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DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

## Program Agenda

### DAY ONE (July 17, 2023)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am      **Optional Breakfast**  
Cafeteria (Ground Floor of Annex)
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am      **Welcome**  
Courtroom One (First Floor of Annex)  
Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, United States District Judge  
Hon. Sarala V. Nagala, United States District Judge  
Rowena Moffett, Federal Bar Council
- 9:30 am – 10:15 am      **About the Federal Court and WWE Legacy Presentation**  
Courtroom One  
Hon. Holly B. Fitzsimmons, United States Magistrate Judge  
Hon. Sarala V. Nagala
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am      Break
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am      **The Role of Judges in Ensuring Justice/Pathways to the Bench**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Hon. Sarala V. Nagala*  
Panelists:  
    Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, United States District Judge  
    Hon. Maria E. Garcia, United States Magistrate Judge  
    Hon. Nina Elgo, Judge, Appellate Court of Connecticut  
    Hon. Kevin Doyle, Judge, Superior Court of Connecticut
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm      **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association*  
Cafeteria

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**Anatomy of a Civil Case**

Courtroom One

*Moderator: Hon. Thomas O. Farrish, United States Magistrate Judge*

Panelists:

Moy Ogilvie, Managing Partner, McCarter & English, LLP  
Joshua Goodbaum, Partner, Garrison, Levin-Epstein,  
Fitzgerald & Pirrotti, P.C.

Kristin Zaehring, Partner, Hurwitz, Sagarin, Slossberg &  
Knuff, LLC

Michelle McConaghy, Chief, Civil Division, United States  
Attorney's Office

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**Break**

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

**Criminal Investigations**

Courtroom One

*Moderator: Sarah P. Karwan, Assistant United States Attorney*

Panelists:

ATF Special Agent Katrina Anderson

FBI Special Agent Wendy Bowersox

FBI Special Agent Genaro Medina

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Anish Shukla

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

**Anatomy of a Criminal Case from Prosecution's Perspective**

Courtroom One

*Moderator: Hon. Robert M. Spector, United States Magistrate Judge*

Panelists:

Marc Silverman, Chief, Criminal Division, United States  
Attorney's Office

Nancy Gifford, Chief, Major Crimes Unit, United States  
Attorney's Office

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

**Criminal Defense Strategies**

Courtroom One

*Moderator: Hon. Robert M. Spector, United States Magistrate Judge*

Panelists:

Allison Near, Partner, Jacobs & Dow, LLC

Lillian Odongo, Assistant Federal Defender

Marisela Perez, Mitigation Specialist, Federal Defender's  
Office

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

**What is a mock trial anyway?/You can do this!**

Courtroom One

Hon. Sarala V. Nagala

**DAY TWO (July 18, 2023)**

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am           **Optional Breakfast**  
Cafeteria
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am       **Lecture: The History and Significance of *Miranda***  
Courtroom One  
Peter Mitchell, Director of Training, Legal Aid Society, New York City, Visiting Lecturer in Law, Yale Law School
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am      **Instruction: Giving an Opening Statement**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Hon. S. Dave Vatti, United States Magistrate Judge*  
Panelists:  
                  Michael McGarry, Assistant United States Attorney  
                  Amanda DeMatteis, Partner, Garrison, Levin-Epstein, Fitzgerald & Pirrotti, P.C.
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am      **Break**
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am      **Presentation: K-9 Unit**  
Courtroom One  
Dan Sentementes, Yale Police Department, FBI Task Force Officer
- 11:45 am – 12:30 pm      **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut*  
Cafeteria  
Guest Speaker: Christine Jean-Louis, General Counsel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Connecticut
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm       **Instruction: Direct Examinations and Cross-Examinations**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Omar A. Williams, United States District Judge*  
Panelists:  
                  Craig Raabe, Partner, Izard Kindall & Raabe LLP  
                  James (Tim) Shearin, Partner, Pullman & Comley  
                  Jill O’Toole, Partner, O’Toole + O’Toole LLC
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm       **Court Observation - Sentencing Hearing**  
South Courtroom (Second Floor)  
*United States v. Pedro Gomez*, Crim. No. 16-cr-99 (AWT),
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm       **Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for Moot Court Competition**  
Team 1: Training Room (Second Floor)  
Team 2: South Courtroom Jury Room (Second Floor)  
Team 3: Judge Covello’s Chambers (Annex)  
Team 4: Courtroom One Jury Room (Annex)

**DAY THREE (July 19, 2023)**

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am      **Optional Breakfast**  
Cafeteria
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am      **Instruction: Rules of Evidence & Objections**  
Hon. Sarala V. Nagala
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am      **Break**
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am      **The Purpose and Practice of Suppression Hearings**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Hon. Michael P. Shea, Chief United States District Judge*  
Panelists:  
Nancy Gifford, Chief, Major Crimes, United States Attorney's Office  
Kelly Barrett, First Assistant Federal Defender  
Allison Kahl, Assistant Federal Defender
- 10:45 am – 11:30 am      **Library Tour/Research Skills**  
Library (Second Floor)  
Julie Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm      **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association*  
Cafeteria  
Guest Speaker: Hon. Lubbie Harper, Jr., Former Associate Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court
- 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm      **Break/Move to USMS Cell Block**
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm      **U.S. Marshals Service: Tour of Cell Block**  
Third Floor
- 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm      **Instruction: Giving a Closing Argument**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Hon. Victor A. Bolden, United States District Judge*  
*Panelists:*  
Audrey Felsen, Partner, Koffsky and Felsen, LLC  
Gerald Pia, Partner, Roche Pia LLC  
Hal Chen, Assistant United States Attorney
- 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm      **Break**
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm      **Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to Prepare for Moot Court Competition**  
Team 1: Training Room (Second Floor)  
Team 2: South Courtroom Jury Room (Second Floor)  
Team 3: Judge Covello's Chambers (Annex)  
Team 4: Courtroom One Jury Room (Annex)

**DAY FOUR (July 20, 2023)**

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am           **Optional Breakfast**  
Cafeteria
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am       **Court Observation - Naturalization Ceremony**  
Courtroom One
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am      **Break**
- 10:45 am – 11:30 am      **United States Probation Office Panel**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Jennifer Amato, Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer*  
Panelists:  
                  Stacey Alston, United States Probation Officer  
                  Dan Leone, United States Probation Officer  
                  Abigail Mahar, Supervising United States Probation  
  Officer
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm      **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by the Lawyer's Collaborative for Diversity*  
Cafeteria  
Guest Speaker: Tanya Bovée, Partner, Jackson Lewis P.C.
- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm      **Would I like law school?**  
Courtroom One  
*Moderator: Hon. Maria E. Garcia*  
Panelists:  
                  Chester Fernandez, Asst. Professor, Quinnipiac Law  
  School  
                  Donald Bell, Former Assistant Director of Career  
  Development, University of Connecticut School of  
  Law  
                  Donald Cabral, UConn Law '21, Law Clerk to  
  Hon. Maria Garcia  
                  Jessica Cocomazzi, Quinnipiac Law School '24, Former  
  Intern to Hon. Sarala V. Nagala
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm       **Break**
- 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm       **Team Breakout Sessions with Law Student Advisors to  
Prepare for Moot Court Competition**  
Team 1: Training Room (Second Floor)  
Team 2: South Courtroom Jury Room (Second Floor)  
Team 3: Judge Covello's Chambers (Annex)  
Team 4: Courtroom One Jury Room (Annex)
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm       **Final Mock Trial Q&A**  
Courtroom One

**DAY FIVE (July 21, 2023)**

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am           **Optional Breakfast**  
Cafeteria
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am           **Group Photos**  
Stairway outside of Annex Atrium
- 9:15 am – 10:00 am         **Final Preparation for Mock Trial Competition**  
Team 1: Training Room (Second Floor)  
Team 2: South Courtroom Jury Room (Second Floor)  
Team 3: Judge Covello’s Chambers (Annex)  
Team 4: Courtroom One Jury Room (Annex)
- 10:00 am – 11:15 am       **Round One: Mock Trial Competition**  
Courtroom One
- 11:15 am – 11:30 am       **Break**
- 11:30 am – 12:45 pm       **Round Two: Mock Trial Competition**  
Courtroom One
- 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm         **Lunch, Followed by Keynote Address**  
*Sponsored by the Federal Bar Council*  
Cafeteria  
Introduction: Hon. Omar A. Williams  
Keynote Address:  
                  Attorney Reginald Dwayne Betts
- 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm         **Championship Round: Mock Trial Competition**  
South Courtroom  
Judges:  
Hon. Joseph A. Bianco, United States Circuit Judge  
Hon. Maria A. Kahn, United States Circuit Judge  
Christopher F. Droney, Retired United States Circuit Judge
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm         **Ask the Judges: Q&A with Students and Parents**  
South Courtroom
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm         **Awards and Closing Remarks**  
South Courtroom
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm         **Reception**  
*Sponsored by the Federal Practice Section of the Connecticut Bar Association*



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