



TRAINING DEPARTMENT
COURSE CATALOG

FY 2026

Who We Are

The CPCS Training Department provides high quality training to all staff and private assigned counsel. The Training Department, led by the Training Chief, includes the Forensic Services Unit, as well as four practice area Training Units – Criminal Defense, Children and Family Law, Youth Advocacy, and Mental Health Litigation. The Training Department also leads multiple cross- practice area working groups chaired and staffed by Training Department personnel. These working groups provide training in areas common to all CPCS practitioners.

In addition to providing substantive and skills training to attorneys, the Training Department ensures that all staff members are provided appropriate training in their areas of expertise. The Training Department is committed to the professional development and education of all those in the CPCS community.

Trainings listed in the catalog are subject to change, if you note any discrepancies, please refer to the online calendar for the most up to date information.

Don't see a training topic offered? Please direct any training suggestions to cpcs_training@publiccounsel.net.

Contact Us

Email: cpcs_training@publiccounsel.net

Training Calendar: www.publiccounsel.net/events

Web: www.publiccounsel.net/train



CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Certification Trainings

NLT (New Lawyer Training) /Zealous Advocacy Winter 2025/2026

Required for certification. invite only - certification and New Lawyer Training Program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: December 17, 2025 and January 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

PDD Supervisor Training

Application/Invite, Training for new CPCS Supervising Staff Attorneys.

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: December 2025/April 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff

CLEs: TBD

NLT (New Lawyer Training) /Zealous Advocacy Spring 2026

Required for certification. invite only - certification and New Lawyer Training Program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: March 11, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, and April 2, 7, 9, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

SDP Certification Training

Certification Training for SDP Attys by Pasqua Scibelli (ARSCU).

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Medical Parole Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Parole and Disability Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Parole Release Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Parole Revocation Certification

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Post Conviction Certification Training

Certification for Post Conviction Panel (Adult).

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

CPCS Bring Back #2: Suppression and Evidence

Invite only - New PDD Staff required and new bar ad optional.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: December 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Collateral Consequences for Soldiers and Veterans

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Comm. V. Long Monthly Case Crunch Session

Ongoing monthly case crunch meetings re Comm v Long Issues.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Last Tuesday of every month.

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

De-Escalation for lawyers in Client Relationships

Open registration.

Delivery: TBD- 2 hours

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Effective Feedback for Appellate Panel Resource Attorneys or Mentors

Invite only - for Panel Attorney Mentors.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Immigration Crisis Planning with Clients

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Interlocutory Appeals for the Trial Lawyer

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Persuasive Motion Writing for Trial Lawyers

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Persuasive Practice in Superior Court

By Application.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Training Series: Competency Hearings

Open Registration.

Delivery: Hybrid - 3 sessions

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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For details about Certification programs (including NLT/Zealous Advocacy, PDD Supervisor Training, Mock Trials) please email
Kristen Munichiello, kmunichiello@publiccounsel.net

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

Training Series: Motions to Suppress

Open Registration.

Delivery: Hybrid - 3 sessions

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Training Series: Voir Dire

Open Registration designed for more experienced practitioners.

Delivery: Live In-person - 3 sessions

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Using Social Science in your Litigation

Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 3 hours; TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Using Technology Effectively in Your Case

Open Registration.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Writing Lab - Public Counsel

Lawyers submit drafts for feedback and training on an as-needed basis.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

Counsel

CLEs: TBD

For more information about Parole Certifications (Medical Parole, Parole and Disability; Parole Release, Parole Revocation)

please contact Mara Voukydis, mvoukydis@publiccounsel.net

Post Conviction Certification, please contact is Elizabeth Dembitzer, edembitzer@publiccounsel.net

SDP Certification Training please contact Pasqua Scibelli: pscibelli@publiccounsel.net

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW TRAINING

Certification Trainings

Preparing for Trial Training Winter 2025

Required for certification. The training will be a mix of live on-line sessions and substantial self-directed learning. You will spend much of the live sessions in a small group with faculty.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: December 3, 8, 11, 15 and 18, 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Appellate Panel Certification Training Winter 2026

Required for certification. All admitted applicants must attend the four-day virtual CAFL appellate training program. New CAFL appellate attorneys work with our highly experienced mentors for several years after certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: January 27, 29, Feb. 3 and 5, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Child Requiring Assistance (CRA) Certification Training

Required for certification. CPCS's Children and Family Law Division (CAFL) is seeking zealous, effective attorneys who want to protect the rights of parents and children in Child Requiring Assistance (CRA) cases in the Massachusetts Juvenile Court.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: February 4, 9 and 12, 2026

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Trial Panel Certification Training Spring 2026

Required for certification. This course is designed to teach you about Massachusetts child welfare/state intervention law as well as practice and procedure.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: Mar.–Apr. 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Preparing for Trial Training Spring 2026

Required for certification. The training will be a mix of live on-line sessions and substantial self-directed learning. You will spend much of the live sessions in a small group with faculty.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Probate Court Guardianship and Private Adoption Training for non-CAFL attorneys

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

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For details about Certification programs please email: CAFLTraining@publiccounsel.net

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

Advanced Mentor Training

Mentor 2.0 training for current mentors; In person all day.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-person/ Combination

Date Offered: May 12, 2026

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: 6

After the 72: Nuts and Bolts

Part of the after the 72 series.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: January 8, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

CAFL Racial Justice Drop In Series

Joint program of CAFL training and CAFL racial justice task force.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: 12/16/25, 2/11/26, & 5/19/26

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 1.5

CAFL Representing Children Training

All day in person training; 3 sessions.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 8

Cultural Humility Series

Various trainings throughout the year with the SJC's Court Improvement Program.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 6

Current Immigration Issues in CAFL Cases

Webinar sponsored by IIU; two sessions.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: N/A

March Madness - Expert Witnesses 4-Part Series

March Madness - Expert Witnesses 4-Part Series.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 3/4/26, 3/10/26, 3/18/26 & 3/24/26

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

Spotting Issues after the 72

2.5 hour program.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: 1/18/2026, 1:30 to 4:00 PM & 6/17/26 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 3

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For details about Certification programs please email: CAFLTraining@publiccounsel.net

MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION

Certification Trainings

Commitment Certification Bring Back

TBD.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: January 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2-3 TBD

MHLD Guardianship Certification - Session 1-6

Required for certification.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: February 3*, 6, 10, 13, 24, 27*
(*in person classes – Boston/Worcester)

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

MHLD Guardianship Certification - Mock Trials

Required for certification.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 9, 11, 13, 16, 20, 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

MHLD Accelerated Certification & Mock Trials

Required for certification. Offered if needed.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/
Combination

Date Offered: May & June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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For details about Certification programs please email Beau Kealy, bkealy@publiccounsel.net

MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION

Non-Certification Trainings

Capacity to Make Informed Medical Decisions: Litigating 8B and Rogers Cases

Exploring various litigation issues arising in involuntary treatment & SJ proceedings.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March or April 2026 - TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

Cultural Competency

TBD.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: May 2026 - TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

How To Educate the Court About Cultural Competency & The Impact on MHLI Clients

TBD.

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: April 29 or May 1, 2026 - TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

MHLI Spring Conference 2026

Half-day conference on TBD topics (Re: Zealous Guardianship Litigation).

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 4

RED ("Race, Equity & Diversity") Talk Lunch & Learn

MHLI Open Registration.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Ongoing.

Last Day of each month unless conflict

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Trial & Appeals Workshop: Part 1 of 3-part Series

Part 1: MHLI trial & appellate counsel using hypos to develop case strategy together.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Trial & Appeals Workshop: Part 2 of 3-part Series

Part 2: MHLI trial & appellate counsel drafting session & delivery.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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YOUTH ADVOCACY DIVISION

Non-Certification Trainings

Beyond the Report: Exploring the Intersection of Bias, Adolescent Science, and Youth Defense

Presented by Dr. Chidi Wamuo.

Delivery: Live In-person 75 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Delinquency/Youthful Offender (Y.O.) Practice in Front of a New Judge

Explore challenges and strategies for effective advocacy before newly appointed Juvenile Court judges.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 5/28/26 - 1-2PM

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Ethics and Boundaries in Youth Defense

From the use of A.B4I. to confidentiality, discussions on the responsibilities of a youth defense attorney.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 3/25/26 - 2:00-4:00 PM

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Information Sharing in Juvenile Court

CAFL & YAD Combined Training.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Prosecutorial Ethics in Juvenile Court

Identifying and Responding to Misuse of Prosecutorial Power in Juvenile Court.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Search, Seizure, & Statements in School

Asserting the constitutional rights of children in school settings.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 3/4/26, 1:30-3:00 PM

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Youthful Offender (Y.O.) Annual Summit

Presentations & discussion on cutting edge issues in Youthful Offender defense practice. We will be putting a special focus on a new precedent, 72A transfer hearings, and guns!

Delivery: Hybrid - In person @ Worcester Training Center; Live Remote option

Date Offered: 5/14/26

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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Contact YAD Training to sign up for *The Monthly YAD Training Newsletter*: YADTraining@publiccounsel.net

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Core Cross Practice

Admin and Technical Skills Training

(Formerly Excel/Word Training) Various skills training, including administrative skills and project management skills.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Sept. 2025 - May 2026; TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff

CLEs: N/A

Admin and Technical Skills Lunch & Learn

Four sessions posted on CPCS Staff calendar

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Jan. 2026 - May 2026; TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff

CLEs: N/A

CPCS Award Ceremony 2026

Annual Award Ceremony

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: May 27, 2026; TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Managers and Directors Meeting

TBD.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: June 3, 2026 (Worcester)

Intended Audience:

CPCS Managers and Directors

CLEs: N/A

Management Training for Lawyers

The training will teach a system of best practices based on the management practices The Management Action Center has seen differentiate high-performing organizations; from delegating projects and clarifying roles, to managing up, and giving effective feedback.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: April 7 and 8, 2026 (Worcester)

April 13 and 14, 2026 (Boston)

April 15 and 16, 2026 (Boston)

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff

CLEs: N/A

New Attorney Training and Orientation (Winter)

Orientation with HR, IT, and Training Dept. in Boston, MA

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: December 15, 2025

Intended Audience: New CPCS Attorneys

CLEs: N/A

New Attorney Training and Orientation (Spring)

Orientation with HR, IT, and Training Dept. in Worcester, MA

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: March 9 & 10, 2026

Intended Audience:

New CPCS Attorneys

CLEs: N/A

Speaker Series 2026

Three sessions; TBD.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: March/April/May 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

Summer Intern Training FY25/FY26

Understanding the Right to Counsel in Mass, Introduction to Deputy Chiefs / Bias in Public Defense, Immigration Impact Unit / Forensic Services, Strategic Litigation at CPCS / CPCS and the Press.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: June-August 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Interns

CLEs: N/A

Train the Trainer

This course is an introduction to the fundamentals of designing, planning, and delivering an effective training consistent with CPCS values. In this hands-on course, students develop their own one-hour training.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: N/A

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Emerging Adult Training

Beyond Brains: Avoiding the Oversimplification of Adolescence

Adolescence as a stage of life and a period of development, not simply a difference in brains.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: 4/9/2026; 1:30-3:30 PM

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

Mental Health Emerging Adult Training

TBD.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

Representing Late Adolescents in Criminal Defense Cases

An overview of Late Adolescence and how to incorporate it into your criminal defense advocacy.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Forensic Services

Forensics in Practice #2

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: Winter 2026; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

Forensics in Practice #3

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Spring 2026; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

Forensics in Practice #4

90-minute webinar on a forensic topic; open registration.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Summer 2026; 1.5hr.

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

Forensic Components to Practice-Specific Symposia

Forensics will support other training directors in putting on day-long symposia for their respective practice areas.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Spring/Summer 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private CLEs: TBD

To register for a Training program, please visit our Events calendar. www.publiccounsel.net/events

For more information about CPCS Forensics Services, please visit:

<https://www.publiccounsel.net/train/boston-training-for>

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Holistic Defense

Alternatives to Suicide

A zoom presentation done by HDWG and the Wildflower Alliance about alternatives to suicide and supporting our clients who are struggling with self-harm and suicide.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 2 hours- December 2025

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Demystifying Cross Practice

A presentation about the basics of each practice area, what acronyms mean, when does the right to counsel attach for each area, what should I know about collaborating with other divisions/attorneys. This also has a written guide being developed in tandem.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 2 hours - February 2026 - TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

How to Serve my Country After A Mistake

A zoom presentation put on by HDWG about secondary consequences to potential military service after contact with the criminal legal system as a youth or an adult.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: 1.5 hours - TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Protecting Section 8 Vouchers

A zoom presentation done by HDWG and Legal Aid about the impact of different kinds of cases on Section 8 voucher maintenance and eligibility.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: 1.5 hours - May 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Social Services Expert Conference

A multi-day conference for SSEs and SSAs hosted over zoom.

Delivery: TBD.

Date Offered: Several days - Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Trial and Appellate Skills

Ineffective Assistance Training

(Formerly - Doing it Right for a “Do-Over”: Working Effectively with Appellate Counsel to Investigate and Litigate a Claim of IAC)
Second part of two-part training that rotates annually. This trainign focuses on the trial attorney's role in post-conviction IAC claims.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: February 2, 2026

Intended Audience:

Staff and Bar Advocates

CLEs: 6

Creative Briefing

Presentation on best practices in creative briefing.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: 1 hour- Winter 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Nuts and Bolts: A Procedural Refresher for the Appeals Court and SJC

Webinar adressing common mistakes and challenges with procedure in the Appeals Court and SJC.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: 10/15/26; 1 hr.

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Annual Appellate Skills Lecture

4th annual lecture focusing on an appellate skill.

Delivery: Hybrid

Date Offered: Full day; May 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Legal Writing: Editing and Feedback

In-person workshop on how to better edit and ofer feedback on legal writing. Targeted to mentors and supervisors who edit attorneys' motions and briefs.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: 5hrs, Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 5

NLADA: Appellate Defender Training

NLADA's four-day appellate defender training.

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: Spring 2026

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 5

Crossing on Bias

Skills Training developing participants ability to do cross on bias related topics.

Delivery: Remote

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Effective Technology for Client Advocacy

Skills Trainin and Demonstrations of how to use various types of tech in the courtroom and client advocy.

Delivery: TBD

Date Offered: TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

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For more information about CPCS Public Defender Appeals Unit, please visit:

<https://www.publiccounsel.net/dir/boston-app-pd/>

CROSS PRACTICE WORKING GROUPS

Wellness

LCL Training with Tracey Meyers on Communicating with Clients and Building Rapport and Trust

Co-sponsored with MHL, LCL Clinician, Tracey Meyers, will present on tools for communicating with clients to build rapport and trust.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 27, 2026, 11 am-12:30pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

Mindfulness Training

Mindfulness & Self Compassion.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: December 3, 2025 1p-2pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

Regional Wellness Chat

Meet with staff and private counsel by region to learn what resources and support are needed and can be explored to provide; include community engagement when possible.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February in Boston/April Brockton

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

SJC Lawyer Wellbeing Collaboration

To be determined. But aim to partner with the SJC Standing Committee.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Wellness Week in Law week: May 4-8 TBD

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

Wellness Workshop: Sustaining Wellbeing in Public Defense

Partnering with LCL Clinician Shawn Healy, to build on prior trainings touching on trauma, coping mechanisms and allyship.

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: June 2, 2026, 11 am -12:30pm

Intended Audience:

CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: TBD

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Links & Resources On-Demand & Remote Trainings



My Gideon: <https://www.mygideon.org/>

My Gideon is an online resource all CPCS Staff have access to. Recorded modules and On-Demand Trainings can be found here along with motion banks, practice advisories, and other materials.



Talent LMS: <https://cpcs-napd.talentlms.com/>

Talent LMS is the site where certification training and orientation modules can be found.



NAPD: <https://www.publicdefenders.us/>

Every CPCS employee will have access to this site. NAPD hosts trainings and posts on-demand content.



CPCS Website: <https://www.publiccounsel.net/>

The Committee for Public Counsel Services website is home to many public resources and information. Recorded modules, on-demand learning, and motion banks are not available on this site.



Zoom: <https://zoom.us/>

Zoom is the most common video conferencing platform used by CPCS. Please check that your version of zoom is the most up to date version before attempting to join a training. This will ensure you have access to all the features available to participants.

KEY

Asynchronous trainings are delivered via a self-directed learning module. These trainings do not require meeting in real-time, however, the host may incorporate check-ins to monitor a learner's progress.

Hybrid training constitutes training that incorporates all training delivery methods (Live In-Person, Remote, and asynchronous). Hybrid trainings will vary depending on the trainings, the host, and other factors.

Live in-person training constitutes training that happens in real time at a CPCS office location or a third-party site. Live trainings can incorporate elements of other training delivery methods, such as remote attendance and asynchronous pre-work.

Remote trainings are delivered via Zoom, Teams, or other internet conferencing services. Remote trainings do not incorporate any live, in-person elements. Remote trainings may also incorporate asynchronous learning.

To register or for more information about a training program, please visit the CPCS Training Department calendar.

Training Dept. Calendar: <https://www.publiccounsel.net/events>

