

TRAINING DEPARTMENT
COURSE CATALOG

FY 2026

Who We Are

The CPCS Training Department provides high quality training to all staff and private assigned counsel. The Training Department, led by the Training Chief, includes the Forensic Services Unit, as well as four practice area Training Units – Criminal Defense, Children and Family Law, Youth Advocacy, and Mental Health Litigation. The Training Department also leads multiple cross- practice area working groups chaired and staffed by Training Department personnel. These working groups provide training in areas common to all CPCS practitioners.

In addition to providing substantive and skills training to attorneys, the Training Department ensures that all staff members are provided appropriate training in their areas of expertise. The Training Department is committed to the professional development and education of all those in the CPCS community.

Trainings listed in the catalog are subject to change, if you note any discrepancies, please refer to the online calendar for the most up to date information.

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Training Calendar: www.publiccounsel.net/events

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CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Certification Trainings

NLT (New Lawyer Training) /Zealous Advocacy Fall 2025

Required for certification. invite only - certification and New Lawyer Training Program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: September 25, 26, 30, October 3, 7, 9, 14, 16, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

NLT (New Lawyer Training) /Zealous Advocacy Winter 2025/2026

Required for certification. invite only - certification and New Lawyer Training Program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: December 17, 2025 and January 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

PDD Supervisor Training - Winter

Application/Invite, Training for new supervisors.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: Decemeber 2025/January 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff

CLEs: TBD

CPCS Bring Back #1: Mock Trials (Winter Zelaous)

PDD Staff Only.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: Jan. 28, 2026, Feb. 2, 3, 2026

Intended Audience: New CPCS Staff

CLEs: TBD

NLT (New Lawyer Training) /Zealous Advocacy Spring 2026

Training Program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: March 11, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, and April 2, 7, 9, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

PDD Supervisor Training - Spring 2026

Application/Invite, Training for new supervisors.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: May 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff

CLEs: TBD

SDP Certification Training

Certification Training for SDP Attys req by Pasqua Scibelli (ARSCU).

Delivery: TBA

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

CPCS Bring Back #1: Mock Trials

PDD Staff Only.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 23, 27, 28, 29, 2025

Intended Audience:

New CPCS Staff

CLEs: TBD

Parole and Disability Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Parole Release Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Certification Trainings

Parole Revocation Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel **CLEs:** N/A

Post Conviction Certification Training

Certification for Post Conviction Panel (Adult).

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

Non-Certification Trainings

Representation of Transgender Clients

Invite only.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: November 2025 (various dates)

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** 1

CPCS Bring Back #2: Suppression and Evidence

Invite only - New PDD Staff required and new bar ad optional.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: December 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 2025

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

Comm. V. Long Monthly Case Crunch Session

Ongoing monthly case crunch meetings re Comm v Long Issues.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Last Tuesday of every month.

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** N/A

Collateral Consequences for Soliders and Veterans

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

De-Escalation for lawyers in Client Relationships

Open registration.

Delivery: TBA

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

Effective Feedback for Appellate Panel Resource

Invite only - for panel Attorney Mentors.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

Immigration Crisis Planning with Clients

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

Interlocutory Appeals for the Trial Lawyer

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBD

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For details about Certification programs (including NLT/Zealous Advocacy, PDD Supervisor Training, Mock Trials) please email
Kristen Munichiello, kmunichiello@publiccounsel.net

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

Medical Parole Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Persuasive Practice in Superior Court

By Application.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Parole and Disability Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Training Series: Competency Hearings

Open Registration.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Training Series: Motions to Suppress

Open Registration.

Delivery: TBA

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Training Series: Voir Dire

Open Registration designed for more experienced
practitioners.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Using Social Science in your Litigation

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 3 hours; TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Using Technology Effectively in Your Case

Open Registration.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Writing Lab - Public Counsel

Lawyers submit drafts for feedback and training on an as-needed
basis.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private
Counsel

CLEs: TBD

For more information about Parole Certifications (Medical Parole, Parole and Disability; Parole Release, Parole Revocation) please contact

Mara Voukydis, mvoukydis@publiccounsel.net

Post Conviction Certification, please contact is Elizabeth Dembitzer, edembitzer@publiccounsel.net

SDP Certification Training please contact Pasqua Scibelli: pscibelli@publiccounsel.net

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW TRAINING

Certification Trainings

Trial Panel Certification Training Fall 2025

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/
Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: Sept.–Oct. 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Training on Medical Treatment Decisions for Children in DCF Custody (aka "Rogers Training")

Required for certification.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November 12 and 19, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 6

Preparing for Trial Training Winter 2025

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: December 3, 8, 11, 15 and 18, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Appellate Panel Certification Training Winter 2026

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: January 27, 29, Feb. 3 and 5, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Child Requiring Assistance (CRA) Certification Training

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: February 4, 9 and 12, 2026

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Trial Panel Certification Training Spring 2026

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/
Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: Mar.–Apr. 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Preparing for Trial Training Spring 2026

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Probate Court Guardianship and Private Adoption Training for non-CAFL attorneys

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

Advanced Mentor Training

Mentor 2.0 training for current mentors; In person all day.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-person/ Combination

Date Offered: May 12, 2026

Intended Audience: Private Counsel **CLEs:** 6

After the 72: Nuts and Bolts

Part of the after the 72 series.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBD

Amendments to c. 119, Federal Benefits

One hour lunch and learn.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: October 23, 2025

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** 1

CAFL Racial Justice Drop In Series

Joint program of CAFL training and CAFL racial justice task force.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: 10/16/25, 12/16/25, 2/11/26, & 5/19/26

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** 1.5

CAFL Representing Children Training

All day in person training; 3 sessions.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** 8

Cultural Humility Series

Various trainings throughout the year with the SJC's Court Improvement Program.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** 6

Current Immigration Issues in CAFL Cases

Webinar sponsored by IIU; two sessions.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November, 2025 & TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** N/A

March Madness - Expert Witnesses 4-Part Series

March Madness - Expert Witnesses 4-Part Series.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 3/4/26, 3/10/26, 3/18/26 & 3/24/26

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBD

Spotting Issues after the 72

2.5 hour program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: 1/18/2026, 1:30 to 4:00 PM & 6/17/26 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** 3

MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION

Certification Trainings

MHLD Civil Commitment Certification Session 1-6

Required for certification.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: September 11, 15, 18, 22, 25,
October 1, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

MHLD Civil Commitment Certification - Mock Trials

Required for certification.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 14-17, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Commitment Certification Bring Back

TBD.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: January 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2-3 TBA

MHLD Guardianship Certification - Session 1-6

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: February 3*, 6, 10, 13, 24, 27*
(*in person classes – Boston/Worcester)

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

MHLD Guardianship Certification - Mock Trials

Required for certification.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 9, 11, 13, 16, 20, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

MHLD Guardianship Certification - Bring Back

TBD.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2-3 TBA

MHLD Accelerated Certification & Mock Trials

Required for certification. Offered if needed.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: May & June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION

Non-Certification Trainings

A.Z. Training

Review of case and impact on MHL and CDT clients.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Nov. 4, 2025, 1:00-2:30pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1.5

Myers Litigation Lunch and Learn

Lunch & Learn.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Trial & Appeals Workshop: Part 1 of 3-part Series

Part 1: MHL trial & appellate counsel using hypos to develop case strategy together.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: November 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Trial & Appeals Workshop: Part 2 of 3-part Series

Part 2: MHL trial & appellate counsel drafting session & delivery.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: December 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Capacity to Make Informed Medical Decisions: Litigating 8B and Rogers Cases

Exploring various litigation issues arising in involuntary treatment & SJ proceedings.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March or April TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

MHL Spring Conference 2026

Half-day conference on TBD topics (Re: Zealous Guardianship Litigation).

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 4

How To Educate the Court About Cultural Competency & The Impact on MHL Clients

TBD.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: Spring 2026; TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

Panel of Experts Providing Cultural Expertise & Viewpoints

TBD.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

RED ("Race, Equity & Diversity") Talk Lunch & Learn

MHL Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Ongoing.

Last Day of each month unless conflict

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

YOUTH ADVOCACY DIVISION

Non-Certification Trainings

Beyond the Report: Exploring the Intersection of Bias, Adolescent Science, and Youth Defense

Presented by Dr. Chidi Wamuo.

Delivery: Live In-person 75 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110

Date Offered: November 12, 2025; 1-3pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Delinquency/Youthful Offender (Y.O.) Practice in Front of a New Judge

Explore challenges and strategies for effective advocacy before newly appointed Juvenile Court judges.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Decision-Making in Youth Defense Cases

Youth defense requires advocates to engage in difficult decision-making that balances confidentiality and client-directed advocacy with providing counsel to clients amidst adolescent development. This program will explore a framework to assist in fulfilling our obligation to provide counsel to young clients, while honoring their autonomy.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: March 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Information Sharing in Juvenile Court

CAFL & YAD Combined Training.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Prosecutorial Ethics in Juvenile Court

Identifying and Responding to Misuse of Prosecutorial Power in Juvenile Court.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: March 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Search, Seizure, & Statements in School

Asserting the constitutional rights of children in school settings.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Youthful Offender (Y.O.) Annual Summit

TBD.

Delivery: Hybrid - In person @ Worcester Training Center; Live Remote option

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

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CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Core Cross Practice

New Attorney Orientation Fall 2025

Orientation with HR, IT, and Training Dept. in Worcester, MA

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: September 8, 9, October 24, 2025

Intended Audience: New CPCS Attorneys **CLEs:** N/A

Mentor Training

Two day live in-person training.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: October 17, 10-2 PM &
October 23, 1-3 PM

Intended Audience: New CPCS Attorneys **CLEs:** N/A

New Attorney Orientation Winter 2025

Meet SMT and intro to Mentor Program with Training Dept. in Worcester, MA

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: December 15 & 16, 2025

Intended Audience: New CPCS Attorneys **CLEs:** N/A

New Attorney Orientation Spring 2026

Cont.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: March 9 & 10, 2025

Intended Audience: New CPCS Attorneys **CLEs:** N/A

Summer Intern Training FY25/FY26

Understanding the Right to Counsel in Mass, Introduction to Deputy Chiefs / Bias in Public Defense, Immigration Impact Unit / Forensic Services, Strategic Litigation at CPCS / CPCS and the Press.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: June-August 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Interns **CLEs:** N/A

Admin and Technical Skills Training

(Formerly Excel/Word Training) Various skills training, including administrative skills and project management skills.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: Sept. 2025 - May 2026; TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff **CLEs:** N/A

Mentor Training

This program has been developed to provide new employees with support, guidance, and opportunities for individual learning and growth through a meaningful one-on-one relationship with a more experienced employee. Through this program, new CPCS employees will be paired with another employee who will serve as their mentor.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: October 17, 2025, 2:00 PM &
October 23, 2025, 3:00 PM

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff **CLEs:** N/A

Train the Trainer

This course is an introduction to the fundamentals of designing, planning, and delivering an effective training consistent with CPCS values. In this hands-on course, students develop their own one-hour training.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel **CLEs:** TBA

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Emerging Adult Training & Forensic Services

Beyond Brains: Avoiding the Oversimplification of Adolescence

Adolescence as a stage of life and a period of development, not simply a difference in brains.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Mental Health Emerging Adult Training

TBD.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Representing Late Adolescents in Criminal Defense Cases

An overview of Late Adolescence and how to incorporate it into your criminal defense advocacy.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

A-Z/ Illegal Bail Revocation Webinar

90-minute webinar.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: September/October 2025; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

DNA Symposium

Daylong in-person training at Federal Street, Boston, MA.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Nov. 5, 2025; 7hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Forensic Components to Practice-Specific Symposia

Forensics will support other training directors in putting on day-long symposia for their respective practice areas.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Spring or Summer 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Forensics in Practice #1

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Autumn 2025; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Forensics in Practice #2

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: Winter 2025-26; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Forensics in Practice #3

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Spring 2026; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

Forensics in Practice #4

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Summer 2026; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private **CLEs:** TBA

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<https://www.publiccounsel.net/train/boston-training-for>

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Holistic Defense

Alternatives to Suicide

A zoom presentation done by HDWG and the Wildflower Alliance about alternatives to suicide and supporting our clients who are struggling with self-harm and suicide.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 2 hours- October 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Demystifying Cross Practice

A presentation about the basics of each practice area, what acronyms mean, when does the right to counsel attach for each area, what should I know about collaborating with other divisions/attorneys. This also has a written guide being developed in tandem.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 2 hours- TBD February 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

How to Serve my Country After A Mistake

A zoom presentation put on by HDWG about secondary consequences to potential military service after contact with the criminal legal system as a youth or an adult.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: 1.5 hours- TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Motivational Interviewing and Sharing Power

A zoom presentation put on by HDWG about how to interview clients in ways that empower them to share their goals with members of their legal team. This presentation will also de-center us as professionals and give a scaffolding for sharing power with clients.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 1 hour- November 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Protecting Section 8 Vouchers

A zoom presentation done by HDWG and Legal Aid about the impact of different kinds of cases on Section 8 voucher maintenance and eligibility.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 1.5 hours- May 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Social Services Expert Conference

A multi-day conference for SSEs and SSAs hosted over zoom.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Several days- Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

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CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Trial and Appellate Skills

Nuts and Bolts: A Procedural Refresher for the Appeals Court and SJC

Webinar addressing common mistakes and challenges with procedure in the Appeals Court and SJC.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: 10/15/26; 1 hr.

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Navigating PII and Sealing in Briefing

Webinar on the Appeals Court's and SJC's new rules on posting all filings online and what and how to redact. And updates on how the new sealing rules may affect appeals.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: 2 hrs, Fall 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

Creative Briefing

Presentation on best practices in creative briefing.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: 1 hour- Winter 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Ineffective Assistance Training

(Formerly - Doing it Right for a "Do-Over": Working Effectively with Appellate Counsel to Investigate and Litigate a Claim of IAC)
Second part of two-part training that rotates annually. This trainign focuses on the trial attorney's role in post-conviction IAC claims.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: February 2, 2026

Intended Audience:

Staff and Bar Advocates

CLEs: 6

Annual Appellate Skills Lecture

4th annual lecture focusing on an appellate skill.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: Full day; May 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Legal Writing: Editing and Feedback

In-person workshop on how to better edit and offer feedback on legal writing. Targeted to mentors and supervisors who edit attorneys' motions and briefs.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: 5hrs, Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 5

Crossing on Bias

Skills Training developing participants ability to do cross on bias related topics.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Effective Technology for Client Advocacy

Skills Trainin and Demonstrations of how to use various types of tech in the courtroom and client advocacy.

Delivery: TBA

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBA

Appellate Brief Writing Workshop

Training for Appellate Attorneys (Open registration).

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: 12 (APC)

Persausvie Motion Writing for Trial Lawyers

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: TBA

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Wellness

LCL Training with Tracey Meyers on Communicating with Clients and Building Rapport and Trust

Co-sponsored with MHL, LCL Clinician, Tracey Meyers, will present on tools for communicating with clients to build rapport and trust.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 27, 2026, 11 am-12:30pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBA

Mindfulness Training

Navigating Holidays: Mindfulness, Compassion and Gratitude.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November 5, 2025 1p-2pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBA

Mindfulness Training

Mindfulness & Self Compassion.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: December 3, 2025 1p-2pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBA

Regional Wellness Chat

Meet with staff and private counsel by region to learn what resources and support are needed and can be explored to provide; include community engagement when possible.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 7/16/25 in Worcester/October in

Springfield/February in Boston/April Brockton

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBA

SJC Lawyer Wellbeing Collaboration

To be determined. But aim to partner with the SJC Standing Committee.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Wellness Week in Law week: May 4-8 TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBA

Wellness Workshop: Sustaining Wellbeing in Public Defense

Partnering with LCL Clinician Shawn Healy, to build on prior trainings touching on trauma, coping mechanisms and allyship.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: June 2, 2026, 11 am -12:30pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBA

To register for a Training program, please visit our Events calendar. www.publiccounsel.net/events

Links & Resources

On-Demand & Remote Trainings



My Gideon: <https://www.mygideon.org/>

My Gideon is an online resource all CPCS Staff have access to. Recorded modules and On-Demand Trainings can be found here along with motion banks, practice advisories, and other materials.



Talent LMS: <https://cpcs-napd.talentlms.com/>

Talent LMS is the site where certification training and orientation modules can be found.



NAPD: <https://www.publicdefenders.us/>

Every CPCS employee will have access to this site. NAPD hosts trainings and posts on-demand content.



CPCS Website: <https://www.publiccounsel.net/>

The Committee for Public Counsel Services website is home to many public resources and information. Recorded modules, on-demand learning, and motion banks are not available on this site.



Zoom: <https://zoom.us/>

Zoom is the most common video conferencing platform used by CPCS. Please check that your version of zoom is the most up to date version before attempting to join a training. This will ensure you have access to all the features available to participants.

KEY

Asynchronous trainings are delivered via a self-directed learning module. These trainings do not require meeting in real-time, however, the host may incorporate check-ins to monitor a learner's progress.

Hybrid training constitutes training that incorporates all training delivery methods (Live In-Person, Remote, and asynchronous). Hybrid trainings will vary depending on the trainings, the host, and other factors.

Live in-person training constitutes training that happens in real time at a CPCS office location or a third-party site. Live trainings can incorporate elements of other training delivery methods, such as remote attendance and asynchronous pre-work.

Remote trainings are delivered via Zoom, Teams, or other internet conferencing services. Remote trainings do not incorporate any live, in-person elements. Remote trainings may also incorporate asynchronous learning.

To register or for more information about a training program, please visit the CPCS Training Department calendar.

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