Since over 95% of federal criminal defendants are sentenced and the Supreme Court affirmed judicial sentencing discretion and "advisory" sentencing guidelines, participation in the Sentencing Advocacy Workshop is not to be missed. The program presents a comprehensive approach to sentencing advocacy. Participants will learn a process for the development of a persuasive, fact-based sentencing theory and the advocacy skills necessary to advance that theory in writing and during sentencing hearings. Presentations and demonstrations will include an update on federal sentencing law, developing mitigation evidence, storytelling and persuasive writing. During the workshop, participants will use a case of their own to brainstorm facts, develop a theory and theme, tell a story, and persuasively write a portion of their sentencing memo.

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