



The Question Spectrum

Hosted by PDS

When: July 28 - 30, 2025, from 8:00AM-4:30PM

Where: Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner St., Auburn, ME

Summary: This is an interactive in-person workshop to improve your questioning skills. Emphasizing cross examination and voir dire, experienced faculty will use practical examples and exercises to enhance courtroom communication.

Admission Restrictions: To attend this training, you must be eligible to accept PDS case assignments and be selected to attend. This training is by invitation only. Applicants must commit to attending the training in full for each of the three days if they are selected. Space is extremely limited.

Application: Apply [here](#).

Cost: Free!

CLE: This training has been approved by PDS for CLE credit and is eligible for payment in accordance with [Chapter 301-A](#). This training is approved by the Board of Overseers for 19.5 hours of CLE credit.

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Faculty Biographical Information:

Michael L. Stout, Esq.

Michael L. Stout is a trial attorney practicing primarily criminal law. He has been practicing law since 1976 when he graduated from the [University of New Mexico School of Law](#) conducting both criminal and civil trials. Michael often teaches other lawyers through workshops and seminars and has been a member of the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College since 1983. He was the first Chair of the New Mexico Public Defender Commission which was created by constitutional amendment in 2012.

John Henderson, Assistant Defender, Tri-County Public Defender Office

John Henderson served 21 years as a public defender in Virginia, Kansas, Colorado and now Maine. He served roughly equal time in both state and federal offices, most of it in Kansas. He represented clients in over 120 jury trials, including 33 criminal trials in the federal court (one of which he had to win on appeal for lack of sufficient evidence). He was trained at NCDC, the Colorado Boot camp, the Colorado jury selection process, and the best training ground - the courtroom. The first half of his career he was primarily a civil trial attorney (Connecticut and Washington D.C) but he didn't really like it. Public defender work is his passion. He believes the most important right we have is a right to a jury trial.

Logan Perkins, District Defender, Highlands Region Public Defender Office

Logan is a seasoned veteran of Maine's indigent legal services community, having worked for over a decade in State, Federal and Tribal Courts handling a range of cases from misdemeanors to murders. She is passionate about ensuring high quality representation for indigent clients while treating clients with respect and dignity. She graduated from Lewis and Clark School of Law *magna cum laude* in 2012, with a concentration in Criminal Law. She lives on a small homestead with her partner, dog and a flock of chickens.

Peter Schoenburg, Defense Litigator and Partner, Rothstein Donatelli

Peter Schoenburg is an experienced and well-respected defense litigator and partner at Rothstein Donatelli. He specializes in complex criminal defense work in both federal and state courts. He is also a veteran trial advocacy teacher and taught Evidence and Trial practice at the University of New Mexico School of Law for 15 years.

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Darcy Fisher, Deputy Director of Operations, Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Darcy Fisher started her legal career as a public defender in Portsmouth, Virginia. Darcy moved back home to Maine and briefly served as an assistant district attorney in Lincoln County before joining the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services (then, the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services) as the Training & Supervision Counsel in 2021. Darcy later became the Training Director for PDS. In 2025, Darcy started serving in her current role as the Deputy Director of Operations for PDS.

Stephen Lindsay, Senior Partner, Lindsay Law, PLLC

Stephen Lindsay is the Senior Partner in the law firm Lindsay Law, PLLC in Asheville, North Carolina. Steve is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, a faculty member for the National Criminal Defense College, and dedicates several weeks a year to teaching and lecturing for various legal organizations, trial skills programs, and other bar associations. In his spare time, Steve enjoys playing golf, reading good books, fishing, doing crossword puzzles, listening to good music, watching good movies, and cooking good meals.

Jennifer N. Sellitti, Public Defender, The New Jersey Office of the Public Defender

Jennifer N. Sellitti was sworn in as Public Defender for the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender (OPD) on February 1, 2024. Prior to becoming Public Defender, Jennifer served as Director of Training & Communications for OPD. She previously served as deputy of the agency's Middlesex Trial Region and as an assistant deputy public defender in the Essex County Adult Region. Jennifer worked as a staff attorney for the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Massachusetts and as a Massachusetts Superior Court law clerk before joining OPD. Jennifer has trained lawyers in more than thirty-five states and speaks nationally about topics ranging from trial advocacy to transforming public defense systems. She is a trustee of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, serves on the Advisory Board of New Jersey Institute of Technology's Forensic Science Major, and is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School. When she is not advocating for public defenders and the people they serve, Jennifer and her partner operate D/V Tenacious, a dive vessel that locates, dives, and salvages artifacts from shipwrecks in the North Atlantic. Her first book, entitled *The Adriatic Affair: A Maritime Hit-and-Run Off the Coast of Nantucket*

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(Schiffer Publishing), was released in February 2025. Jennifer is a certified diver and a U.S.C.G. licensed ship captain. She was recently inducted as an associate member of the Boston Sea Rovers and serves as a New Jersey Maritime Museum trustee.

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