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**2025 Federal Criminal Appellate Practice Seminar Series**

The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the members of the court's Criminal Appellate Practice Bar Education Committee are hosting a series of court-sponsored, one-day seminars on the following dates:

Monday, February 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Portland Regency Hotel, in Portland, Maine. A tentative agenda for the seminar is [here](#). **Registration deadline is Friday, February 7, 2025.**

Friday, February 28, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. A tentative agenda for the seminar is [here](#). **Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 26, 2025.**

Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, in Boston, Massachusetts. A tentative agenda for the seminar is [here](#). **Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 18, 2025.**

Each program will feature a presentation by the Honorable Lara E. Montecalvo, United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit Court of Appeals, on best practices for federal appellate court brief writing and the presentation of oral argument. The program will also include recaps of recent First Circuit and Supreme Court cases; a panel discussion of criminal appeals in a digital world, from notice of appeal to certiorari; and address procedural and substantive topics (e.g., issue preservation, forfeiture, waiver, standards of review, Fourth Amendment and sentencing issues).

Both experienced and less seasoned practitioners will benefit from the seminar.

There is no charge to attend. CLE accreditation will be requested, and certificates of attendance will be distributed at each seminar.

For further information on each seminar or to register, please contact Kelsey Kissane at 617-748-9983 or [CA01CLEseminars@ca1.uscourts.gov](mailto:CA01CLEseminars@ca1.uscourts.gov).