



Client-Centered Representation & Advocacy Skills

Presented by Gideon's Promise

When: June 9 – 13, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn ME

Summary: [Gideon's Promise](#) will lead a 5-day interactive training on client-centered representation and advocacy skills for employed public defenders and assigned counsel. Participants will learn how to apply client-centered principles to indigent defense representation in interactive large and small group sessions led by the nationally recognized Gideon's Promise faculty. By the end of the 5 days, participants will have a greater appreciation of what goes into indigent defense advocacy and will take away both in-court and out-of-court skills that can be applied immediately to improve one's ability to represent indigent people. The program will also help foster continued collaboration and community-building amongst defenders working throughout the state even after the program has ended.

Admission Restrictions: To attend this training, you must be eligible to accept PDS case assignments. Admission is by invitation only. Interested attorneys must apply at the link below.

Application: Apply [here](#). The application deadline is March 1, 2025.

Cost: Free!

CLE: This training has been approved by PDS for CLE credit and is eligible for payment in accordance with [Chapter 301-A](#). PDS will also apply for Board of Overseers CLE credit.

Please note that this event is not sponsored by Central Maine Community College (CMCC). Additionally, all college buildings and grounds are smoke and tobacco-free environments. This prohibition includes vaping and marijuana.