

Crafting the Criminal Defense Theory & Telling the Story

Maximize your efficacy from first meeting to verdict

Maximize your efficacy with prosecutors, judges, and the jury to secure the best possible outcomes for your clients by focusing on your client’s “story” and your defense theory. Learn from a skilled panel of criminal defense litigators how to imbue representation of your client with your client’s story. Gain insight on how to craft your theory of the defense to guide your advocacy starting with your first meeting with your client and through the verdict or other resolution.

Agenda

- Learning (Throughout the Representation) Your Client’s Perspective on the Case, Their Personal Background, and What They Have Planned for Themselves Going Forward
- Talking with the Prosecutor About the Case: How Do They See Things? How Do You See Things? Strategizing to Bring Them Around
- Educating Your Judges: From Bail to Motions and Trial
- Talking with the Jury about Your Client, Their Story, and the Weaknesses of the Prosecution’s Case: Jury Selection, Openings and Closings, and Fact and Expert Witnesses
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

Inga S. Bernstein, Esq., *Zalkind, Duncan & Bernstein LLP, Boston*, Chair

Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

LIVE WEBCAST

Thursday, December 12, 2024
2:00 pm–4:00 pm
Program # 2250094WBC

REBROADCAST

Friday, December 27, 2024
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Program # 2250094RB1

REBROADCAST

Monday, January 6, 2025
12:00 pm–2:00 pm
Program # 2250094RB2

ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Monday, January 6, 2025
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