

First District Court of Appeals Annual CLE Program: December 5, 2025

University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Room 170

First District Court of Appeals with the University of Cincinnati, College of Law Present:
2025 Appellate Practice Seminar

8:00 – 1:00

Agenda:

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| 8:00 – 8:20 | Registration |
| 8:20 – 8:30 | Welcome , Judge Terry Nestor |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | First District Case Law Update , Matthew Doktor, First District Court of Appeals Staff Attorney to the Honorable Ginger S. Bock. |
| 9:30 – 9:40 | Break |
| 9:40 – 10:40 | Legal Intelligence: Ethically Putting Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Work in Your Practice , Mike Whiteman, Associate Dean, UC College of Law; Shannon Kemen, Legal Technology & Research Instructional Services Librarian, UC College of Law Library; Laura Dixon-Caldwell, Instruction & Reference Services Librarian, UC College of Law Library; and Ashley Russell, Instructional Reference Services Librarian, UC College of Law Library. |
| 10:40 – 10:50 | Break |
| 10:50 – 11:50 | Standards of Review: Framing Your Appeal for Success , Judge Marilyn Zayas, First District Court of Appeals, Heather Heineman, First District Court of Appeals Staff Attorney to the Honorable Marilyn Zayas, and Stacy Majba, First District Court of Appeals Staff Attorney. |
| 11:50 – 12:00 | Break |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | View from the Bench: First District Judges Panel, Panel: Judge Marilyn Zayas, Judge Ginger S. Bock, Judge Terry Nestor, and Judge Richard L. Moore
Moderator: Magistrate Julie Kahrs Nessler. |
| 1:00 | Closing and Evaluations |

Description of Courses:

1. *First District Case Law Update*, Matthew Doktor

Krista Gieske and Matthew Doktor, Staff Attorneys for the First District Court of Appeals, will provide attendees with an overview of the most significant decisions released from the First District Court of Appeals in the last year.

2. *Legal Intelligence: Ethically Putting Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Work in Your Practice*, UC College of Law Associate Dean Mike Whiteman and UC College of Law Library Staff

Lawyers must be aware how to properly and ethically use Artificial Intelligence (AI) in legal research and drafting. This session will provide practical instruction on how to best use these resources. Topics will include the ethical use of AI in the practice of law, and practical applications for AI in eDiscovery, litigation, and transactional work. We will also look at effective ways to use AI in your legal research.

3. *Standards of Review: Framing Your Appeal for Success*, Judge Marilyn Zayas, Heather Heineman, and Stacy Majba.

A conversation with Judge Marilyn Zayas of the First District Court of Appeals—facilitated by Heather Heineman, Judicial Staff Attorney for Judge Marilyn Zayas—about the significance of standards of review and the importance of presenting an argument tailored to the level of review that is appropriate for your appeal. This session will include a discussion of error preservation and other common challenges an appellant may face on appeal and the importance of presenting an argument that is appropriate for the circumstances and most likely to result in a successful appeal.

4. *View from the Bench: First District Judges Panel*

Featured Speakers: Judge Marilyn Zayas; Judge Ginger S. Bock; Judge Terry Nestor; Judge Richard L. Moore.

Moderator: Magistrate Julie Kahrs Nessler, Court Administrator for the First District Court of Appeals.

This session will provide attendees with an opportunity to hear practice pointers from judges from the First District Court of Appeals. The judges will provide some general tips and practice pointers for successful written and oral advocacy to the bench. This will be followed by questions posted by the attendees.