



Announcing a Free Online Course!
11.25 hours of MCLE credit, including 1 hour of Professionalism credit

Criminal Appeals in Illinois: An Introduction to Law and Procedure

Choose from Two Upcoming Classes:
April 5, 2021 – May 7, 2021 or July 12, 2021 – August 13, 2021

This innovative 5-week course will assist attorneys who want to participate in the Illinois Supreme Court's *pro bono* program. We'll walk you through a criminal trial in Illinois, discussing various points of Illinois law and procedure, so that you can spot errors to raise on appeal. The course will also familiarize you with relevant Supreme Court and Appellate Court Rules, advise you about client relations, and teach you how to use OSAD's vast resources to efficiently research criminal law. Completion of this course will qualify you to participate in the Supreme Court's *pro bono* program.

This course is designed to work around your schedule. We'll release videos and supplemental materials once a week for five weeks. You can review this weekly material, which should take approximately 2.25 hours, at your own convenience. We'll hold office hours twice a week where anyone can call or email to review and discuss the week's materials. *See following page for detailed course curriculum.*

*If you register for this course, we expect that you will accept a case assignment for the *pro bono* program.

To register, email probono@osad.state.il.us with the following information:

1. Your name as it appears in the ARDC roll.
2. Your ARDC number.
3. The name, address, and phone number of your firm.
4. The email address where you would like to receive communication about the course.
5. Whether you'd like to take the April course or the July course.

Praise for the class:

"I have practiced solely in civil appeals for the past 25 years so the criminal law refresher was super-helpful... Also, I liked the video formats. The different speakers kept things interesting and the 15-20 minute 'chunks' made the course easy to fit into my schedule as I could do a little at a time."

Detailed Course Curriculum

WEEK ONE:

Section 1: Introduction and Welcome; Rules for Criminal Appeals

-Supreme Court Rules, 1st District Rules, 2nd District Rules

Section 2: Navigating OSAD's Resources

-Criminal Law Handbook, Handbook on Briefs and Oral Arguments, Issues Pending, Illinois Rules of Evidence Guide, other instructional videos

WEEK TWO:

Section 3: Pretrial Litigation

-Fitness issues, *Montgomery* and *Lynch* motions, speedy trial concerns, other crimes evidence, 115-10 motions

Section 4: Forfeiture and Plain Error

-Identifying forfeited issues, Plain Error: closely-balanced and substantial rights prongs

WEEK THREE:

Section 5: Other Evidentiary Issues

-Proper foundation for exhibits, prior consistent statements, prior inconsistent statements, scientific and expert evidence, hearsay and *Crawford* issues

Section 6: Client Contact

-How to arrange a client call, what to expect/do on a typical client call, how to arrange a client visit, ongoing communication with the client

WEEK FOUR:

Section 7: Jury Trials

-Jury selection issues, including *Zehr* Issues, IPIs and non-IPIs, jury deliberation Issues

Section 8: Other Trial Issues to Consider

-Sufficiency of the evidence, prosecutorial misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, judicial error

WEEK FIVE:

Section 9: Sentencing Issues Part 1

-Sentencing ranges, TASC, Probation and Conditional Discharge, enhanced and extended sentences, double enhancements

Section 10: Sentencing Issues Part 2

-Consecutive sentences, one act/one crime, excessive sentences, *Buffer/Miller* issues, fines and fees