



Appellate Defender Annual Fall Training

October 13, 18 and 24, 2023

Via Zoom | 12.5 total CLE

Attendees may choose to attend all or some of the below programming.
Each day has a unique registration link.

Friday October 13, 2023 – Register here (4 CLE)		
9:30 – 10:30 am	MAACS Town Hall	Brad Hall & Patty Maceroni
10:30 – 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 am – 11:45 pm	New Sentencing Decisions	Anne Yantus
11:45 – 12:00 pm	BREAK	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Impact of Race on Client and Public Defender Relationships	Ieshaah Murphy
1:00 – 3:00 pm	EXTENDED BREAK	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	MI > US: Improving Legal Protections for the Accused Using Michigan’s Constitution	Sofia Nelson & Erin Van Campen
Wednesday October 18, 2023 – Register here (4 CLE)		
9:30 – 10:30 am	Life and Policies in the MDOC	Jessica Zimbelman & Lorenzo Harrell
10:30 – 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Caselaw Update and Strategic Litigation	Adrienne Young
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	BREAK	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Defending Grants of Parole	Maya Menlo and Jackie Ouvry

1:00 – 2:00 pm	EXTENDED BREAK	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Leveraging 6.248 to Reinstate Claims and Restore Rights	Brad Hall
Tuesday October 24, 2023 – Register here (4.5 CLE)		
9:30 – 10:30 am	Thinking Outside of the Guidelines: Other Important Sentencing Challenges	Stephanie Farkas & Angeles Meneses
10:30 – 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Interlocutory Appeals	Kathy Swedlow
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	EXTENDED BREAK	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Your Well-Being	Alison Bloomquist
2:00 – 2:15 pm	BREAK	
2:15 – 3:45 pm	Appellate Investigation Case Studies	Moderator: Katherine Marcuz

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These trainings are set up “meeting” style where you will have the opportunity to have your camera and microphone on to increase learning and engagement.

Questions? Contact Marilena David, mdavid@sado.org.

Faculty Bios are on the following pages.

Faculty Bios

Alison Bloomquist has been trying public defense cases in New England since 2005. She served for over ten years as a staff public defender in greater Boston, two of them as Attorney-in-Charge of the Norfolk Superior Court office at the Committee for Public Counsel Services. She served for six years as the Director of Training for the Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services, where she coordinated training for attorneys, investigators, social workers, and clerks in all aspects of criminal defense. In 2021, Alison became Vice President of Strategic Alliances and Innovation for the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA). She has been invited to teach federal and state public defenders all across the country, including as faculty at the National Criminal Defense College (NCDC), and has authored several trial skills publications. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, and Boston University College of Arts and Sciences. She is an executive committee member of the National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators (NAIDE) and a Black Public Defender Association (BPDA) Certified Anti-Racism Trainer. Alison lives in West Hartford with her wife, three children and their silver lab, Cooper.

Stephanie Farkas is the Litigation Support Counsel for the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System (MAACS) where she helps train, support, and supervise new and established MAACS roster attorneys. Stephanie is a former Chair of the State Bar Criminal Law Section and remains on the Council. She also serves on the Model Criminal Jury Instructions Committee. Previously, Stephanie worked as a Senior Trial Attorney at Neighborhood Defender Service ("NDS") Detroit, as an Assistant Public Defender in Berrien County, and as a private practitioner.

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.

Lorenzo Harrell is the General Clerk for the State Appellate Defender Office. After being sentenced to life without parole as a child and having spent 26 years incarcerated, Lorenzo was fortunate to be resentenced to a term of years in 2019, making him immediately eligible for parole. SADO hired Lorenzo in 2020 to join the team! Lorenzo is considered a leader in his community. He is an advocate for the abolishment of life without parole for juvenile offenders, for prison sentence reform, and the humane treatment of prisoners in the Michigan Correctional Facilities. He

serves on the Board of Directors for the Youth Justice Fund (YJF), an organization formed to help returning citizens sent to prison as children and is an active member of the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network (ICAN).

Patty Maceroni is the Deputy Administrator of the Michigan Assigned Appellate Counsel System (MAACS). Prior to her employment with MAACS, Ms. Maceroni was in private practice for 30 years, representing clients in both the federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. Ms. Maceroni has taught at the University of Detroit Law School, as a legal writing instructor as well as the supervisor of the Urban Law Clinic. Ms. Maceroni has been a member of CDAM since 1989 when she joined in law school and has participated in just about every CDAM committee, as well as being a member of the executive board. Ms. Maceroni was CDAM's President from 2015-2018. Ms. Maceroni is married to John Robinson, and they are the parents of two sons, Joseph and Sean.

Katherine Marcuz is a Managing Attorney at the State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit. She joined SADO in 2012 following a clerkship at the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the Honorable Catharine F. Easterly. Katherine is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and the University of Michigan Law School. She also holds a master's degree in education from Brooklyn College. Before law school, she worked as a high school English teacher in Brooklyn, New York. Katherine lives in Detroit with her husband and two sons.

Angeles Meneses is an assistant defender at the State Appellate Defender Office, where she has worked since 2016. She is also an adjunct professor at both the University of Michigan Law School and Wayne State University of Law School, teaching the Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic. Angeles is a member of the 2022 Michigan Sentencing Guidelines Editorial Advisory Board, and the Michigan Judicial Institute Sentencing Guidelines Committee. She is also a member of the Michigan State Court Administrative Office Foreign Language Board. Angeles is the proud parent of a five-year-old chiweenie named Gus, aka Loaf.

Mayo Menlo joined SADO in 2019 as an Assistant Defender. She was previously an Assistant Defender at the Washtenaw County Office of the Public Defender. She has taught both Criminal Procedure - Investigations and the Appeal and the Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic at Wayne State Law School. Maya enjoys defending grants of parole and helping others do the same.

Ieshaah Murphy is an Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Defense and Racial Justice Clinic at the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC Law). Prior to joining UDC Law, Ieshaah practiced as a civil rights attorney and public defender. Most recently, Ieshaah was a senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Maryland, focusing on racial justice. Before the ACLU, Ieshaah worked for several years as a trial attorney at the Public Defender Service

for the District of Columbia (PDS), where she represented hundreds of indigent children and adults charged with serious offenses. While at PDS, she supervised attorneys and co-founded the agency's annual week-long defender training program for law students from historically excluded communities. Ieshaah frequently trains lawyers and law students on various topics related to criminal defense and trial advocacy. She is also a founding member of the Black Public Defender Association (BPDA), where she develops and leads race equity trainings at defender offices around the country. Originally from Buffalo, NY, Ieshaah earned her B.A. in Sociology from Spelman College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Sofia Nelson is a Staff Attorney at Neighborhood Defender Service of Detroit representing individuals facing felony charges in state court. Prior to being a trial level public defender, Sofia was an Assistant Defender at the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) in Detroit, Michigan. In that role, Sofia defended individuals in criminal cases in trial courts, the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and in federal courts. From 2017-2022 Sofia's practice focused primarily on representing juvenile lifers in post-conviction proceedings seeking to actualize hope for a life beyond prison's walls for clients who were condemned to die in prison when they were still children. In that role, Sofia successfully litigated *People v Stovall* where the Michigan Supreme Court banned parolable life sentences for juveniles. Prior to becoming a public defender, Sofia was a Skadden Fellow at the ACLU of Michigan serving as counsel in *Doe v Snyder* the 6th Circuit case that held portions of Michigan's sex offender registry to be unconstitutional.

Sofia serves as co-chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee and is President-Elect of the State Bar's Criminal Law Section Council. Sofia has conducted trainings for the Michigan Indigent Defense System, Wayne County's Criminal Advocacy Program, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System, and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Sofia is co-author of the defender manual *Representing Individuals Facing Juvenile Life Without Parole*. Sofia is a proud member of UAW local 2325 - Association of Legal Aid Attorneys.

Jacqueline Ouvry is an Assistant Defender at SADO. She defends individuals who were sentenced to serve life without the possibility of parole as juveniles and defends people who face an appeal of the decision to grant parole. She, along with Maya Menlo, recently won a unanimous decision in the Michigan Supreme Court upholding parole, in *In re McBrayer*, __ Mich __ (2023). She is also author for several chapters of SADO's Plea, Sentencing, and Post-Conviction Book, and Defender Sentencing Guidelines Manual Annotated. Jackie serves as a bargaining team member for SADO's union, UAW Local 2200. Previously, Jackie worked in SADO's plea unit for seven years. She served as staff attorney on several federally funded grant projects involving social workers at sentencing, mitigation, and reentry work. She taught the Plea Clinic at Detroit Mercy Law School in 2016 prior to teaching at Wayne Law,

where she currently serves as adjunct professor for the Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic each Winter Term. Jackie regularly teaches the Sentencing Advocacy Workshop through Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

Jackie served as Chair of the Prisons and Corrections Section of the State Bar from 2015 through 2017 and served on that Section's Council from 2012 through 2018. In 2021, she was appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Protect Michigan Commission to maximize COVID-19 vaccine access, especially for Michigan's prisoners. Outside of the courts and the classroom, Jackie enjoys time with her husband and four kids at soccer games, dance competitions, baseball tournaments, school plays, MSU Spartan sports events, musical theater, and cooking together at home.

Kathy Swedlow is the Manager of the Criminal Defense Resource Center. Prior to joining the CDRC, Kathy was the Deputy Administrator of the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System. Kathy formerly worked as a Professor and Assistant Dean at WMU-Cooley Law School, teaching Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Death Penalty Law; served as the co-director of the school's Innocence Project; and was co-counsel on the Project's first DNA exoneration case. Kathy also worked as an Assistant Federal Defender with the Capital Habeas Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia and in the Staff Attorneys' Offices in the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second, Third, and Sixth Circuits. She is the author of the SADO Defender Appellate Manual, the SADO Defender Interlocutory Appeal Book, and three law school textbooks; she is also a former contributing editor for death penalty cases for the ABA publication, *Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases*. Kathy is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (B.S.) and City University of New York School of Law (J.D.).

Erin Van Campen is the Research and Training Attorney at the Neighborhood Defender Service (NDS) of Detroit. In that role, she provides on-call assistance for criminal defense attorneys handling assigned cases in Wayne County. In addition, Erin trains on a variety of topics, and creates practice guides, resources, and case summaries for the assigned counsel roster and NDS.

Erin previously worked as an Assistant Defender at the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) where she represented indigent criminal defendants on appeal in Michigan's trial and appellate courts. At SADO, she obtained appellate relief for many of her clients, including new trials and numerous sentence reductions. She specialized in issues involving the right to expert assistance and resentencing proceedings for juvenile lifers. Erin previously taught at the University of Michigan Law School, as part of the Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic. She currently works as an adjunct faculty at Wayne State Law School, where she teaches Criminal Procedure I. Erin attended the University of California Berkeley and then University of Michigan Law School, graduating cum laude in 2012. Following law school, she

worked as a law clerk for Justice Bridget M. McCormack of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Anne Yantus is a sentencing consultant working with attorneys to promote more favorable sentencing outcomes for their clients. Anne credits her knowledge of Michigan sentencing law to the many years she spent handling plea and sentencing appeals with the State Appellate Defender Office. Following her time with SADO, Anne taught a criminal sentencing course at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and subsequently continued to write and speak on felony sentencing law while serving as pro bono counsel with Bodman PLC. She welcomes your Michigan felony sentencing questions and is happy to arrange a consultation, where appropriate.

Adrienne Young is an Assistant Defender who zealously advocates in courts across the state, including in her several appearances at the Michigan Supreme Court. She regularly trains on appellate case law and enjoys brainstorming about how best to assist young adults on appeal and advocate for individuals who are mentally ill short of legal insanity. Before joining SADO, Adrienne clerked on the Michigan Supreme Court. Adrienne is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School where she was awarded the Pro Bono Service Award of Excellence for her hundreds of volunteer hours. Prior to attending law school, Adrienne earned her Master in Education while serving as a special education teacher. She is a graduate with distinction from the University of Michigan.

Adrienne has completed thirteen marathons and served six years on the Birmingham Board of Education. For her work at SADO and volunteer service, she was recently selected one of the “Top 40 Under 40” in Oakland County. She and her husband, Jeffrey Bozell, are the proud parents of three kids. They are the usually proud, sometimes embarrassed, owners of a rat terrier named Myszka. Adrienne can be reached at ayoung@sado.org.

Jessica Zimbelman is a Managing Attorney with the State Appellate Defender Office, where she has worked for eleven years 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. Jessica not only challenges the status quo through litigation, she also actively seeks change to our system through the legislative process. Prior to SADO, Jessica worked for two legislative agencies: as the Senior analyst at the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman’s Office and as a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives. She currently is Co-Chair of the Rules and Law Committee of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and chairs SADO’s Court Rules and Legislation Committee. Jessica works to ensure the voices of the people we represent are heard as new laws and rules are adopted.

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 and Secretary of the Ingham County Bar Association. She lives in Lansing with her husband and two rambunctious twin daughters. You'll often find them at the zoo or collecting nature throughout Pure Michigan.