

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Southern District of Texas
Criminal Justice Act Panel Training

United States Federal Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room
1300 Victoria St., Laredo, Texas
April 20, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Texas is presenting a seminar designed to assist Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) panel attorneys appointed in federal criminal cases. The State Bar of Texas MCLE Department has approved this seminar for 7.50 hours of CLE credit (including 1.0 hour of legal ethics) (Course No.174188511). There is no cost for participants or for those attorneys wishing to apply for the CLE credit.

Registration will be available the morning of the seminar, but preregistration is preferred and is available at https://www.fpdsonline.org/en/?option=com_chronoforms&tmpl=component&chronoform=CJASpring2023.

*Please note that lunch will be provided, thanks to the support of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas through the court’s Attorney Admissions Fund. PLEASE CONTACT FRANK SALINAS TO RSVP FOR LUNCH NO LATER THAN April 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, contact Frank Salinas 956-753-5313 or via email: Frank_Salinas@fd.org.

AGENDA

(CLE hrs.)

7:30 - 8:00	Registration	
8:00 - 8:15	Introductory Remarks Marjorie A. Meyers, Federal Public Defender, S.D. TX Marissa Perez-Garcia, Branch Chief, Asst. Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX	
8:15 - 8:45	Defending Drug Cases Raul Martinez, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX	<i>(.50)</i>
8:45 - 9:15	Defending Immigration Cases Myrna Montemayor, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX	<i>(.50)</i>
9:15 - 10:15	Recent Cases Sara Martinez, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX	<i>(1.0)</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 11:30	404(b) Francisco Morales, Senior Litigation Counsel, AFPD, Corpus Christi, TX	<i>(1.0)</i>
11:30 - 12:00	CJA Appointments Process and Duties The Honorable Diana Song-Quiroga, United States Magistrate Judge, Laredo, TX The Honorable John Kazen, United States Magistrate Judge, Laredo, TX The Honorable Christopher dos Santos, United States Magistrate Judge, Laredo, TX David Adler, Criminal Justice Act Panel Representative, Houston, TX	<i>(.50)</i>
12:00 - 1:00	A View from the Bench The Honorable Diana Saldana, United States District Judge, Laredo, TX The Honorable, Marina Garcia Marmolejo United States District Judge, Laredo, TX	<i>(.50)</i>

AGENDA – (Cont'd)

(CLE hrs.)

- 1:00 - 1:45 **Sentencing Update** (.75)
Marjorie Meyers, Federal Public Defender, S.D.TX
- 1:45 - 2:45 **Effective Sentencing Advocacy** (1.0)
Moderator: Suzette Ermler, Mitigation Specialist, Houston, TX
Panel Members: Tito Alfaro, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX
Christina Arellano-Villarreal, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX
Shelley Strayer, Asst. Chief Investigator, Laredo, TX
- 2:45 - 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 - 3:45 **The Fourth Amendment in South Texas** (.75)
John Paul, Branch Litigation Counsel, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX
- 3:45 - 4:45 **Ethics Panel** (1.0 Ethics)
Moderator: Raul Guerra, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX
Panel Members: Ricardo Guerra, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX
Ramon Villafranca, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX
David Lopez, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Laredo, TX

This seminar is for attorneys eligible or seeking to become eligible to take CJA appointments.