



2021 | NATIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

JUNE - DECEMBER

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June 2021

New 3-Part Series: Charging Decisions

Impact of Charging and Plea Decisions Series

Part I: Stipulations and Relevant Conduct

Wednesday, June 2

10:00 am - 11:30 am (EDT)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT) repeat session

This is the first of a three-part series examining the impact that charging and plea decisions have on guideline application. Part one focuses on §1B1.2, stipulations, and how the relevant conduct analysis hinges upon the offense of conviction.

Impact of Charging and Plea Decisions Series

Part II: Grouping

Wednesday, June 9

10:00 am - 11:30 am (EDT)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT) repeat session

Part two of this series highlights the impact that charging and plea decisions have on guideline application involving multiple counts of conviction. Topics include discussion of the grouping rules and the impact of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) offenses.

Impact of Charging and Plea Decisions Series

Part III: Criminal History

Wednesday, June 16

10:00 am - 11:30 am (EDT)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT) repeat session

The final session of this series focuses on the impact that charging and plea decisions have on the calculation of criminal history points. Trainers address the impact on criminal history time frames, Career Offender, and more.



Case Law Update

Wednesday, June 30:
10:00 am - 11:30 am (EDT)

This session, offered quarterly, provides an update on recent case law addressing federal sentencing issues. Panelists discuss case law on selected topics and the impact their decisions have on guideline application and other sentencing determinations.

July 2021

Drug and Gun Offenses

Thursday, July 8
10:00 am – 11:30 pm (EDT)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm (EDT) repeat session

This session highlights specific application issues when calculating the guidelines for drug and gun offenses. Trainers also address the interplay between multiple counts of drug and gun offenses including violations of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

Economic Crimes and Restitution Series

Part I: Victims

Wednesday, July 14
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

This is the first of a three-part series comparing guideline application for economic crimes versus the determination of restitution. Part one contrasts the definition of victims under §2B1.1 with the definition of victims for restitution.

Economic Crimes and Restitution Series

Part II: Loss vs. Restitution

Wednesday, July 21
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

Part two of this series discusses the calculation of loss under §2B1.1 for economic crimes as compared to compensable harms authorized for restitution. Trainers focus on the similarities and differences for these two distinct determinations.



Economic Crimes and Restitution Series

Part III: Special Rules

Wednesday, July 28

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

The final installment of this series examines special rules used to determine loss calculations under §2B1.1 for specific types of economic crimes. Trainers also discuss restitution determinations for specific offenses of conviction.

August 2021

Reviewing the PSR: Issue Spotting - Part I

Wednesday, August 4

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm (EDT)

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm (EDT) repeat session

This is the first of a three-part series discussing issue spotting when reviewing PSRs. Topics include common guideline application errors, sections of the PSR that require careful review, and best practices.

Reviewing the PSR: Issue Spotting - Part II

Wednesday, August 11

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm (EDT)

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm (EDT) repeat session

This is the second of a three-part series discussing issue spotting when reviewing PSRs. Topics include common guideline application errors, sections of the PSR that require careful review, and best practices.

Reviewing the PSR: Issue Spotting - Part III

Wednesday, August 18

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm (EDT)

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm (EDT) repeat session

Part three of this series concludes discussion of issue spotting when reviewing PSRs. Topics include common guideline application errors, sections of the PSR that require careful review, and best practices.



Mitigating Role

Thursday, August 26
10:00 am – 11:30 pm (EDT)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm (EDT) repeat session

This session provides an in-depth discussion of the application of §3B1.2 (Mitigating Role). Participants will explore the circumstances in which this downward adjustment might apply.

September 2021

Emerging Technologies

Wednesday, September 15
10:00 am – 11:30 pm (EDT)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm (EDT) repeat session

This session addresses the latest trends in technology and crime and how this criminal activity affects guideline application. Trainers focus on emerging technologies' impact on the guidelines related to economic crimes and sex offenses.

Case Law Update

Wednesday, September 29
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm (EDT)

This session, offered quarterly, provides an update on recent case law addressing federal sentencing issues. Panelists discuss case law on selected topics and the impact their decisions have on guideline application and other sentencing determinations.

October 2021

RICO Offenses

Thursday, October 7
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

As prosecutions of organized crime become more frequent, it's increasingly important to master guideline application for racketeering offenses. Join us to discuss RICO and how charging practices may affect guideline application.



November 2021

CJA Attorney Training Series

Part I: Relevant Conduct, Key Chapter Two Issues

Wednesday, November 3
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

This is the first of a three-part series available for CJA Attorneys. Part one focuses on the relevant conduct analysis set forth in §1B1.3, how it's used to determine the offense level, and key application issues related to specific offense types.

CJA Attorney Training Series

Part II: Criminal History

Wednesday, November 10
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

Part two of this series for CJA Attorneys addresses the calculation of criminal history points. Topics include determining the length of a prior sentence, applicable time frames, and common errors.

CJA Attorney Training Series

Part III: Departures, Variances, and Chapter Five

Wednesday, November 17
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EDT)

The three-part series for CJA Attorneys concludes with a discussion of imposition of sentences under Chapter Five. Trainers will address departures and variances and will identify helpful Commission resources.

December 2021

Case Law Update

Wednesday, December 15
1:30pm – 3:00 pm (EDT)

This session, offered quarterly, provides an update on recent case law addressing federal sentencing issues. Panelists discuss case law on selected topics and the impact their decisions have on guideline application and other sentencing determinations.

