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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
8:30-9:55 am	Junk Science and the American Criminal Justice System *M. Chris Fabricant*
9:55-10:05 am	**BREAK**
10:05-11:00 am	Gen AI in the Courtroom: Emerging Issues with Altered and Fabricated Evidence *Mitha Nandagopalan*
11:05-12:00 pm	Be the Ultimate Influencer: Strategic Storytelling Openings *Prya Murad*
12:00-1:15 pm	**LUNCH BREAK**
1:15-2:30 pm	Litigating As-Applied Challenges to Ballistics Evidence *Tamar Lerer*
2:30-2:40 pm	**BREAK**
2:40-4:00 pm	Ethics of Generative AI in Legal Practice *Lexi Brennan* ***(ETHICS)***
4:00-4:15 pm	**BREAK**
4:15-5:15 pm	**Awards & State of the Public Defender Address** *Jennifer Bias* Regency Ballroom

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13		
8:30-9:30 am	Advanced Impeachment Techniques *Larry Pozner*	Litigating STRmix: Journey Through a DNA Case *Joey Cavise*
9:35-10:35 am		Manner of Doubt: Litigating Cause and Manner Determinations *Erin Nagy & Adam Welch*
10:35-10:45 am	**BREAK**	
10:45-12:00 pm	Advanced Impeachment Techniques Cont. *Larry Pozner*	SCOTUS Criminal Law Update *Cecelia M. Klingele*
12:00-1:15 pm	**LUNCH BREAK**	
1:15-3:00 pm	Judicial Panel: Strategies for Effective Sentencing Advocacy *Judge Jack Dávila (Milwaukee), Judge Monica M. Isham (Sawyer), Judge Ashley Morse (Rock), Judge Mario D. White (Dane), Judge Suzanne O'Neill (Marathon) & Jeremy Perri (moderator)*	Threading the Needle to Debunk Pattern "Matching" Evidence: Jurors, Deference to "Experts," & Evidence-Based Advocacy *Richard E. Gutierrez*
3:00-3:10 pm	**BREAK**	
3:10-4:30 pm	Ethical Considerations in Cross-Examination *Callie Steele* ***(ETHICS)***	

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