

PACDL TRIAL TACTICS 2.0



Registration - Trial Tactics 2.0

Friday, October 27, 2017

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Registration: Mail or fax your completed registration form along with your payment no later than October 24, 2017 to PACDL. Only prepaid attendees are guaranteed seating. Door registrations are permitted only as space and material are available.

Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. Course begins at 12:30 p.m.

Registration fee includes seminar materials and CLE fees.

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A thumb drive with the materials will be provided; hard copies will not be available.

Seminar Registration

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Friday, October 27, 2017
Allegheny County Courthouse
The Gold Room
436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Course begins at 12:30 p.m.
Four CLE Credits

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12:00 p.m. Registration

12:25 p.m. Welcome and Announcements

12:30 p.m. Improving Incarceration Policies and Practices in Allegheny County. This session will discuss the recent Criminal Justice Task Force report with a focus on critical follow up including: a panel reviewing progress on recommended reforms in the Allegheny County criminal justice system, a criminal justice coordinator, and steps to create electronic dashboards to better understand and evaluate impact of various improvements in the criminal justice system, including the Magisterial District Justice rulings on bail applications. Mr. Thieman will discuss the practical application of these reforms and other developments to cases handled by criminal defense practitioners daily.

Presenter: Frederick W. Thieman, The Buhl Foundation

1:30 p.m. Little Sister Siri is Listening The use of electronic devices has exponentially increased the amount of information produced today. This digital data often becomes some of the most critical evidence related to any case. The use of the smart phone has had a profound impact on the way people behave and interact with the world around them. This program explores what kind of information is knowingly and unknowingly being created on devices, how that information can be obtained, and ways that it has been used in different cases. Examples will be provided throughout showing how computer forensics can uncover and help interpret critical case facts. Particular focus will be spent on the following areas:

- Computer analysis
- Smart phone analysis
- Social media
- Internet of Things (IoT)

Presenter: Peter Mansmann, Precise, Inc.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Challenging DNA Evidence Drawing on his experience defending complex homicide and capital cases involving DNA, Aaron Sontz will discuss how to interpret and understand DNA reports prepared by the Office of the Medical Examiner; what additional discovery to seek; how to interpret and understand the raw data relied upon by the Medical Examiner; and possible methods to attack their conclusions.

Presenter: Aaron Sontz, Allegheny County Public Defender Office

3:45 p.m. "Ahh, but you are expecting favorable treatment, aren't you?" - Challenging the Government's Confidential Informant. Panelists will discuss the nuances of cross examining the ever-important confidential informant and how to set up your stellar cross-examination by sequencing your questions in a manner that will only lead the jury to one clear conclusion: *The informant can't be trusted.* Learn how to extract information about: plea deals, text messages between the informant and his handler, how the government "looks the other way," how many uncharged crimes the informant has committed, how many times the informant has lied to the government and much more. Pose your questions to the panel about a pending case (Please change the name to protect the innocent) and let them give you tips on how to expose your confidential informant.

Presenter: Frank Walker, Frank Walker Law

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour hosted by the Allegheny County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Location to be determined.

Course Planner

Laurel Brandstetter, Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis LLP. Ms. Brandstetter is chairperson of Schnader's Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations Practice Group. A trial lawyer and former prosecutor, she has represented criminal defendants, witnesses before the Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, and witnesses and targets of federal investigations, including subjects of false claims act investigations, targets of IRS and SEC investigations, and defendants in wide-spread public corruption investigations. Her work includes conducting internal investigations for municipalities, school districts, universities, and corporate clients. She also has created and implemented comprehensive ethics and corporate compliance programs, with a strong focus on best procurement practices.

Registration Information:

Credit Hours. This seminar has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for four hours of substantive law, practice and procedure CLE credit.

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