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Plea Bargain Strategy

What to do before the courtroom

So much of a criminal lawyer's work in negotiating a plea takes place behind the desk, on the phone, and in the hallways, rather than in the courtroom. Even when defense counsel and the prosecutor do not agree, a rich presentation when negotiating a plea lays the groundwork for effective sentencing advocacy. This program acquaints new and experienced practitioners with information on effective plea bargaining in the District/Municipal Courts and Superior Courts. The experienced panel walks attendees through, among other topics, relevant law pertaining to pleas, alternate disposition such as pretrial probation, crafting compelling written submissions, creative strategies to reach agreement, and using experts and other resources to persuade.

Join our experts online as we look at the law, creation, and presentation relating to plea bargains.

Agenda

- Primer on Charge Concessions and Other Law Relevant to Pleas
- Alternate Dispositions Such as Pretrial Probation or Pretrial Diversion
- How Specialized Courts, Such as Veteran's Court or Mental Health Court, Impact Plea Negotiations
- Applying the Massachusetts Sentencing Guidelines
- "Breakdown Packets" and Other Written Submissions in Support of a Disposition
- Using Experts in Plea Bargaining
- Creative Strategies to Persuade, Including How Federal Practice Can Inform and Elevate Massachusetts Plea Bargaining
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

Faculty

Claudia Lagos, Esq., *Scully and Lagos, Boston*, Chair

Sandra Gant, Esq., *Federal Public Defender Office, District of Massachusetts, Boston*

Rachel Grijalvo, Esq., *Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston District Court Unit, Boston*

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Dates & Location

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Thursday, June 30, 2022

3:00 pm–5:00 pm

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Friday, July 8, 2022

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