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Welcome!

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS PRESENTS:

Advanced Trial Skills Series

*Sharpen your courtroom advocacy
with leading trial experts.*

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

Location: Billings Farm and Museum
69 Old River Road, Woodstock, VT



Who We Are

The **Vermont Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (VTACDL)** is a statewide professional association dedicated to supporting and advancing the practice of criminal defense law in Vermont. Our mission is to provide a strong, unified voice for defense attorneys, promote excellence in criminal defense advocacy, and protect the rights of those accused of crimes.



CLE Speakers

DONALD J. MALARCİK, ESQ.

Donald J. Malarcik is an Akron, Ohio trial attorney with more than three decades of experience in criminal defense and complex litigation. Licensed in Ohio since 1993, Malarcik has served as lead counsel in more than 150 felony jury trials and has been trial counsel in more than 20 capital murder cases in state and federal courts. He has also served as learned counsel in federal death-penalty cases in New York City, Nashville, Detroit, Harrisburg, and Dayton.

NOAH C. MUNYER, ESQ.

Noah C. Munyer is an Akron, Ohio trial attorney whose practice focuses on criminal defense in state and federal courts. A graduate of the University of Akron School of Law, Munyer has built his career around trial advocacy and has served as lead or co-counsel in more than 60 jury trials. He is also a Rule 20-certified attorney for death-penalty litigation in Ohio and has taught Trial Advocacy at the University of Akron School of Law.

ANGELICA COGLIANO, ESQ.

is an Austin, Texas criminal-defense attorney whose practice focuses on serious felony litigation and the intersection of forensic science and criminal law. Since graduating from Emory University School of Law in 2016, she has developed a trial practice that combines traditional courtroom advocacy with a sophisticated understanding of the scientific evidence frequently presented in criminal cases. She has tried cases to verdict in multiple states and has argued before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the Texas Third Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

This Year's Focus: *Advanced Trial Skills*

- Refine your courtroom storytelling and advocacy techniques with strategies designed to move juries and judges.
- Reframe advocacy through powerful narrative structures.
- Strengthen your storytelling techniques that humanize your client's case.
- Learn about the "Empty Chair" method to challenge absent accountability.

Thanks for joining **Vermont's defense community** for a day of learning, connection, and inspiration at **Billings Farm & Museum, November 6, 2026**



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Event Agenda

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening remarks by President, William Vasiliou, Esq.
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Presentation on the Intersection Between Forensic Science and Criminal Law – Angelica Cogliano, Esq.
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	*BREAK*
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Continued presentation by Angelica Cogliano, Esq.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch presented by the Village Butcher
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	How to Select a Jury When Tough Issues are Involved – Donald Malarcik, Esq. & Noah Munyer, Esq.
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	*BREAK*
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Small group exercises on jury selection & event conclusion
4:05 PM – 5:00 PM	VTACDL Meeting – presentations of awards, etc

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