

CPCS

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Conducting Voir Dire Without Fear: Navigating the Legal Issues, Using Theory Driven Content and Effective Questioning Techniques to Select Our Client's Jury

Friday, February 26th to 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

& Saturday, February 27th , 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

(10.5 CLE)

Attorney Conducted Voir Dire is here to stay. Using your own case, come and learn how to become effective at using voir dire to advance your theory, pick a jury that is open and sympathetic to your case and to add voir dire to your advocacy tool box.

On Friday, February 26 & Saturday, February 27, 2016 the CDTU will conduct a day and a half long skills based program which will address legal and procedural facets of voir dire AND practical techniques that reap the greatest results by allowing participants to practice voir dire questioning in small group exercises. And better yet, instead of using a mock fact pattern, participants are invited and encouraged to bring one of their own cases to use when practicing the skills in small group sessions with the help of faculty coaches who have conducted voir dire in their trials here or in other jurisdictions. Space is limited. We are now accepting applications (see below) for the program.

The Program will be held at the **New England School of Law, 154 Stuart Street, Room 507, Boston MA 02116**

Please apply for this program by emailing a statement of interest to Kristen Munichello at ACVD2016@publiccounsel.net before January 29, 2016 that includes the information requested below. Please note that space is limited, and we aim to assure geographic and other diversity in the class. Please include information about the following:

1. How long you have practiced criminal defense;
2. If you are a Bar Advocate please tell us Whether you are on the Superior, Youthful Offender, Juvenile or District Court panel(s) and how long you have been on each; and list the bar advocate programs to which you belong;
3. If you are an attorney employed in the Public Defender Division or Youth Advocacy Division of CPCS please tell us where you work and how long you have worked for CPCS.
4. Describe the number and types of jury trials you have undertaken, including the nature of the charges and whether the trials were in Superior, District Court or Juvenile Court; please tell us about your experience with motions for voir dire;

5. The names and contact information of no more than three references of criminal defense lawyers who are familiar with your practice;
6. Any other information you consider pertinent.