MI

A Case Against Prosecutors



Bennett Capers
New York, NY

Professor Capers, a former federal prosecutor, explores the impact of removing public prosecutors from the criminal system.

Walker/Miranda: When Your Client's Confession Isn't Voluntary



Lillian F. Diallo
Detroit, MI

Confessions can be the most devastating evidence admitted against your client, but the voluntariness of the confession is crucial to its admissibility. Learn how to challenge your client's confession using Miranda rights and pretrial Walker hearings.

Tech Tips (Optional Session)



Marla McCowan
Lansing, MI

Efficiency and Productivity Using Online Resources.

Moving Beyond Bias to Cultural Competency as a Professional Skill



Tracey Brame
Grand Rapids, MI



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State and Federal Law Updates *Justice for the Mentally Ill*



Kathy Swedlow
Lansing, MI

Learn about State and Federal Law Updates.

Note: Changes to Michigan's expungement laws will not be included. For training on this specific subject, Margaret Sind Raben recently conducted a two-hour CDAM webinar. [Click here for more information.](#)



Elisha Oakes
Mount Clemens, MI

Spotting mental illness and how different mental health conditions can affect the validity of a clients confession.

Unequal Application Of The Law Based Upon Racial Bias



Todd Perkins
Detroit, MI

In America, no matter how far you go, or how high you ascend, if you're Black, you are at-risk of being a defendant. The perils of finding equality for all persons, especially persons of color, are ubiquitous. As defense attorneys, we must learn the why, why and why of the underpinnings of racism in order to effectively represent defendants of color. As they say, the struggle continues, and the fight must be brought to Lady Justice's doorstep.

Michigan Sentencing Updates



Anne Yantus
Detroit



Free Webinar

Interested in learning more about Implicit Bias?



On July 10, 2020 CDAM Board Member Mike Carter taught a webinar, "You Love Your Son, Don't You Ma'am? Bias: Defining It, Exploring It, Crossing On It." This one-hour webinar is **FREE** to Michigan criminal defense attorneys. Register by [clicking here](#). The free password is **FREEBIAS**.



Conference Information

Continuing Legal Education Credit Hours

One credit hour is accrued for each hour of CLE training: 14 maximum hours available. CLE forms will be included in your Zoom link email. Attorneys are responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the person responsible for tracking their CLE hours. Attorneys are advised to keep a copy of their CLE form. ***CLE hours are good through 2021.***

Zoom Link and Materials

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For Assigned Counsel and Public Defenders

Some county/court funding units will pay for part, or all, of the cost of your registration. It is up to you to contact your local funding unit to determine if this is applicable to you and what payment or reimbursement method you will need to use. **If the court pays for registration, the attorney must attend at least 12 hours of training.**

If you do not know the contact information for your court's local funding unit, contact Deborah Mitchell at the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission at 517-657-3066 or MitchellD20@Michigan.gov. If you email, use the subject line "CDAM."

If your funding unit is not listed on the attachment, CDAM is not your provider for MIDC CLE. However, you are welcome to attend, and credit hours accrued meet MIDC standards and can be applied toward minimum standards.

Registration and/or Questions

Register online at www.CDAMonline.org. For questions, please call CDAM at 517-579-0533.

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