



# Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) Proceedings Minimum Standards Training

**When:** April 21, 2023 from 8:30AM-4:30PM

**Where:** Hybrid. Attend in-person at the Burton M. Cross Office Building (111 Sewall Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 500 in Augusta), or via Zoom.

**Summary:** In this training, participants will learn about representing individuals who have been found not criminally responsible. This will include an overview of: the elements of an NCR defense; important definitions; under what circumstances it is advisable for a defendant to plead NCR; consequences of an NCR finding; the hospitals at which forensic patients are detained and their respective levels of supervision; the statutes governing NCR; how to file and litigate petitions for modified release, release, and discharge, and the possible dispositions of each; procedures for petitions and hearings; and practical tips for navigating the NCR process.

Stigma, prejudice, and discrimination against people found NCR can be subtle or it can be obvious—but no matter the magnitude, it can lead to harm. People found NCR are marginalized and discriminated against in various ways. This session will give multiple real-life examples of the discrimination those found NCR face. Participants will learn about the different types of stigmata. This includes public stigma (negative attitudes that others have about people found NCR), self-stigma (the negative attitudes, and shame that people found NCR have about their own condition), and institutional stigma (policies of government and private organizations that limit opportunities for those found NCR). The goal is for lawyers representing those found NCR to have more insight into what their clients are facing.

The training satisfies the initial minimum training requirements for assigned counsel to be eligible to accept assignments in not criminally responsible (NCR) cases under [Chapter 2](#) of the Commission Rules.

**Registration:** Registration is via Zoom, even if you plan to attend in-person. The registration link is [here](#).

Approved for 6.5 hours of MCILS CLE credit.

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**\*This training is not open to prosecutors or other attorneys for the State\***