



Powerful Persuasion – Defending Clients Accused of Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence

Advanced Criminal Defense Practice Fall Conference 2019

**November 7-9, 2019 \\
Boyne Mountain Resort
Boyne Falls, MI**



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Thursday* (optional) – Saturday

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Book hotel rooms by calling (855) 688-7024 or by [Clicking Here!](#)

Featuring Keynote Speakers Amanda Knox and Christopher Robinson

Renowned Authors and Hosts/Producers of
The Truth About True Crime Podcast

* optional skills training day for new
criminal defense attorneys.



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Three Days of Amazing Sessions

A is for Attorney

Lisa B. Kirsch-Satawa

This Thursday add-on option is only available to conference registrants.

Experience CDAM's acclaimed new lawyer session. Much of what a new lawyer needs to know to begin practicing criminal defense: interviewing a client, setting up a file, nuts and bolts of criminal court procedures, Q&A. Morning session is procedure, working lunch. Afternoon session is trial skills.

Announcements and Updates

Elizabeth A. LaCosse, President

Trial by Media – The Role of the Press in Wrongful Convictions

Amanda Knox and Christopher Robinson

The Expressive Litigator: Voice and its Relation to Persuasive Story Telling

Rena Cook

Participants will delve deeply into various aspects of voice, including breath, resonance, articulation, inflection that communicates meaning, and using verbal imagery to find authenticity and variety.

Free and Cheap Tech Resources for Criminal Defense Attorneys

Direct Examination Tips and Preparing Your Client to Testify

Michael R. Bartish

Issue Spotting and Preserving the Record for Appeal

Sofia Nelson

Opening Statements and Beyond

Keeley Blanchard

Questioning Child Witnesses

Lisa Kirsch-Satawa

Sexy Times and Sex Crimes

Raymond A. Cassar

Everything that you wanted to know about internet sex crimes but were afraid to ask.

The Expressive Litigator Workshop

Rena Cook

Federal Updates

Elizabeth A. LaCosse

Going Through the Motions

Takura Nyamfukudza and Molly Blythe

Creative research and motions are critical to successfully defending your client in a CSC case – learn ideas and strategies that will help you get to those two magic words “not guilty.”

Technology to Work Smarter and Not Harder – How to Win Your Case and Organize Your Office

Lizzy Cary and Kim Barrus

From organizing your email inbox to presenting exhibits at trial, participants will learn what tips, tricks, software, and hardware will simplify their work life, allowing them to focus time on what really matters - their clients.

Understanding Title IX and Due Process

Brian R. Watkins

An overview of the Title IX university administrative process with a closer look at what Due Process means for an accused.

Arguments in CSC Cases

Kellen A. Dotson

Handling CPS Cases When CSC is Alleged

Sonia Cannon

Jury Selection in CSC and DV Cases

Mike Hills

Evidence Matters in DV and CSC Cases

Stephen A. Milks

This session will scrutinize common evidentiary practices that prosecutors employ in domestic and sexual assault cases and examine effective methods to challenge such practices and bolster your defensive readiness.

How to Defend Clients When Their Professional Licenses are at Risk

Kurt E. Krause

Professional licensing issues can damage clients when they are accused of sexual and domestic violence – learn tips to help clients navigate this critical process.

Mitigation at Sentencing: More than Snow

Christopher B. Wickman

Learn to develop and employ a successful mitigation strategy at sentencing so you can convince a judge to agree with your reasonable (or unreasonable) request for a specific sentence when the need calls for it.

Michigan Law Update: You Can't Win if You Don't Know the Law

Mary Chartier, Takura Nyamfukudza, F. Martin Tieber, Kris Tieber

Cross-Examination in CSC Cases

Josh Blanchard

Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls in Your Practice

Kenneth M. Mogill

Learn tips to avoid ethical issues in your practice in this interactive and informative presentation.

Sentencing Cases You Know Must Know

Anne Yantus

Get to Know Keynote Speakers Amanda Knox, Christopher Robinson, and Rena Cook



Amanda Knox is an exoneree, journalist, public speaker, and author of the New York Times best-selling memoir, *Waiting to Be Heard* (HarperCollins, April 2013). Between 2007 and 2015, she spent nearly four years in an Italian prison and eight years on trial for a murder she didn't commit. Amanda hosted *The Scarlet Letter Reports*, a VICE/Facebook series about the public vilification of women, and currently hosts *The Truth About True Crime*, a podcast series for Sundance/AMC that she produces and writes with Christopher.

Christopher Robinson is a Boston University and Hunter College MFA graduate, a MacDowell Colony fellow, Yaddo fellow, and a Yale Younger Poets Prize finalist. He is the co-author, with Gavin Kovite, of *War of the Encyclopaedists* (Scribner, 2015), which the New York Times called "captivating," and *Deliver Us* (Alephactory, 2018). He currently produces and writes *The Truth About True Crime* with Amanda.



Rena Cook is a Professor Emerita, TEDx speaker, author, voice, speech, confidence and presentation coach. She is the founder of Vocal Authority, a training consultancy serving corporate clients - attorneys, politicians, entrepreneurs, CEOs and sales personnel - who want to use their voice in more commanding and authentic ways. She is the author of *Empower your Voice: For Women in Business, Politics and Life*; and coming soon *Her Voice in Law*, published by the ABA. Previous clients include Primerus Law Firms, DRI, Koller Law and Hartland Barger. She has an MA in Voice Studies from London's Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, an MFA in theatre from the University of Oklahoma. She currently teaches at the University of Houston.



Conference Information

Continuing Legal Education Credit Hours

One credit hour is accrued for each hour of CLE training: 22 maximum hours available. CLE forms will be available at the registration desk. Attorneys are responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the person responsible for tracking their CLE hours. Attorneys are advised to keep a copy of their CLE form. **CLE hours are good through 2019.**

Conference Material

Material will be distributed through a Dropbox link and a CDAM CrowdCompass application. Registrants are strongly encouraged to bring a smartphone, laptop, or other electronic device in order to access materials. Hard copy materials are only available if purchased by October 31, 2019. See registration form. Thank you for helping us reduce our carbon footprint.

For Assigned Counsel and Public Defenders

Some county/court funding units will pay for part, or all, of the cost of your registration. In some instances, hotel per diem and mileage are also covered. It is up to you to contact your local funding unit to determine if this is applicable to you and what payment or reimbursement method you will need to use. **If the court pays for registration, the attorney must attend at least 12 hours of training.**

If you do not know the contact information for your court's local funding unit, contact Deborah Mitchell at the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission at 517-657-3066 or dmitchell@michiganidc.gov. If you email, use the subject line "CDAM."

If your funding unit is not listed on the attachment, CDAM is not your provider for MIDC CLE. However, you are welcome to attend, and credit hours accrued meet MIDC standards and can be applied toward minimum standards.

Registration and/or Questions

Register online at www.CDAMonline.org. For questions, please call CDAM at 517-579-0533.

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