



# Mitigation is Litigation

CDAM Summer Conference 2022

**July 21-23, 2022**

"A" is for Attorney Skill Training - July 21st

Your Cases Issues - July 21st

CDAM Conference - July 22nd & 23rd

**Radisson Plaza Hotel | Kalamazoo, MI**

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# July 21-23, 2022

## Radisson Plaza Hotel

100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

**Call (269) 343-3333 to reserve your stay.**

**Hotel rooms start at \$133++ per night!**

**Mention CDAM for discounted room rates!**

*Please note our hotel charges a \$10 parking fee per day*

**Conference Price: \$360 | CLE Hours Accrued: 12**

***CDAM's Summer Conference registration fee includes both Friday and Saturday sessions. Single-day registrations are not available.***

"A" is for Attorney on Thursday, July 21, is an additional \$240 and is open to all. [Register by clicking here.](#)

Your Case Issues on Thursday, July 21, is open to CDAM Members Only and is Free. [Register by clicking here.](#)

Registrants will receive an automatically generated email with conference materials via Drop Box by Monday, July 18, 2022. If you do not receive this email, first check your spam folder. Otherwise, [email CDAM](#) for assistance. No refunds after Friday, July 15, 2022.

After the conference, all registrants will receive a recording of all Friday and Saturday plenary sessions and a recording of three breakout sessions.

Scholarships are available to CDAM Members! [Click here](#) to apply!

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**Conference Menus**

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## Continuing Legal Education Credit Hours

One credit hour is accrued for each hour of CLE training: 12 maximum hours available. CLE forms will be included in your information email. Attorneys are responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the person responsible for tracking their CLE hours. Attorneys are advised to keep a copy of their CLE form. CLE hours are good through 2022.

## Conference Materials

Materials will be emailed to each registrant through Drop Box by Monday, July 18, 2022 after the Friday, July 15, 2022 cancellation deadline. The deadline to order printed materials is Wednesday, July 13, 2022 and will be distributed at the conference during check-in.

## For Assigned Counsel and Public Defenders

Some county/court funding units will pay for part, or all, of the cost of your registration. It is up to you to contact your local funding unit to determine what is applicable to you and what payment or reimbursement method you will need to use.

If you do not know the contact information for your court’s local funding unit, contact Deborah Mitchell at the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission at 517-657-3066 or email her at [MitchelID20@Michigan.gov](mailto:MitchelID20@Michigan.gov). If you email, use the subject line “CDAM.”

## Registration and/or Questions

Register online at [www.CDAMonline.org](http://www.CDAMonline.org). For questions, please call CDAM at 517-579-0533.



Have you whitelisted CDAM in your inbox? Be sure to add CDAM to your Safe Sender List to ensure that our communications get to you! It only takes a minute, and will save you from many possible headaches! [Click here](#) to learn how to add to your whitelist in today’s most popular email providers.

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# Mitigation: The Key to All the Doors

**Lori James-Townes** (Baltimore, MD)



Lori James-Townes is the Executive Director of the National Association of Public Defense. Lori assumed this leadership position after three years of working as Assistant Training Director for NAPD and more than 25 years of working on defense teams representing indigent defendants. Lori has over 25 years of clinical practice, leadership, and management experience. At NAPD, she led the creation and planning of NAPD’s Women’s Conference, which shifted (due to COVID-19) from a 200-person live event to an 800 person virtual event headlined by Stacey Abrams. In 2021, she co-led NAPD’s first ever National Virtual Conference for Gideon Week – bringing more than 6,500 attendees together for the largest public defense training in history.

She is the principal owner of Expand-NOW, a consulting firm specializing in speaker, coaching, and teaching. Through Expand-Now, LLC, she is able to fulfill her lifelong passion for adding value to others.

Prior experience includes serving as the Director of Social Work, Leadership and

Program Development @ Maryland Office of Public Defender. She also led the agency’s social work staff, consultants, and interns. She has held teaching positions at Morgan State University, the University of Maryland School of Social Work, and most recently Towson University.

Lori has developed programs that are now national models for other agencies. In 2015, The Daily Record Newspaper named her as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women. As a speaker, her presence is requested both nationally and internationally to speak about: Leadership, Storytelling, Mitigation, Culturally Mindful Representation, Team Building, Implicit Bias in the Criminal Justice System, Secondary Trauma, and other clinical areas.

Lori maintains an active role in the National Association of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS), NLADA, and is a founding Board Member of the Black Public Defender’s Association (BPDA), and is active on many community boards, including serving as the Alumni Board President for the UMSSW.

Lori also serves as a faculty member for the following national and regional leadership development, trials skills, and/or trainings such as Gideon’s Promise. She earned her master’s degree in clinical social work (University of Maryland SSW) and her B.A. in Social Work from Morgan State University. She completed all coursework in the Dr.Ph Public Health at Morgan State University. One of Lori’s favorite motivational quotes is by Maya Angelou: “The is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you.”

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# Thursday Speakers & Events

*Thursday, July 21, 2022*

**A IS FOR ATTORNEY | 9:30am - 5:30pm | 8 CLE Hours**



**Lisa Kirsch Satawa, Faculty**



**James R. Samuels, Faculty**

Experience CDAM's acclaimed new lawyer session. Learn what a new lawyer needs to know to begin practicing criminal defense: interviewing a client, setting up a file, nuts and bolts of criminal court procedures, Q&A. Morning session is procedure, working lunch. Afternoon session is trial skills.

**[Click here to register now!](#)**

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**Your Case Issues | 4pm - 6pm | No CLE Hours Issued**



**Rhonda B. Ives, Faculty**

Stumped on a strategy? Have questions on a case? This is your opportunity to get feedback and assistance from an experienced CDAM trial attorney. For CDAM members only & Separate Registration.

**[Click here to register now!](#)**

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**CDAM Board Meeting | 6:15pm**

All CDAM members are welcome to attend. Those interested in running for CDAM's Board of Directors must attend a board meeting.

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**CDAM Lodge Party | 7:30pm**

Co-Hosted By Michael A. Hills at Hills at Law PC. Join us at Brick + Brine at Radisson Plaza Hotel for food, fun, and fellowship. The event is open to all conference registrants.

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# Friday Speakers & Events

Friday, July 22, 2022

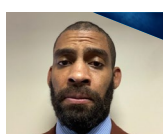
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## Mitigation: The Key to All the Doors



**Lori James-Townes**  
Baltimore, MD

## Discussing Race in Sentencing | [Read More...](#)



**Leon Parker**  
Detroit, MI

## Michigan Sentencing: Then, Now, and Where We're Heading | [Read More...](#)

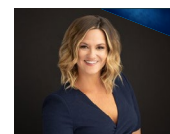


**Marilena David**  
Detroit, MI

## Specialty Courts: What's so Special? | [Read More...](#)



**Takura Nyamfukudza**  
Lansing, MI



**Tracie McCarn Dinehart**  
Ludington, MI

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## Sentencing Guidelines Updates



**Anne Yantus**  
Detroit, MI

## Breaking Through Barriers: Interviewing Approaches and Techniques | [Read More...](#)



**Dana Mertz**  
Detroit, MI



**Jaelle Richardson**  
Detroit, MI

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## Tech Tips and Trivia | [Read More...](#)



**Marla McCowan**  
Lansing, MI



**Susan Prentice-Sao**  
Lansing, MI

## Presenting Mitigation in Federal Court | [Read More...](#)



**James Gerometta**  
Detroit, MI

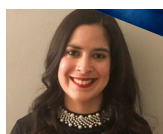
## Preparing for the Pre-Sentence Investigation

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**Anna White**  
Holland, MI

## The Importance of an Accurate and Balanced Presentence Report



**Angeles Meneses**  
Detroit, MI

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## Persuasive Writing: You Can Sometimes Get What You Want | [Read More...](#)



**Marilena David**  
Detroit, MI

## Mitigation Development for Both Pretrial and Sentencing Proceedings



**Kathleen Schaefer**  
Detroit, MI

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## The Role of Sentencing Mitigation in Criminal/Civil Cases | [Read More...](#)



**Dr. Athena Kheibari**  
Detroit, MI

## Who is My Client and Why'd They Do That? Defending Adolescence at Sentencing



**Amanda Powell**  
Columbus, OH

## Plea Negotiation: Using Your Client's Story

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**Daniel Duke**  
Midland, MI

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# Saturday Speakers & Events

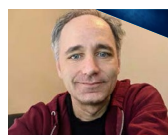
Saturday, July 23, 2022

## Oral Advocacy at Sentencing



**Michael E. Carter**  
*Detroit, MI*

## Michigan Law Updates



**Steven Helton**  
*Detroit, MI*

## Announcements and Updates



**Arthur J. Weiss**  
*CDAM  
President*



**Marla McCowan**  
*MIDC Deputy  
Director*



**Marilena David**  
*SADO's  
Deputy  
Director*



**Patricia Maceroni**  
*MAACS Deputy  
Administrator*

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