



**Michigan State Appellate Defender Office (SADO)  
& Criminal Defense Resource Center (CDRC)**

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*The Criminal Defense Resource Center (CDRC) of the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) in partnership with the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System (MAACS), through a generous grant from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, present:*

## 3-Day Appellate Writing Workshop

Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 9am to 5pm each day  
645 Griswold, Suite 3300, Detroit, MI (SADO Office)

- ❖ For MAACS Roster Attorneys with 3 years or less of experience working in indigent appellate defense
- ❖ Must attend all three days of the workshop; lunch will be provided
- ❖ Workshop will cover issue spotting, research and writing, oral advocacy, & client interviews
- ❖ The workshop is free to all attendees. For attendees traveling over 50 miles, overnight lodging and meals will be covered. (Do not book any rooms until you get registration confirmation and express instructions from SADO).
- ❖ **Space is extremely limited; early registration is highly recommended**
- ❖ Register by filling out the attached registration form or by contacting Heather Waara, [hwaara@sado.org](mailto:hwaara@sado.org), for more information

## About the Instructors

**Valerie R. Newman** has been an appellate attorney with SADO for over 20 years. She has argued hundreds of cases before the Michigan appellate courts and two cases before the United States Supreme Court. She successfully represented the defendant in *Lafler v Cooper*, a 2011 decision the New York Times heralded as the most important right to counsel case since *Gideon v Wainwright*. Ms. Newman is the recipient of numerous awards, including the SBM's Champion of Justice Award in 2013 for making significant contributions to the community, state, and nation. She is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School, and is an experienced trainer, having presented for the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM), the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar, and at the NLADA's National Appellate Defense and Persuasive Writing Skills Institute as an advanced U.S. Supreme Court skills track instructor.

**Bradley R. Hall** is an experienced appellate attorney and the current Administrator of MAACS. Prior to MAACS, Mr. Hall worked as an attorney at the Federal Defender Office in Detroit for eight years where he specialized in habeas corpus cases and appeals in the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is co-chair of the CDAM Amicus Curiae Committee, and in that capacity has filed briefs and presented oral argument in the Michigan Supreme Court on important issues of criminal law and procedure. Mr. Hall has published articles on criminal procedure and wrongful convictions in the Wisconsin Law Review, Drake Law Review and the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. Mr. Hall recently received the Cooley Law School's Distinguished Brief Award, is the past author of SADO's Defender Habeas book and is an experienced trainer having presented at numerous CDAM conferences.

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## **3-Day Appellate Writing Workshop Registration Form**

December 3, 2015 to December 5, 2015

### **Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ P Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Years in Criminal Appellate Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Years on MAACS Roster: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of oral arguments in the appellate courts: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify by my signature that I am a MAACS Roster Attorney with 3 years of experience or less working in indigent appellate defense.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Additional Information:**

Is your residence 50 miles or more from the training site (645 Griswold, Suite 3300, Detroit, MI)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many miles will you have to travel to the training? \_\_\_\_\_

If over 50 miles, are you requesting hotel lodging for the training? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions, and if so, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a laptop you can bring with you to the training? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Westlaw or Lexis username and password? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form to:** Heather Waara by email, [hwaara@sado.org](mailto:hwaara@sado.org), or by fax to 313-965-0372, or by mail to: State Appellate Defender Office, 645 Griswold Street, Suite 3300, Detroit, MI 48226.

For more information, visit [www.sado.org](http://www.sado.org) or call (313) 256-9833.

Your registration is not confirmed until you receive express confirmation from SADO.