CPCS
Training Department

PERSUASIVE PRACTICE IN SUPERIOR COURT

Training Dates: Jan 26, 27, 28, Feb 3, 4, 5, 2027

9:30 am to 4:30 pm each day

Application Deadline: December 10, 2026

This course is open to all criminal defense attorneys at CPCS and to any Bar Advocates who wish to become certified for the Superior Court Panel.* Participants will build advanced trial advocacy skills and learn about procedural and substantive topics critical to superior court practice. Training faculty will consist of criminal defense lawyers with substantial superior court experience.

The course will cover the following topics, and more:

- Opening Statement, Cross Examination and Closing Argumentin complex cases.
- Motion practice including discovery litigation for protected information under the Lampron/Dwyer protocol to produce, inspect and use privileged records in court;
- Grand jury proceedings, indictments, immunity issues;
- Evidentiary and forensic issues involved in trying sexual assault allegations such as first complaint evidence, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) examinations, DNA evidence, collateral consequences and more;
- Gang prosecutions, evidence, and tactics
- Tips for creating and maintaining excellent relationships with clients in the high stress setting of a Superior Court case;
- Procedural aspectsof Superior Court practice, including a life of the case.

In-person training locations in Boston and Worcester. Location preferences will be accepted, however placement in your first choice location isn't guaranteed. The cost for the program is $100. Please let us know if the cost presents a hardship for you.

The course includes both in-person and asynchronous work. In the week leading up to the program, you will prepare for the course by working asynchronously (watching recorded lectures on your own time). Once the program begins, we will be meeting in person from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM on the scheduled program dates. There will be some homework each night of the in-person training.

To apply for this training opportunity, please use this link or QR Code below!

*Please note: This TrainingProgram is NOT a CPCS Certification Course. However, completion of the course will be considered in support of application to the Superior Court Panel. IF ACCEPTED INTO THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS MUST complete the entirety OF THE COURSE. Please do not apply unless you can commit to attending the entireprogram.

This Program qualifies for 8 CLE on the CPCS Criminal Defense Adult Trial Panel