



MAINE COMMISSION ON
PUBLIC DEFENSE
SERVICES

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 pending approval 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.

Jesse Archer, District Defender, Tri-County Public Defender Office

Jesse is originally from Downeast, Maine. He graduated from Mountain Valley High School in Rumford, Maine. He served in the U.S. Army in the Airborne Infantry with the 1st Special Warfare Training Group. After his military service Jesse went to undergrad at American International College in Massachusetts and graduate school at the University of New Hampshire. During this time, Jesse also pursued a maritime career. In 2007 he became an Officer of the U.S. Merchant Marine. A former Captain of the Maine Windjammer fleet, he operated traditional schooners for several years before going to law school. Jesse received a full academic scholarship to attend Law School. While in Law School he interned at the Mississippi Supreme Court.

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.

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