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Stumbling Into Mitigation: Interview techniques for Investigators

Fact investigators often stumble upon mitigating evidence as they investigate the facts of a case. This training will introduce fact investigators to the fundamentals of sentencing mitigation:

- Differences and similarities between the goals and methods of fact investigation and mitigation investigation;
- How to collect and develop mitigation evidence;
- The importance of mitigating evidence that may not rise to the level of a legal defense; and
- Open-ended, exploratory, and rapport-based interview techniques.

June 6, 2024 | Noon-1:30 PM | Zoom

**Register with the QR code at right,
or at www.sado.org/go/Interviewing**



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