

# MHLD and Criminal Defense Trainers Present: Representing Clients Facing § 12(e) Commitment

**When:**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2025;**  
**1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

**Where:**  
**On Zoom**  
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APPLICATION FOR 3-DAY COMMITMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS G.L. c. 123, § 12(e)	Docket No. Division	Trial Court of Massachusetts District Court Department	
IN THE MATTER OF (name of respondent)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DOB OR AGE	GENDER
APPLICATION for 3-day Commitment for Mental Illness			

**Come join us to learn how to zealously defend clients facing § 12(e) petitions based only on the belief by “any person” that there is a risk of serious harm as a result of mental illness**

**These are NOT transfers for evaluation and treatment per § 12(a) & § 12(b)  
These proceedings are NOT § 35 proceedings with relaxed evidentiary rules**

The undersigned applicant hereby applies to this court for an order to commit the respondent to a mental health facility for a maximum of three days because the respondent is a mentally ill person and the failure to confine the respondent would cause a likelihood of serious harm.

**After this training, you will be better able to:**

- Explain how G.L. c. 123, s.12(e) petitions seek authorization for involuntary hospitalization resulting in the same severe consequences which flow from longer commitments under G.L. c.123
- Describe the potentially distinct stages of these proceedings which require vigilance and varying obligations of counsel
- Identify how to educate the court and advocate for full evidentiary hearings and the greatest extent of due process for your clients

**\*This program qualifies for 1.5 CLE on the following CPCs Panels:  
CAFL (Trials & Appeals); Mental Health (Trials & Appeals); Criminal Defense (Trials & Appeals); YAD (Appeals)**

