

Summer Training 2024: Holistic Legal Practice

The FPDA Summer Training will emphasize a holistic approach to legal practice, focusing on balancing mind, law, finances, and ethics. The training will feature four separate program tracks with specialized breakout sessions tailored for the entire defense team. Attendees will benefit from professional speakers who will educate and inspire throughout the event. All programs will begin Thursday July 18, 2024, at 8:45 AM and end by Friday July 19, 2024, at 12:00 PM.

All four programs will offer sessions on physical, mental, and financial wellness including:

- Two optional Yoga sessions to start each day of the training to enhance both Physical and Mental Well-being
- Understanding and supporting the Behavioral and Mental Health of Clients and employees
- Deferred Compensation – providing financial wellness advice for State Employees; and
- A reception for growing your professional network.

Attorneys will grow their legal expertise through sessions such as:

- Constitutional Law: Insights from the Baxter Case & K9 Searches
- Ethics: Don't Needlessly Sink Your Client
- Case Law / Statute Update: Staying Current with Legal Developments; and
- Human Sources: The Government's Snitch and Your Client, the Informant

Children's Defense Attorneys will have specialized breakout sessions on:

- Direct File Advocacy & Prevention; and
- A Children's Defense Round Table with a moderated discussion on the complexities of working with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). This session will cover critical topics including advocacy strategies, commitment staffing, disposition hearings, the new probation level system, and recent legislative changes introduced by SB1274/HB1181.

Investigators and Mitigation Specialists will have specialized breakout sessions on:

- Understanding the indictment and Grand Jury processes
- Firearms in investigations
- Trauma Informed Care
- Narcotics; and
- Non-violent communication and empathetic listening skills

Office Administrators and staff will have specialized breakout sessions on:

- Effective use of PowerPoint
- Professional Responsibilities for non-attorney support
- Best practices for time management and organizational skills
- Non-violent communication and empathetic listening skills
- Understanding the indictment and Grand Jury processes

**Final agendas and times will be provided through the FPDA online platform - SCHED upon registration. Speakers and times are subject to change without notice.