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CALIFORNIA EASTERN DISTRICT

CJA PANEL TRAINING

BEING RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately, our **Wednesday, November 16, 11 am** training – a full hour on *Implicit Bias* and how it impacts our advocacy in and out of the courtroom, as well as our relationships with clients – will need to be rescheduled because of unavailability of the presenter. Please watch your emails for a new date and time.

REMOTE CJA PANEL TRAINING

The Federal [Defender Services Office - Training Division \(fd.org\)](https://www.feddefender.org) continues to provide excellent remote training for CJA counsel. You can register for and access all fd.org training with your CJA username and password. You can also sign up to receive emails when fd.org is updated.

The Federal Defender Training Division also has a **telephone hotline** offering guidance and information for all FDO staff and CJA panel members: 1-800-788-9908.

[National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers \(nacdl.org\)](https://www.nacdl.org) and [NAPD \(publicdefenders.us\)](https://www.napd.org) (which all CJA lawyers qualify to join) also offer excellent remote training, including self-study videos relevant to

SAD NEWS

Leon Wright, Investigator

We sadly report about retired Federal Defender CHU Investigator Leon Wright passing away on October 13, 2022. Leon, one of our Capital Habeas Unit investigators, came to us from law enforcement. After fifteen years with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department, Leon joined the Palm Beach County, Florida, Public Defender's Office as a capital case investigator in 1983. After ten years with the Public Defender, he worked as a mitigation specialist and investigator, first at the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center, then at the Capital Appellate Project in California. He finished his career with the Federal Defender's Office for the Eastern District of California, retiring in 2009.

Leon exemplified empathy and compassion. Committed to his clients and their families, Leon could connect with anyone. He always wore a suit, reflecting the dignity with which he conducted himself. He will be missed.

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**TOPICS FOR FUTURE TRAINING
SESSIONS**

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