



Fundamentals of Federal Criminal Defense – Week 13

The Nuts and Bolts of Federal Appellate Practice

- a. **Date:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. EDT
- b. **Duration:** 90 minutes
- c. **CLE Category:** General
- d. **Description:**

This session, led by attorneys from both the federal defender's office and the criminal justice act panel, focuses on how to deal with a federal criminal appeal from start to finish. The session will cover everything from ordering transcripts, communicating with your client, identifying issues, outlining and drafting the briefs, and preparing for oral argument, and navigating post-decision litigation. Although the session is meant mainly to explain the process of handling a federal appeal, the session will also cover important substantive points to address common concerns that arise in appeals and tips on how to avoid typical mistakes. This is an ideal session for any practitioner new to federal appeals and for any experienced practitioner looking for a refresher on the topic.

- e. **Presenters:**

ADEEL BASHIR is an Assistant Federal Defender, Appellate Division, for the Federal Defender's Office, Tampa Division. While working at the Federal Defender's Office, Adeel has litigated a wide range of appeals involving federal statutory and constitutional interpretation, and the federal sentencing guidelines. Among his notable representations include before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Yates v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 1074 (2015), and *Rehaif v. United States*, 139 S. Ct. 2191 (2019).

SUSAN LIN is a partner with the firm of Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg & Lin in Philadelphia. She is a criminal defense and civil rights trial attorney who has won numerous jury trials in both state and federal court. She is also experienced in litigating federal appeals, section 2255 motions, and section 2254 petitions. Ms. Lin is proficient in both Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. She is on the Board of APABA-PA, on the Legal Committee of the Philadelphia chapter of the ACLU, and a former co-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Ms. Lin teaches trial advocacy at Temple Law School and at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In November 2018, Ms. Lin was appointed as the Third Circuit representative to the Practitioner's Advisory Group of the United States Sentencing Commission. Ms. Lin is a 2004 graduate of Yale Law School and a 2000 graduate of Swarthmore College, where she was awarded high honors by external examiners. After law school, Ms. Lin clerked for the Honorable Anita B. Brody of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She then worked as an Assistant Defender at the Defender Association of Philadelphia and as an Assistant Federal Defender in the trial and appellate units of the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

- f. **Materials:** Written handout materials will be provided to participants.