

WSBA CLE #NME260200 WEB

CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICE PRIMER

TRACK 2: Motions, Negotiations, and Trial



WEDNESDAYS > FEBRUARY 11, 18 & 25, 2026

6.0 Law and Legal Procedure CLE credits*

***Complete optional homework to earn additional 1.0 Other CLE credit**

\$275 - Standard

\$79 - New Members

NOTE: Members who do not qualify for the New Member pricing can benefit from a tuition discount by purchasing all three tracks for \$600.00 and earn up to 21.0 CLE credits for attending, plus additional CLE credit for completing the optional homework in each track.

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**WEBCAST
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TRACK 1: Criminal Law and Procedure

- **Jan. 14 – Session 1:** Rules of Engagement
- **Jan. 21 – Session 2:** Building a Defense
- **Jan. 28 – Session 3:** Collateral Consequences and Alternatives

TRACK 2: Motions, Negotiations, and Trial

- **Feb. 11 – Session 1:** Motions: Shaping Your Case Before Trial
- **Feb. 18 – Session 2:** Preparing for Trial: Common Defenses, Testimony, and Experts
- **Feb. 25 – Session 3:** Resolving a Case Short of Trial

TRACK 3: Introduction to Felonies

- **Mar. 11 – Session 1:** Scoring Basics – SRA 101
- **Mar. 18 – Session 2:** Exceptional Sentences and Aggravators
- **Mar. 25 – Session 3:** Final Considerations for the New Attorney

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SCHEDULE

Session 1 – Wednesday, February 11, 2026

8:40 a.m. > Webcast Sign-In Opens

8:55 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions

9:00 a.m. > Motions: Shaping Your Case Before Trial

120 minutes, 2.0 credits L&LP

Motions are the way to shape your trial case before you get in front of a jury. They are important for trial but also for negotiations because they target the strength of the prosecutor's case. This session will help you identify pretrial and trial issues you may wish to raise via motions, when to best raise them, and how to give them substance through factual investigation and legal research. Faculty will assign optional homework.

10:00 a.m. > BREAK (15 Minutes)

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10:15 a.m. > Motions: Shaping Your Case Before Trial (Cont.)

11:15 a.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

Session 2 – Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:40 a.m. > Webcast Sign-In Opens

8:55 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions

9:00 a.m. > Preparing for Trial: Common Defenses, Testimony, and Experts

120 minutes, 2.0 credits L&LP

Knowing the strength of your client's case helps you frame the best strategy in defending them. This session will help you analyze what possible defenses your client might have for their case; identify what testimony may be admissible in trial under the Confrontation clause, and the various hearsay rules; with a special focus on domestic violence cases tailor the evidence to your defense; and spot the need for experts, with a special focus on experts for DUI cases. Faculty will assign optional homework.

10:00 a.m. > BREAK (15 minutes)

10:15 a.m. > Preparing for Trial: Common Defenses, Testimony, and Experts (Cont.)

11:15 a.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

Session 3 – Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:40 a.m. > Webcast Sign-In Opens

8:55 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions

9:00 a.m. > Resolving a Case Short of Trial

120 minutes, 2.0 credits L&LP

This session will help you work towards the best ending for your client short of trial, using not only the skills learned in the prior two session, but also covering topics such as: identifying reasonable resolutions depending on the type of case and which court you're in; crafting effective mitigation and negotiations; advising regarding consequences to certain misdemeanors for future felony liability; executing plea and sentencing hearings.

10:00 a.m. > BREAK (15 minutes)

10:15 a.m. > Resolving a Case Short of Trial (Cont.)

11:15 a.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

REGISTRATION

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2/11/26, 2/18/26, 2/25/26

☐ \$275.00 – Standard

☐ \$79.00 – New Member*

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1/14/26, 1/21/26, 1/28/26

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2/11/26, 2/18/26, 2/25/26

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3/11/26, 3/18/26, 3/25/26

☐ \$600.00 – Standard**

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