



Narcotics Preparation: Court, Testimony, and Experts

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

0800-1700

Location: WSIN

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Instructor: Matt De Moura, Yolo County Deputy District Attorney, has been a prosecutor since 2011, and has handled gang, firearms, narcotics, Three Strikes, and homicide cases as a trial attorney. He has extensive experience with grand jury, wiretaps, and search warrants at the federal and state levels. He is currently cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the Sacramento Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force handling large scale drug trafficking and money laundering cases. He serves as a HIDTA Initiative Commander where he works directly with narcotics teams to investigate and prosecute their cases. With HIDTA, he also teaches on narcotics, firearms, ethics, court, and search warrants. He is an Academy instructor and has also taught for CNOA including at the Annual Training Institute. He writes for CDAA on various narcotics and firearms-related topics.

Description: Narcotics cases can take months or even years of planning, preparation, and investigation to successfully arrest individuals or entire organizations. The case, however, is not over after the takedown and is just the beginning of the process to lead to successful prosecution and convictions. This class is designed to prepare officers, detectives, and agents for a case after an arrest. This class will focus on how to properly prepare for court including testimony, qualifying as a narcotics expert, being a case agent, surviving direct and cross examination, being a case agent/investigating officer, and ethical issues in the courtroom invoking privileges and handling informants. Participants will also be taught best practices for working with their prosecutor and will assist prosecutors in presenting a narcotics case. This class will also show how prosecutors and investigators can work together inside the courtroom to successfully obtain a conviction.

Fee: \$40.00 for current CNOA members and \$60.00 for non-members. The class fee will be accepted during sign-in on the day of the class. Checks are to be made out to "CNOA Region II." If pre-paying for the class by check, please mail to WSIN, 1825 Bell St, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA, 95825, Attn: CNOA. If paying with cash, please have the exact amount.

Please register at www.cnoa.org/events/calendar. Payment via credit card is available through payment link sent in confirmation email after you register for the course.

Check-in begins at 0730 hours with class starting by 0800. If you have questions regarding the training, contact Erin Horn at ehorn@wsin.riss.net or George Negrete at gnegrete@sjgov.org. CNOA membership applications will be available for those wishing to join.

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