



State Appellate Defender Office



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2pm - 3pm | 1 CLE

Via Zoom

Own Who You Are

As women, we may have a tendency to want to become something we are not in professional settings. For example, if we're labeled as too aggressive, we subsequently try to fade to the background. If we're labeled as quiet, we may try to be louder, which feels unnatural. This dynamic can be especially challenging for public defenders, who at times may be the only women in the courtroom. Whether we like it or not, sometimes our demeanor may impact how a judge or prosecutor perceive our professionalism, and it may impact the result for our clients. What do we do with all of this to own our unique selves, stop minimizing our contributions, and build each other up? Join us as Michigan public defenders and team members talk about what it means to own who we are.



Faculty

Jessica Zimbelman is a Managing Attorney at SADO where she chairs the Court Rules and Legislation Committee. Jessica also co-chairs the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan Rules & Law Committee. Jessica previously worked in the Legislature as the Senior Analyst in the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman's Office and as a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives. 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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