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Just Us for Justice Fall CJA CLE - November 5, 2025

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration, Welcome & Greetings – Breakfast (provided)**
Joseph Medici, Federal Public Defender – Southern District of Ohio
- 9:00 – 10:00 **2025 SCOTUS Updates**
Kaycee Berente, AFPD – Southern District of Ohio
Sarah Nelson, Appellate Trial Counsel – Hamilton County Public Defender
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Steps for CJA Success**
Dennis C. Alerding, Case Budgeting Attorney – Sixth Circuit
Mary Rogers, CJA Specialist – Southern District of Ohio
- 11:15 – 12:15 **CJA Panel Discussion**
Larry Greger, Bill Gallagher & Diane Menashe, CJA Panel Representatives
- 12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch (Provided)**
- 1:15 – 2:15 **Federal Sentencing Mitigation Strategies: Mental Health and Trauma as 3553(a) Factors**
Fonda D. Kubiak, Training Director & AFPD – Western District of New York
- 2:15 – 3:15 **Using a Domestic Violence Expert to Support Coercion and Duress Defenses for Trial and Mitigation at Sentencing**
Karla Fischer, Ph.D., J.D.
- 3:15 – 3:30 **Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Using a Domestic Violence Expert to Support Coercion and Duress Defenses for Trial and Mitigation at Sentencing (Cont.)**
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