

FREE IN PERSON DEL RIO SEMINAR FOR CJA-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

Friday – October 23, 2026
United States Federal Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room, 1st Floor
111 E. Broadway Street, Del Rio, Tx 78840

ALL SPEAKERS, TOPICS AND PRESENTATION TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 8:00 – 8:30** **Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:35** **Welcome and Introduction {5 minutes}**
Speakers: Bianca Del Rio and Kurt May
- 8:35 – 9:05** **View from the Bench {.5 hr}**
Speakers: Del Rio, Tx Judges
Moderator: Bianca Del Rio, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender, Del Rio, Tx
- 9:05-10:05** **Developing Appellate Issues{1 hr}**
Speaker: Amanda Bradley, Legal Research and Writing Specialist, Del Rio, Tx
- 10:05-11:05** **Sentencing Guideline Update {1 hr}**
Speaker: Lewis Gainor, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender, Waco, Tx
- 11:05-12:05** **5th Circuit and Supreme Court Update {1 hr}**
Speaker: Judy Madewell, First Assistant Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas
- 12:05 –12:35** **View from the Bench (cont'd) {.5 hr}**
Speakers: Del Rio, Tx Judges
Moderator: Bianca Del Rio, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender, Del Rio, Texas
- 12:35 – 12:50** **Lunch Break {Provided}**
- 12:50 – 1:50** **Defending Against Alleged Assault on Government Agents {1 hr}**
Speakers: Marina Douenat, Assistant Federal Public Defender, San Antonio, Tx
Bryan Dean, Legal Research and Writing Specialist, San Antonio, Tx
Janet Radachy, Mitigation Specialist, Austin, Tx
- 1:50 – 2:05** **Break**
- 2:05 – 3:05** **Ethics {1 hr}**
Speakers: Nitya Morales Vazquez, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Del Rio, Tx
Bianca Del Rio, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender, Del Rio, Tx
- 3:05 - 3:10** **Closing Remarks**
Speaker: Kurt May

Registration

Complete and submit attached registration form or email Patricia_Rodriguez with the Federal Public Defender's office at Patricia_Rodriguez@fd.org. Ms. Rodriguez will need your full name and bar number.

If you have questions about the seminar, please contact Kurt May at Kurt_May@fd.org