



Virtual Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System Orientation Agenda

Registration and CLE Information

- Attendance at Orientation is mandatory for new MAACS roster attorneys.
- If you are unable to attend all sessions, email maacsroster@sado.org.
- Advanced registration is required. You will receive a confirmation email with connection information immediately after you register. Save that information and use it to join the session at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. You will receive a reminder email prior to the session.
- A single CLE form for this program will be emailed to all registrants and a single CLE form should be submitted after attendance at your last session.
- **NOTE:** Recordings are to be viewed on your own and viewing must be completed before adding your name to assignment lists. All recordings are available on www.SADO.org. You will receive your login credentials separately from MAACS staff

Prior to Day 1 – Recordings to Watch on your Own (1.5 CLE)

[Introduction to MAACS and the Minimum Standards, Brad Hall](#) **Start video at 17:22]**

[Plea Appeal Deadlines, Kathy Swedlow](#)

Orientation Day 1: Wed October 6, 2021 (3.5 CLE) - [Register here](#)

8:45 – 9:00 am: Welcome

9:00 – 10:00 am: Understanding the Michigan Sentencing Guidelines, Kristin LaVoy

10:00 – 10:15 am: Break

10:15 – 11:15 pm: What to Do After Your First Assignment, Joel Kershaw

11:15 – 12:00 pm: Break

12:00 – 12:30 pm: Summary of Minimum Standards and Plea Deadlines, Brad Hall

12:30 – 12:45 pm: Break

12:45 – 1:45 pm: Spotting Issues (or Reviewing the Record) in Plea Cases, Jacqueline Ouvry

After Day 1 – Recordings to Watch on your Own (1 CLE)

[Minimum Standards and Common Issues, Kathy Swedlow](#)

Orientation Day 2: Tuesday November 9, 2021 (5 CLE) – [Register here](#)

9:45 – 10:00 am: Welcome

10:00 – 11:00 am: Meeting and Communicating with your Client, Marilena David-Martin

11:00 – 11:15 am: Break

11:15 – 12:15 pm: Found the Issues. Now What?, Angeles Meneses

12:15 – 12:30 pm: Break

12:30 – 1:30 pm: Challenging the PSIR, Jessica Zimbelman

1:30 – 1:40 pm: Break

1:40 - 2:40 pm: “Help me help you!” - Litigation Support Procedures, Patty Maceroni

2:40 – 3:40 pm Questions and Answers, Brad Hall, Patty Maceroni, Marilena David

Required Sessions to Attend from Fall Training (4.5 CLE)

- MAACS Town Hall 10/7/21
- Our Perspective: Voices of Appellate Clients 10/15/21
- Michigan Caselaw Update 10/22/21
- Sentencing Caselaw Update 10/22/21

Faculty

Marilena David-Martin is Deputy Director at the State Appellate Defender Office. She manages the Criminal Defense Resource Center and provides training, resources, and support to the criminal defense bar. She launched and manages Project Reentry, a program focused on supporting people on their journey home from prison. Marilena serves as Chair for the State Bar of Michigan’s (SBM) Prisons and Corrections Section and is on the Board of Directors for the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM), Wayne County Criminal Advocacy Program, and the Michigan Bench Bar Conference Foundation. Marilena is the recipient of the 2014 SBM Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, the 2014 CDAM Justice for All Award, and the 2018, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Community Impact Award. In 2019, she was appointed by Governor Whitmer to serve on the Michigan Community Corrections Board.

Brad Hall is the MAACS Administrator. Brad is a graduate of Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, where he gained practical experience working at the Southern Center for Human Rights, Cook County Public Defender Office, and Center on Wrongful Convictions. After a clerkship with Judge Nancy G. Edmunds on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of

Michigan, he spent eight years as a staff attorney at the Federal Defender Office in Detroit, handling trials, appeals, and habeas corpus cases. As amicus counsel for the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, he has briefed and argued several significant cases in the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Court of Appeals, one of which was awarded a Distinguished Brief Award by Cooley Law School. Brad is Chair of the SBM Appellate Practice Section.

Joel Kershaw is a founding partner of Kershaw, Vititoe & Jedinak, PLC, which was founded in 2015 with Matt Vititoe and Steven Jedinak. Before co-founding his current firm, Joel worked as a solo practitioner, primarily serving clients in the areas of criminal defense, family law, social security, and estate planning. Joel joined the MAACS roster in 2013, and he has been increasingly focused on felony appeals both in both appointed and retained cases, which is now the overwhelming majority of his practice. Over the past several years, Joel has also become increasingly involved in prison ministry, outreach, and advocacy. He has served as volunteer with prison fellowship, where he co-facilitated a job skills class at the Chelsea SAI facility and an intensive academy at Parnall Correctional Facility. He currently attends Moody Theological Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, where he is working on a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology. He hopes to use his counseling degree to help incarcerated persons and formerly incarcerated persons address incarceration related trauma.

Kristin LaVoy is currently the Training Director for the Neighborhood Defender Service of Detroit where she provides training for both NDS attorneys and those on the Wayne County assigned counsel list. She has spent her nearly 14 years working as a public defender at both the trial and appellate level. In her free time, she enjoys water coloring, gardening, and spending time with her husband and two children.

Patricia Maceroni is the MAACS Litigation Support Counsel. She is an experienced defense attorney with 30 years of experience representing clients in state and federal court at the trial and appellate levels.

Angeles Meneses has been an assistant defender at the State Appellate Defender Office since 2016. She has also been an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School since 2020, teaching the Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic.

Jacqueline Ouvry is an Assistant Defender at the State Appellate Defender Office. Ms. Ouvry worked in SADO's plea unit for seven years where she sought post-conviction relief in trial courts and through appeals by leave. Among hundreds of cases, two highlights involve: 1) successfully challenging violations of due process in the Michigan Supreme Court involving the erroneous application of lifetime electronic monitoring statutes; and 2) serving as co-counsel in a Michigan Supreme Court challenge to the constitutionality of court costs assessed against defendants. She served as staff attorney on federally funded grant projects involving social workers at sentencing, mitigation, and reentry work. This work resulted in many individuals receiving community rather than prison sentences. She now defends juveniles sentenced to serve life without the possibility of parole and prisoners who face a prosecutor appeal of the grant of parole. Ms. Ouvry previously worked as a victim's advocate which provided skills in empathetic listening, trauma informed care, and client-center decision making that central to her law practice. Ms. Ouvry currently teaches a plea appellate clinic at Wayne State University Law School and previously taught at Detroit Mercy Law School. She is a regular trainer for defender organizations and at state bar events on topics such as re-entry, mitigation, sentencing advocacy, allocution and plea appeals. Ms. Ouvry is a past chair of the SBM Prisons and Corrections Section, which involved testifying before the Legislature on pending parole legislation and leading a two-year project to produce a themed-issue of the state bar journal on the topic of mass incarceration. She served on that Section's Council from 2012-2018. She serves her

community as a Governor's appointee on the Protect Michigan Commission and as a Board Member of the Youth Justice Fund. When not involved in legal matters, Ms. Ouvry can be found gardening, experimenting in the kitchen, and generally chasing her four kids and beloved husband wherever they may go.

Jessica Zimbelman is Managing Attorney with the State Appellate Defender Office, representing people statewide as they appeal their convictions and sentences. She has appeared before the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court multiple times, as well as trial courts throughout the state. Prior to SADO, she was the Senior Analyst in the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman's Office, monitoring the Michigan Department of Corrections on behalf of the State Legislature. Her experiences allowed her to be the primary author of the *Defender Guide for Attorneys: Policies and Procedures of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC)*, published by the Criminal Defense Resource Center at SADO. She previously was an Adjunct Professor at MSU College of Law, instructing 1L and 2L students in writing and oral advocacy. Prior to law school, Jessica was a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives and continues to be active in the policy world through SADO and as Co-Chair of the Rules and Law Committee of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan. Jessica is a member of the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan, representing Ingham County. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Ingham County Bar Association.

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