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ALASKA HIDTA PRESENTS

Caren Cambre

Law Enforcement on the Stand

“Cases are won and lost based not just on the quality of the investigation, but also on the testimony of law enforcement officers”

-Caren Cambre

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The critical connection between the report writing and testimony is examined.

- WHAT IS YOUR “JOB” AS A WITNESS
- HOW TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES AND HOW THEY APPLY TO TESTIMONY
- YOUR REPORT & YOUR TESTIMONY
- HOW TO AVOID AN UNHAPPY ENDING
- DIRECT TESTIMONY...WHOSE STORY IS THIS ANYWAY?
- EXHIBITS 101...SHOW AND TELL TIME
- CROSS EXAMINATION –HANDLING THE ATTACK
- HOW TO SEE OBJECTIONS COMING
- WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE AND AFTER YOU TESTIFY & WHY IT MATTERS



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“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail”

-Benjamin Franklin-



Caren Cambre Biography



Professor Caren Cambre is a career homicide prosecutor, an experienced law school professor, and the creator of LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE STAND, a national law enforcement witness training program. She is licensed to practice law in New York, Louisiana, and the District of Columbia. With more than 30 years of courtroom experience, and hundreds of jury trials she has worked extensively with law enforcement preparing and presenting their testimony throughout litigation. She has led the most serious cases, including many homicide cases with a nexus to top level narcotics offenders, to successful trial verdicts. In the Jefferson Parish Louisiana District Attorney's Office, she was a Felony Trial Supervisor and Special Prosecutor in charge of the high-profile cases that had intense media coverage. As part of the Kings County New York District Attorney's Office's specialized Homicide Bureau, she visited crime scenes, took video statements from homicide suspects at the precincts and handled Grand Jury presentations, in addition to trying many complex jury trials. She was assigned to the Career Criminal Unit of the New Orleans District Attorney's Office in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, trying cases under the most difficult of circumstances. She assisted officers, including narcotics agents in obtaining warrants and preparing for trial in high level narcotics investigations. She has taught at law enforcement training academies across the country.

As an Adjunct Professor at both Tulane Law School in New Orleans

and Golden Gate Law School in San Francisco, she taught Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Mock Trial, Trial Evidence & Advocacy, and Professional Responsibility. At Golden Gate Law School she created and taught a successful new course called Ethical Prosecutions. She has been a Mock Trial Judge and coached national mock trial teams. Professor Cambre has taught hundreds of lawyers how to question law enforcement witnesses.

Recognizing that the answers given by witnesses are critical to successful trials, she identified a need to teach law enforcement officers to become effective and credible witnesses. Using both her extensive trial experience and her teaching experience she created LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE STAND in 2015, a witness training program specifically designed for all law enforcement. Since creating the program, she has trained thousands of officers across the country for both national and local agencies and associations. She has written several articles published in Police One Magazine and her program was highlighted by the National HIDTA Assistance Center News. Her training has been endorsed by Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in several states. Evaluations from officers who have attended her training have said "this outstanding training is critically necessary and long overdue".

Professor Cambre received her J.D. from Tulane Law School. She has a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and is married to a law enforcement narcotics agent.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE STAND

Unless you testify effectively and credibly, all the work done during your investigation can be undone when you testify.

I. WHAT IS YOUR "JOB" AS A WITNESS

Objectives: Officers will be trained to correctly define their job when called to testify. He/or she will understand the importance of testimony, as a part of effective law enforcement.

II. HOW TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES AND HOW THEY APPLY TO TESTIMONY

Objectives: Officers will be trained to evaluate communication methods. He /or she will learn skills to improve basic communication/ when called as a witness. Officers will learn how to respond effectively to attacks on police credibility in today's highly charged environment.

III. YOUR REPORT & YOUR TESTIMONY ... HOW TO AVOID AN UNHAPPY ENDING

Objectives: Officers will learn skills needed to translate information written in reports to effective oral testimony. He/or she will be able to identify issues in reports that will cause problems as a witness.

IV. ATTITUDE & DEMEANOR...MEDIA NIGHTMARE

Objectives: Officers will focus on how public opinions of law enforcement can influence perceptions of testimony. He/or she will learn skills to improve their attitude and demeanor as a witness.

V. DIRECT TESTIMONY...WHOSE STORY IS THIS ANYWAY

Objectives: Officers will be taught to properly define the purpose of direct testimony. He/or she will learn skills needed to compose and deliver effective direct testimony.

VI. EXHIBITS 101...SHOW AND TELL TIME

Objectives: Officers will be taught the legal requirements for exhibits to be admissible. He/or she will learn to identify the possible sources and purposes of exhibits.

VII. WHAT" SHOULD" HAPPEN BEFORE YOU TESTIFY – YOU ARE THE ONE IN THE CHAIR

Objectives: Officers will focus on the value of preparation. He/or she will be taught skills to make preparation more effective.

VIII. CROSS EXAMINATION –HANDLING THE ATTACK

Objectives: Officers will be taught to properly define the purpose of cross- examination. He/or she will learn to deliver more effective answers to questions asked by defense counsel.

IX. HOW TO SEE OBJECTIONS COMING

Objectives: Officers will focus on understanding the most common legal objections. He/or she will learn how to compose and deliver testimony to avoid these objections.

X. WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE AND AFTER YOU TESTIFY & WHY IT MATTERS

Objectives: Officers will be given an overview of common trial procedures. He/or she will learn how to integrate their testimony most effectively to those overall courtroom procedures.

LAW ENFORCMENT ON THE STAND

Professor Caren Cambre

This course has been presented nationally since 2015

Conference / Presenter

San Diego Training Managers Association

Presenter January 17, 2023

NHAC National HIDTA Assistance Corp Conference

March 19, 2020 New Orleans/ postponed

due to covid

ROCIC National Conference St Augustine, FL.

Presenter March 20, 2018

New Jersey Homicide Investigator's Conference

September 6, 2017 Monmouth County, NJ

INIA International Narcotic Interdiction Association

June 5-6, 2017 Phoenix

Idaho Narcotics Officers Association Conference

May 24, 2017 Boise

Missouri State Highway Patrol National Homicide Investigators

October 12, 2016 Kansas City

Articles

NHAC News- national publication – Jan 2016, Sep 2017

Police One Magazine - published article on cross examination March 2021

published article on direct examination March 2022

HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) that have hosted training

Lake County

Las Vegas

Arizona

Gulf Coast

West Texas

North Central

Oregon -Idaho

New Mexico

Rocky Mountain

Atlanta -Carolina

Liberty – Mid-Atlantic

Las Vegas

OTHER AGENCIES that have hosted

Jefferson Parish, LA Sheriff's Office
Kenner, LA PD
Gretna, LA PD
Monroe County, FL Sheriff's Office
Key West, FL PD
Escondido, CA PD
Carlsbad, CA PD (2/7/23)
Louisiana State Police
Jefferson County ,AL Sheriff's Office

RISS (Regional Information Sharing Services) that have hosted or are pending

ROCIC-Regional Organized Crime Information Center
NESPIN -New England State Police Information Network
RMIN -Rocky Mountain Information Network
WSIN- Western States Information Network
MAGLOCLN- Middle Atlantic- Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement
Network-States
MOCIC-Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center

LAW SCHOOL/ Professor
Teaching Ethics and Trial Skills

Golden Gate – San Francisco
Tulane- New Orleans
Alliant International- San Diego
University Of Hawaii- Honolulu

CERTIFICATIONS

CA POST (Police Officer Standards and Training)
CA STC (Standards and Training Corrections)
Various other states POST including Tennessee, New Mexico, Nevada, Minnesota,
Missouri, Arizona, Alabama, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas