



September 25th, 2026

UC Law SF Cotchett Center, 333 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA

8:30-9:00	Check in, coffee & breakfast, MCLE sign in.	Lobby 333 Bldg.
9:00-9:15	Welcome and Overview – Mano Raju, Public Defender	Main Room #101
9:15-10:45	Theory of the Case...Finding the Story with Ron Tyler, Professor of Law and Director of Stanford Law School Criminal Defense Clinic. <i>In this plenary session, participants will learn to develop a clear & concise Theory of the Case (TOC) that tells the jury why we should win, incorporates all the Facts Beyond Change, and is told in story form.</i>	Main Room #101
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:00	Your Jurors Would Rather Be at the Movies. Tell a Story Worth Watching with Carlie Ware Horne, Clinical Supervising Attorney & Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School Criminal Defense Clinic <i>During the plenary session, attendees will discover how to craft and present opening statements that integrate multiple viewpoints, chronological details, vivid sensory descriptions, and impactful visual aids.</i>	Main Room #101
12:10-1:00	Lunch - Will be provided	SkyDeck
1:00-1:10	Report directly to breakout group rooms (note your room assignment)	
1:10-1:20	Small Group Work – Activity Explanation <i>In this small group session, participants will engage in exercises – using one of their own client’s cases – to help construct a powerful Opening Statement</i>	Small Group Rooms
1:20-2:20	Small Group Work – Activity <i>In this small group session, participants will engage in exercises – using one of their own client’s cases – to help construct a powerful Opening Statement. Folks will do the A Day in the Life and Shared Connections exercises.</i>	Small Group Rooms
2:20-2:30	Break	
2:30-3:30	Small Group Work – Activity <i>In this small group session, 1-3 participants will deliver an Opening Statement – using one of their own client’s cases – and get feedback from the group.</i>	Small Group Rooms
3:30-4:20	Social Hour! – Wine, water and snacks provided	SkyDeck