

Agenda

Assisting with the Defense of Criminal Cases in Arizona

M. Mayer

- Assisting with initial client interview
- Opening the file: obtaining and organizing critical information
- Preparing representation, retainer and fee agreements
- Assisting the discovery process
 - Practical investigation techniques
 - Drafting and responding to discovery requests
 - Working with lay and expert witnesses
- Preparing and responding to pretrial motions
- Preparing for and assisting at trial
- Preparing for sentencing
- Assisting with criminal appeals

Handling Ethical Issues in Criminal Defense Practice

M. Mayer

- Representing co-defendants
- Payment of legal fees
- Maintaining client confidentiality

State and Federal Criminal Court Procedure

R. McWhirter

- From where did these rights come?
- Flowchart of Arizona criminal procedure
- Flowchart specifics
- The early jury
- Famous plea agreements in history
- Courts, lawyers, and collateral consequences

THE ABC's of DUI: Navigating an Impaired Driving Case

J. St. Louis

- Understanding DUI laws and procedures
- Legal research and case analysis
- Evaluating evidence and discovery
- Preparing legal documents and motions
- Client communication and support
- Collaboration with attorneys and experts
- Ethical considerations and professionalism

Current Issues in Criminal Law

R. Moss

- Current issues in:
 - Burden of proof
 - Beyond a reasonable doubt
 - Affirmative defenses
 - Fourth amendment
 - Arrest and detention
 - Traffic stops
 - Fifth amendment
 - Right to counsel
 - Use of force
 - Self-defense
 - Defense of property
 - Evidence
 - Expert witnesses
 - Electronic evidence and social media
- He-said-she-said cases
- Search and seizure
- Miranda rights
- Defense of others
- Crime prevention
- Blood testing

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Discuss Arizona and federal criminal procedure.

Assist with engagement letters, discovery, pretrial motions and trial practice.

Handle ethical issues that are common in criminal defense practice.

Assist with document preparation, discovery and evidentiary issues in impaired driving cases.

Discuss current issues in criminal law, including Fourth and Fifth Amendment issues, and issues involving the use of force.

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Explore Arizona and federal criminal court procedure

Assist with client interviews, discovery and motion practice in criminal cases

Handle ethical issues in criminal defense practice

Assist in impaired driving cases

Explore current issues in criminal law, including the burden of proof, use of force and admissibility of evidence

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Faculty

Mary Mayer *Yavapai County Public Defender's Office*
Ms. Mayer, ACP is an advanced certified paralegal in Trial practice and criminal litigation with over 30 years' experience in the legal field. Ms. Mayer works for the Yavapai County Public Defender's Office in Arizona. She is a member of NALA and serves on NALA's Professional Development Committee. Ms. Mayer enjoys writing articles that relate to the paralegal field and help paralegals obtain information to enrich their professional and personal wellbeing. In her free time, Ms. Mayer enjoys spending time with her husband and son, cooking, volunteering, and watching sports.

Robert J. McWhirter
Certified Specialist in Criminal Law, Law Offices of Robert J. McWhirter
Mr. McWhirter has successfully tried over 100 criminal trials in Federal, state, and city courts. He is a nationally and internationally known speaker and author on trial advocacy, immigration law, and the history of the bill of rights. He is a frequent guest on Arizona Horizon and KJZZ as a Constitutional expert and historian. Mr. McWhirter is a certified specialist in criminal law, and for over six years, his peers have elected him to serve on the Arizona State Bar Board of Governors. Mr. McWhirter has published extensively the following:

- *Fixing the Framers' Failure: The 13th, 14th, And 15th Amendments and America's New Birth Of Freedom* (2022)
- *Bills, Quills, and Stills: The History of the Bill Of Rights* (2015)
- *The Criminal Lawyer's Guide To Immigration Law: Questions and Answers, 2nd Ed.* (2006) and *The Citizenship Flowchart* (2007)

He has served on the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and on the standard committee writing the CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS, and he has published over 40 other articles in both English and Spanish on the history of the Bill of Rights, immigration law, and criminal practice. Since 2009, Mr. McWhirter has been named a Southwest Super Lawyer and is a 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient from Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. He is a 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient from the Barrett Honors College. He received the Frank X. Gordon Award for Excellence in the Practice of Law, Mohave County Bar Association, in 2013 and the Saint Thomas More Award, Saint Thomas More Society, in 2010. Mr. McWhirter has been a president of Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice. From March 2014 until July 2016, Mr. McWhirter was the supervising criminal attorney at the ASU Alumni Law Group, a teaching law firm serving underserved clients. He continues his private practice in criminal defense and civil rights, and testifies and provides expert advice on immigration consequences of criminal conviction and citizenship issues.

Rachel Moss *Criminal Defense Attorney, Attorneys for Freedom*
Ms. Moss earned her B.A. degree in Communication Studies from the James Madison University Honors College in 2018. In 2021, Ms. Moss graduated from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law with a Juris Doctor. Ms. Moss joined Attorneys for Freedom in 2020 as a law clerk, where she assisted the firm's attorneys with criminal cases and postconviction relief matters. In January 2022, Ms. Moss was licensed as an attorney in the State of Arizona and rejoined the firm as a criminal defense attorney. Ms. Moss is proud to have defended clients in state misdemeanor and felony cases, as well as helped clients regain their civil rights in court.

Joseph P. St. Louis *Criminal Defense Attorney, Nesci & St. Louis*
Mr. St. Louis is the president of Nesci & St. Louis, a DUI and Criminal Defense Law Firm. Mr. St. Louis is a Regent of the National College for DUI Defense. He is certified as a specialist in both criminal law (by the Arizona State Bar) and in DUI defense (by the National College for DUI Defense). Mr. St. Louis is a litigator, with a heavy pretrial motion and jury trial practice, defending people on charges involving everything but Rock n' Roll – crimes involving alcohol, drugs, sex and violence. He likes to hear himself talk, and his vanity is easily appealed to, so he regularly speaks to State defense and State Bar groups, on a variety of topics. He has given presentations to groups in 19 states and has been voted a top 10 national speaker for his presentations for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, twice. Mr. St. Louis's accomplishments include convincing judges to dismiss first degree murder charges in two separate cases and being one of four lawyers to convince a superior court judge to suppress the blood evidence in 11 consolidated felony cases. Recently, he was the primary writer on scientific issues in NCDD's amicus brief filed in the United States Supreme Court case of *Smith v. Arizona*, No. 22-899, addressing surrogate analyst testimony. His greatest accomplishments, however, are convincing his wife Tania to stay with him for 27 years, his children Renee and Jack, and restraining himself from physically attacking a prosecutor or judge in 36 years of practice.

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