



# FEDERAL PRACTICE CLE

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## AGENDA

- 8:45 – 9:00 A.M.      **Welcome –Judge Hal R. Ray, Jr. and  
Federal Public Defender Jason Hawkins**
- 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.    **Introduction to Federal Criminal Practice – Why you should take the  
plunge and join the CJA panel**  
*Matthew Wright, AFPD, NDTX (Amarillo)*
- 10:15 – 10:30 A.M.    BREAK
- 10:30 – 11:45 A.M.    **Observations from the Bench with Judge Reed O’Connor**  
This presentation will address best practices in federal court, including  
advocacy and effective motions practice. After his remarks, Judge  
O’Connor will field questions.
- 11:45 – 1:00 P.M.     GRAB LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

## CRIMINAL TRACK

- 1:00 – 1:50 P.M.      **Preliminary Examinations and Detention Hearings**  
*Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton*
- 1:50 – 2:00 P.M.      BREAK
- 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.      **Prior Conviction Enhancements**  
*Brandon Beck, AFPD, NDTX*  
*Matthew Wright, AFPD, NDTX*  
*Jessica Graf, AFPD, NDTX*
- 3:30 – 3:45 P.M.      BREAK
- 3:45 – 5:00 P.M.      **Sentencing Practice: How to Get Your Client the Least Amount of Time**  
*Carly Barton, AFPD, NDTX*

