

Defending Criminal Felony Cases in Federal v. State Court

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Location: University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This seminar will examine the fundamental difference between felony trial practice in federal and state court.

The course will take a look at the differences in the courthouse culture as well as pre-trial and post trial procedural steps and processes unique to each jurisdiction. Participants will review discovery, motions practices and the plea negotiation process. This class is a must for attorneys to efficiently advocate for their clients as they go through the different possible proceedings.

PROGRAM AGENDA

9:50 am - 10:00 am: Introductions

10:00 am - 10:20 am: The culture of Federal v. State Court. What to expect from your federal client and what they expect from you.

10:20 am - 10:40 am: Pre-trial differences- discovery arguments, motions, timing, research, Electronic case filing, motions to seal.

10:40 am - 11:00 am: Issues with cooperators-as clients and as adverse witnesses.

11:00 am - 11:45 am: A comparison of sentencing guidelines and how the climate has changed- A brief history of past federal mandatory guidelines and federal advisory guidelines today, the application of 18USC §3553(a), sentencing issues unique to federal court.

11:45 am - 12:00 pm.: Break

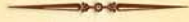
12:00 pm- 12:30pm: Trial Practice including: 404(b) evidence issues, audio visual aids, federal jury panels.

12:30 pm- 1:00 pm: Questions and Answers.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Jonathon Van Hoven has over 23 years experience as a criminal defense attorney. His practice concentrates on all levels of criminal law including capital cases and other major felony trials. Mr. Van Hoven is a part time instructor for the Legal Internship Program at University of MD Baltimore County.

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