



MCJE Continuing Judicial Education Special Session
The Science of Substance Use and the Justice System

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton Lansing | Capital Ballroom
111 N Grand Ave,
Lansing, MI 48933

Available for up to 4.0 CLEs
Agenda is subject to change

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Check-In and Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. The Science of Addiction

- **Substance Use as a Chronic Medical Disease:** attendees will learn how addiction transcends mere behavior, unraveling as a complex interplay of brain circuits, genetics, environment, and life experiences and allows the opportunity to gain insights into how acknowledging addiction as a chronic illness transforms perspectives in the legal framework. This offers attendees a deeper comprehension of addiction's complexities and its significance within the judicial landscape through intersecting science and law.

1:30 – 1:40 p.m. BREAK

1:40 – 2:40 p.m. The Science of Addiction *continued*

- **Compulsive Behaviors Despite Harmful Consequences:** discussion of the nuances of behaviors associated with substance misuse, which persist despite damaging consequences, providing a comprehensive understanding of the psychology and impact. Insights into how this cycle intertwines with legal proceedings will be provided.

2:40 – 2:50 p.m. BREAK

2:50 – 3:55 p.m. The Science of Court Supervision

- **When and how to use Pre-trial Diversion:** exploration of the strategic use of pre-trial diversion programs in the legal landscape, nuanced criteria guiding the implementation of these programs for individuals within the court system, and discussion of the procedural aspects that contribute to the effectiveness of these strategies.
- **Evidence-based Probation Services:** exploration of the critical role of evidence-based probation services, unraveling their effectiveness and significance in ensuring compliance and support, and discuss risk-need-responsivity, drug testing, case management, and motivational interviewing techniques.

3:55 – 4:05 p.m. BREAK

4:05 – 5:00 p.m. The Role of the Judge

- **Leadership & Obligations::** discussion of the multifaceted responsibilities and constraints faced by judges and judicial officers overseeing cases where substance misuse is disrupting completion of court requirements and explore the intersection between law and substance use treatment strategies.