



Appellate Defender Annual Fall Training

November 2, 10, and 20, 2026

Via Zoom | 12 total CLE Hours

Attendees may choose to attend all or some of the below sessions. If certain sessions are mandatory for you, you will hear about them from your supervisor or from MAACS.

Each day has a unique registration link.

November 2, 2026 – Register here (4.25 CLE HOURS)		
10:00 - 11:00	Cross Examination 101	Kristin LaVoy, SADO
11:00 - 11:15	Break	
11:15 - 12:15	Michigan Case Law Update	Jessica Zimbelman, SADO
12:15 - 12:30	Break	
12:30 - 1:30	Search and Seizure Update	Jason Eggert, SADO
1:30 - 1:45	Break	
1:45 - 3:00	MAACS Town Hall	Keeley Blanchard and Stephanie Farkas, MAACS
November 10, 2026 – Register here (4 CLE HOURS)		
9:30 – 10:30	Parole 101: What Defense Attorneys Need to Know	Brian Shipman, MDOC
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 – 11:45 am	What a Judge Wants, What a Judge Needs	Judge Adrienne Young, Judge Michael J. Kelly, and Judge Daniel Korobkin
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Break	
12:00 – 1:00	Defending Against Parole Appeals	Miles Gerou, MAACS Roster
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Break	
1:15 - 2:15	You've Got an Amicus in Me	Christine Pagac, MAACS Roster

November 20, 2026 – Register here (3.75 Hours CLE)		
9:30 – 10:30 am	Proofreading and Brief Editing	Marilena David and Kathy Swedlow, SADO
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 – 11:30 am	From the Strategic Litigation and Support Desk: Who We Are What We Do, and Resources Preview	Alanna O’Rourke and Jacqueline McCann, MAACS
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Break	
11:45 – 12:45	Sentencing Case Law	Anne Yantus, Michigan Sentencing PLLC
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	Break	
1:00-2:00	<i>Eads</i> , Updates, Next Steps, and Tips and Tricks	Maya Menlo, SADO

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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 Kristin LaVoy, klavoy@sado.org

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