



Federal Criminal Appellate Practice Seminar

PROGRAM

February 28, 2025

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