

Crafting Killer Criminal Motions

Nuts and bolts of motion practice along with strategic insights and a view from the bench

Motion practice is crucial and can make a huge difference in the outcome of your case. Whether you file a motion for a bill of particulars, or a motion to suppress, it can be the defining factor in whether you win or lose a trial, or whether you even need to go to trial. As criminal practitioners, it is important that we think strategically about how we craft motions, and the long-term goals. Identifying the theory of the case should begin at arraignment, and our motions should assist in advancing our theory of the case. We should craft every motion in good faith, with the mindset of winning. We know that not all motions are successful, but they can lay a foundation for building a strong defense for your client, developing a legal strategy, and preserving issues for appeal.

In this program you get insight into the nuts and bolts of motion practice, practical strategic information from experienced criminal lawyers, and a view from the bench.

Agenda

- **Procedural Aspects of Filing Different Motions**
 - Timely filing
 - When you need to file an affidavit
 - Is a memorandum required?
- **Practical Advice from Practitioners**
 - Knowing your facts and the law
 - Anatomy of a killer criminal motion
 - Review of sample motions
- **View from the Bench**
 - What makes a good motion
 - Do's and don'ts of criminal motions for newer practitioners
 - Understanding the issues from both sides
- **“Ask the Experts” Q&A Session**

Faculty

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