

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (OPD)
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
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OCEAN TRIAL REGION

KROL TRAINING

How to Represent Krols After a Finding of NGRI

via Zoom webinar

1.2 NJ CLE Credits; 1 PA CLE Credits

Thursday, September 17, 2026

12:30-1:30

AGENDA

12:30-1:30 **Topics:** Review of *Krol*
Discussion of NGRI
Timeline of Krol status client from acquittal to termination

Presenter:

Daniel O'Brien, Deputy Director
Mental Health Diversionary Programs and Competency Litigation

PRESENTER

Daniel O'Brien, Esq.

Dan O'Brien is the Deputy Director of Statewide Mental Health Diversionary Programs and Competency Litigation. Joining the OPD in 2012, he spent a decade with the Division of Mental Health Advocacy, before joining Essex Adult Trial in 2022 he focused focusing on representing clients diagnosed with mental illness and intellectual disabilities. He has delivered trainings on topics related to mental health statewide. In 2025, he was appointed Deputy Director, continuing his leadership in the cross-section of criminal and mental health representation. He has worked on developing internal policies and guidance on representing multisystem clients.

Dan earned his B.A. from William Paterson University and his J.D. from St. Thomas University School of Law. He is appointed to the Board of Continuing Legal Education where he contributes to statewide continuing legal education reforms.